



# PRAYER CELL OF St PAUL

Anglican Parish of Ararat

St Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:17....."pray without ceasing..."

Jesus said in Matthew 6:6..."But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

## **WE PRAY FOR OUR BISHOP & RENEWAL OF OUR CHURCH (Diocesan Mission Prayer)**

Heavenly Father, as disciples of your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us the Gospel of Love, as our mission to the world. Inspire your servant Michael our Bishop, and all faithful people in our Diocese, to a renewed vision of what it means to be your Church. Strengthened by your Spirit, may we fulfil all that you demand of us, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## **WE PRAY FOR OUR PRIEST**

God of love, we pray for our Priest (Fr John) and for Christians everywhere, that they may put God first and allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in every aspect of their lives.

## **WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH**

God of hope, we pray for this parish that it will continue to grow in faith and understanding. We especially pray for.....

- MONDAY:** Cell Groups, those who assist in catering in the parish  
All Saints Willaura and the people of Willaura
- TUESDAY:** Committees of the parish including our Renewal Committee  
Christ Church Great Western and the people of Great Western
- WEDNESDAY:** Men's Dinner Group, Anglican Ladies Fellowship & Guilds  
Christ Church Moyston and the people of Moyston
- THURSDAY:** Emergency Relief Program, those who do maintenance around our churches. Holy Trinity Ararat and the people of Ararat
- FRIDAY:** Kid's Club, Youth Group
- SATURDAY:** Parish Council and Wardens, Sacristans, Church cleaners and flower arrangers.
- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, Eucharistic Assistants, Servers, Church Choir, Organists

## **WE PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD**

God of reconciliation, we pray for families and friends. We give thanks for family to love, for friends to share and love to give. We pray for the poor, the hungry, the vulnerable and the frightened, as well as the homeless and those who have been abused.

## **WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

God of healing, we pray for healing of the sick, that any who are in great pain may be granted relief and comfort. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your love and comfort and give them your hope.

## **WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE**

We join with Mary and Joseph, St Paul and all the saints in praying for those who grieve, for the recently departed and for those whose anniversary of death occur at this time: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.

## **WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES & MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER CELL OF St PAUL**

God of forgiveness, we pray for ourselves & members of the Prayer Cell of St Paul; that in the midst of all the trials and uncertainties of life we may set our heart on pleasing God and seeking his kingdom.

**Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## **OTHER PRAYERS**

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart, that so desiring, we may seek and find you; and so finding you we may love you; and loving you we may hate those sins from which you have redeemed us; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(St Anselm 1033-1109)

Teach us good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and to ask for no reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(St Ignatius of Loyola 1491-1556)