

DIOCESAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Most gracious God, to know and love Whose Will is righteousness, enlighten our souls with the brightness of Thy Presence, that we may both know Thy Will and be enabled to perform it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray:

For our Bishop, that God will bless, guide and protect him in all his ways.

For our Clergy (both Maori and Pakeha), that God will pour upon them the continual dew of His blessing.

For the Diocesan Committee of Military Affairs, that God will guide the members in all their plans, and that all Churchpeople will fully realise their responsibility to contribute to this work.

For the Chaplains of the Forces, Claude Edward Hyde, Henry Ivor Hopkins, Ernest Blackwood Moore, W. E. W. Hurst, N. E. Wingall, and Kahi Harawira, that the Holy Spirit will direct and strengthen them in all they do.

For the members of the Church Congress Committee, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all preparation for the Congress (April 4th to 9th).

For the Temperance Committee set up by Synod, that God will bless its efforts for the better regulation of the sale and distribution of liquor in this country.

For our Maori Mission workers, that they may be guided and strengthened in their work; and that Churchpeople (both Maori and Pakeha) may more fully accept responsibility for helping the Maori Clergy and Mission Workers in the activities of the Pastorates.

For the Social Service Work in the Diocese, that God will guide and uphold the matrons and staffs of St. Mary's Home, St. Hilda's and Abbot'sford Homes.

For the Organiser of the General Diocesan Fund, that God will prosper his work.

For our Sunday School Organiser, Sunday School teachers and scholars, that God will help and bless them according to their several needs.

For all Parish Missionary Guilds, that through their efforts a greater zeal for Missionary Work may grow throughout the Diocese.

For the Branches of the C.E.M.S. in the Diocese, and that God will further with His blessing the efforts being made to strengthen and increase the membership of this society throughout the Diocese.

For the Diocesan Executive and the Diocesan Council of the Mothers' Union, that they may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all their plans for this year's work.

For the Bible Class Unions (boys and girls), that God will bless, guide and strengthen them.

For our Hospitals O Lord, let Thy perpetual providence guide and direct the conduct of all hospitals, that doctors and nurses, together with the patients under their care, may be brought through their contact with the mystery of suffering into union with Thee, where alone it is solved. Amen.

For our Leaders: O Lord Almighty Father, King of Kings and Lord of all our rulers, grant that the hearts and minds of all who go out as leaders before us, the statesmen, the judges, the men of learning and the men of wealth, may be so filled with the love of Thy laws, and of that which is righteous and life-giving, that they may serve as a wholesome salt to the earth, and be worthy stewards of Thy good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Thanksgiving: Glory be to God in the highest, the Creator, and Lord of heaven and earth, the Preserver of all things, the Father of mercies, Who so loved mankind as to send His only Begotten Son into the world to redeem us from sin and misery, and to obtain for us everlasting life. Accept, O gracious God, our praises and thanksgivings for Thine infinite mercies towards us and teach us, O Lord, to love Thee more and to serve Thee better; through, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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