

Dear Father

We want to pray now for our civic leaders in Sydney.

Father we pray that our leaders would be people who are concerned with your concerns – that they would act justly, and love mercy and walk humbly. We pray that our leaders would not be concerned for their own power, their own status, their own glory. Rather we pray that they would seek to serve the people who they represent, and particularly those who have no voice – those who need their political leaders to step in for them, to protect them, to show them mercy in a world that can sometimes be harsh and unfair, even in Australia.

And Father, we particularly lift up those leaders who already know you and your Son. We thank you for their faith, and ask that you would give them the courage and wisdom to make bold decisions that bring glory to you....either through the nature of those decisions or through the witness that they make in those decisions. We pray that they would be beacons of hope in the corridors of power, lights shining God's love and hope in areas that are unfortunately sometime devoid of both.

Help them to be people of great integrity who consistently demonstrate the reason for the hope that they have, help them to always remember those that you care for Lord...for the poor, the vulnerable, the alien and the outcast.

And we pray that you would raise up people to support them, encourage them, challenge them in the roles that you have placed them, and that these Christian leaders would take great encouragement in the work that they can do for You in the positions that you have placed them.

In all this, we humbly rely on your power, through your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen