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Heavenly Father,

Thank you for all the gifts you have given us. We thank you most for giving us Jesus. Thank you that you are a creative God – creating this world, creating us in your image and giving us the ability to create. Thank you for the gifts of music, literature, art and dance.

We pray for the Media, Arts and culture in Sydney – especially here in the CBD. We are sorry that so often we spend more time learning about our world online, on television, radio or in the papers instead of learning about our world from your Word. We are sorry for the way we let the spirit of our time influence our thinking instead of being shaped by your Spirit. Forgive us and help us to trust and obey the greatest leader, Jesus.

Father, we think of those businesses just down the road on Harris St: News limited, the ABC, channel 10 (with 2GB, 2UE, 2CH), channel 7, the Financial Review and so on. We ask that you rescue our culture from valuing money and sensuality higher than truth, from caring for pleasure more than peace with you. As following Jesus in Sydney becomes harder, please mercifully work in the hearts of the people who mould our society's views.

And we pray for your people working in the Media and the Arts, that you would strengthen them, according to your glorious might, so that they may have great endurance and patience – shining like stars in their dark worlds by honouring Jesus in their work and interactions.

Help Christians and non-Christians alike to see that the Arts are gifts from you and when we idolise them, we will enjoy them less. Reveal yourself as the great artist of creation and the beautiful author of salvation, that many would come to you and be saved.

We look forward to the culture of heaven, where every belief and action pleases you and where the good gifts you have given us are used for your glory.

We ask all of this for Jesus' sake. Amen.