



Photos taken by evacuated Anglicare staff member, Tomakin

PRAYER RESOURCES

Intercessions prepared by the Dean of St Saviour's Cathedral, The Very Reverend Phillip Saunders:

At this time of bushfire emergency in Australia we cry out to God calling on his mercy, saying, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed in the bushfires. When they are weighed down by grief and loss, uphold them in your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have lost loved ones in the fires and the families of fire fighters who have given their lives for others. Surround them with supportive family and communities to comfort them. Give them the assurance of your constant care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for emergency workers, volunteers, and chaplains who are giving their time and resources so freely, and who often feel overwhelmed and depleted of energy by the demands of these extreme circumstances. Grant them renewed strength and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the work of Anglicare and other caring agencies as they strive to meet the immediate needs of those affected by the fires. For our church, that we may respond effectively to the crisis giving generously and compassionately.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our bishop Mark, Archdeacon Carol and church leaders in fire ravaged areas. Give them wisdom and energy they need to respond with the love of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our nation. Give them a desire to lead us in this time of crisis with integrity and compassion and to make available the resources necessary to respond effectively. Give them the desire to work to restore balance in our environment.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, the magnitude of this emergency overwhelms us. Remind us of the One we follow, who suffered and died for us and rose to bring us new life. Bring new life and hope in this dire situation. Bring rain, restore your creation and heal our land. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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A prayer written by the Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral. The Very Reverend Kanishka Raffel:

Lord of all days and years, and time and eternity,
You made this land and have blessed us with its
riches and beauty.

You are a refuge to all who seek your shelter,
our strong defence in trial and tribulation.

Send rain we pray to extinguish flames and heal
our land.

Mercifully protect life and property.

Give help and hope to our neighbours assailed
by fire.

Comfort and provide for those who grieve.

Uphold those who suffer loss,

Give peace and hope to those bewildered and
broken-hearted.

We thank you for men and women of courage
and selflessness.

We thank you for brave communities of care
and support, We thank you for those who share
your comfort and hope, We thank you for those
at a distance giving and praying.

Lord, you sent your Son so that we would
know your power to save, your presence with
your people in this world of turmoil, and your
promise to renew the whole creation. Turn our
hearts to you, that we may have faith for this day
and hope for eternity.

We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer request from The Reverend Doug Newman, Rector of Bateman's Bay Parish:

Pray that as a faith community we can exhibit
the peace of Christ in these very challenging and
anxiety causing times.

That we can care for those who God gives us
the opportunity to serve with love, grace and
patience.

Give thanks for the love of God that we have
experienced, continue to experience and have
seen as we walk among the community in these
days of challenge.