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Prayer at
Holy Trinity
&
St. Margaret's

"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." (Luke 5 v16)

HOME GROUPS -

Prayer is an essential part of the life of our Home Groups (Acts 4 v24). We grow in prayer as we learn to share our needs and concerns with each other. We remember each other both in open prayer (for those who wish to pray out loud) and in our own daily prayer. See the separate leaflet (at the back of the Church) to find a Home Group at a time and place that will suit you.

*“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
(2 Chron 7 v14).*

PRAYER MEETINGS -

We meet monthly from 8-9pm in the Sanctuary at St. Margaret's for prayer. We pray for our Community, our Church, our World and each other. Prayer is interspersed with worship. We pray in small groups. Watch out for dates In the weekly newssheet. (Matt 21 v 22).

*“now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place”
(2Chron 7 v15)*

Pray throughout the day –

pray for houses you pass, for families, marriages, for the Lord to bless our community. Pray for those you meet in the street or speak to on the phone. A short prayer straight after you say goodbye, asking God to bless them and meet their needs.

(Eph 6 v18).

PRAYER IS:

- **To God**
- **By the Holy Spirit**
- **Through Jesus**

SUNDAY SERVICES –

Join our team of those who lead our intercessions each Sunday (training will be given to you). (Matt 18 v19).

*“... and they worshiped and gave thanks to The LORD, saying “He is good: his love endures forever.”
(2Chron 7 v3).*

*“I have chosen and consecrated this temple So that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.”
(2Chron 7 v16)*

Daily prayer –

Make personal prayer a part of your daily routine (Matt 6 v6). Combine a time of prayer with daily Bible reading – see our weekly newsheet for lectionary readings for each day of the week or use one of the many booklets of Bible reading notes. The Bible informs and directs our prayers. A suggested structure to your prayer time might be...

A doration (worship),
C onfession (saying sorry),
T hanks giving (for all we have and are)
S upplication (asking for the things we need).
(based on Phil 4 v6).

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer –

Our Creator, Redeemer, Comforter and Saviour.

Who art in heaven. You are with the angels and the saints, bathing them in your light that they may be enlightened by your love, and dwelling within them that they may be filled with your joy. You are the supreme good, the eternal good, from whom comes all goodness, and without whom there is no goodness.

Hallowed be your name. May our knowledge of you become ever clearer, that we may know the breadth of your blessings, the length of your promises, the height of your majesty and the depth of your judgments.

Your kingdom come. Rule in our hearts with your grace, that we may become fit subjects for your kingdom. We desire nothing more than to dwell in your kingdom, where we can watch you on your throne, and enjoy your perfect love.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. May we love you with our whole heart, by always thinking of you with our whole soul, by always desiring you with our whole mind, by directing all our intentions to you, and with our whole strength by spending all our energies in your service. And may we love our neighbours as ourselves, drawing them to your love rejoicing in their good fortunes, and caring for them in their misfortunes.

Give us this day our daily bread. In memory and understanding and reverence of the love which our Lord Jesus Christ has for us, revealed by his sacrifice for us on the cross, we ask for the perfect bread of his body.

And forgive us our trespasses. We know that you forgive us, through the suffering and death of our beloved Son.

As we forgive those who trespass against us. Enable us to forgive perfectly and without reserve any wrong that has been committed against us. And strengthen our hearts truly to love our enemies, praying for them and striving to serve them.

And lead us not into temptation. Save us not only from obvious and persistent temptations, but also those that are hidden or come suddenly when our guard is lowered.

But deliver us from evil. Protect us from past evil, protect us against present evil, and free us from future evil.

(The Lord's Prayer can be found in Matt 6)