

A Prayer for Sydney: The Business Community. Mark Bilton

“Gracious and loving Heavenly Father.

We thank you for the privilege and honour of knowing and serving you.

I lift up all those who profess your name and work in business in this blessed city of Sydney. Thank you that you have called us to serve in the marketplace here. Thank you that you have every hair on our heads numbered and every second of every day is important to you. Thank you for Monday as well as for Sunday. All that we have and all that we are, has come from your hand.

Forgive us for where we have not represented you well, where we have failed to follow you and not invited you into our workplaces.

Please empower us to serve you with excellence, to move and live according to your word. Give us the courage to share your truth with others, and to live a business life that demonstrates your reality. Help us to hear you and see what you are doing in the marketplace. We offer up our daily lives as an act of worship and submission to you.

We pray for your blessing on all the businesses and workplaces represented here, that they would not only be places of integrity and economic prosperity, but places where people are welcomed, honoured, encouraged and developed. Help us to walk as you want us to walk, as salt and light, ministering to those around us. We ask for your wisdom, and guidance, for perseverance and patience in the tough times, and grace and generosity in the good times.

Give us favour with those in authority over us and with all the stakeholders in our businesses. Help us to treat all people with dignity and respect, for we know that all are equal in your sight.

We invite you into our workplaces Lord, come and minister among us, raise up men and women who will listen and follow you, be called to business and to minister in the Sydney marketplace.

We ask this in the all powerful and gracious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN”