

Prayers for Anglicare Sunday

Anglicare Prayer for Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT:

God grant us the compassion to care deeply for others; the wisdom to discern how best to help; the energy to transform emotion into action, and the joy of wholehearted, loving service. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Anglicare Australia Prayer:

God of Life Giving Creation,
You call us to act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with you.
We pray for the member organisations of Anglicare Australia
working across this vast and ancient land.
Enable us as we strive to meet human need through loving service
and to build communities of resilience, hope and justice.
Encourage us to work in mutual partnership to effect positive change.
Empower the people we serve to reach their full potential,
especially those who experience disadvantage and injustice.
Guide us in our advocacy for social justice
and strengthen our determination to respond with compassion.
Remind us to care for ourselves and each other
as we face the challenges of our work,
and as we seek reconciliation, healing and community transformation.
All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
our servant leader and friend.
Amen.

Final Blessing:

(A Franciscan Benediction as adapted at Anglicare Australia National Conference 2016)

May God bless you with discomfort:
At easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships
so that you may live a life of depth.

May God bless you with anger:

At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears:

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and violence,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness:

To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done
and bring justice and kindness to all.

May God bless us with delight:

At our diversity, in the richness of the cultures of our ancient land,
so that we may all dance the spirit of our dreaming
expecting to be surprised at the beauty of the other.
And may the blessing...