

**A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION – where we pray on behalf of others.**

A number of our congregation are travelling overseas and our friends who are on Church Council are meeting on our behalf this week. We are also discussing ideas for our church's direction – be it mission, be it garden, be it evangelical.

**Let us Pray.....**

God our Heavenly Father  
God the Son  
God the Holy Spirit - The glorious Trinity  
Have Mercy on us –  
May your Spirit pray in and through us

**Together we pray for the peoples of this world.**

We think of individuals with their families who have sought refuge in a foreign country, then find they have lost their personal freedom to make decisions and have become flotsam to the wills of political policies.

Deliver the peoples of this world from their leaders' pride, that turns their back to you, from the unbelief that will not call you Lord;

Deliver the peoples of this world from their leaders' ego and self-righteousness that will not seek compromise;

Deliver the peoples of this world from the selfishness that gains power/food by the oppression of others;

Deliver the peoples of this world from words and deeds that create discord, prejudice and hatred.

Please help the human family to have the courage to listen to You,

To listen to the Holy Spirit within so that we fulfil your promise of peace.

O God, we pray for all your adult children on earth, of every nation and race, that they be strong to do Your will.

**Together we pray for particular people in our lives.**

Dear Lord, please hold in your hand people who are frightened by the circumstance they find themselves in, whether it be poor health, work issues, loneliness, study pressures, special relationships or decisions for their future.

Each one of us, plus our families and our friends, need Your support, Your guidance.

Speak Lord, to our Church Council to help them; also, to your Church Leaders and guide them to be good leaders.

Lord, help us all to hear Your will and to feel comforted in our individual aloneness.

We thank you Lord for the guidance Ross gives us,

For the love our friends and families give us,

For the warmth our church family gives us,

For the wisdom and action of those within our wider community who work for others.

**As we prayed earlier,**

When waves of despair wash over us,

We can call on You and find peace.

When troubles gather around us,

We can call on You and find safety.

When cares of doubt overwhelm us,

We can call on You Lord and find faith.

**Loving God, you are our pillar of strength! Amen**