Gracious Heavenly Father,

We want to humbly thank you for the gift of being in your presence especially this morning.

Thank you for engaging us while we were still yet sinners and far off, you came to us as one of us and loved us.

Thank you that no matter who we are or where we have come from your love knows no bounds.

Jesus you taught your followers to care for the poor, sick and needy.

You brought into being a New Testament church that no longer excluded people beyond the walls of the city when they were sick, or cast people away to be marginalized and rejected. You radically healed and transformed lives with the wondrous living gospel.

Help us capture the heart of this New testament Church again, may we be a people so assured by your word that we are free to love and live beyond the walls of fear.

May we humbly relying on the blessing of you Almighty God, pray and act to see the transformation of our city of Sydney:

We pray & act to see the Lord Jesus Christ honored by our lives, words, deeds and community through the power of the Holy Spirit in Sydney.

We pray & act to see family honoured by all as the foundation of our nation.

We pray & act to see this city living out the golden rule, loving our neighbour as ourselves.

We pray & act to see our women and girls honoured and encouraged to grow as equals; rather than objectified and exploited.

We pray & act to see our boys honored and encouraged to grow into men of integrity who are caring and protective.

We pray & act to see all our children flourish in this city, playing safely in a moral society committed to their best interests.

We pray & act to see respect for life, from conception to natural death, enshrined in law and public policy.

We pray & act to see the vulnerable in our community - children, disabled and aged receiving special protection and empowerment.

We pray & act to see our Indigenous people honoured and appreciated for their contribution to this nation.

We pray & act to see this city of Sydney delight in and care for God’s creation, both for this and future generations.

We pray & act to see this city of Sydney work together to make poverty a thing of the past, both here and overseas.

We pray & act to see a city where justice, fair play and the common good for all provides the foundation for the legal, governmental and social framework that protects every person.

We pray & act to see our churches, hospitals, educational institutions, charities, relief agencies and disability services, supported and unencumbered in the unique character of their sacrificial work for the marginalized and poor.

We pray & act to see a city where our family relationships will be treasured; where mothers and fathers will be supported in the noble task of raising children; where we use our talents to embrace and include all people from the margins to build a better world as an enduring legacy for our children and grandchildren’s well-being.

We pray and act to see this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.