



Sydney Prayer Breakfast 2021 **Prayer for Church and Civic Leaders** **by Hon. Damien Tudehope**

Almighty God,

You created all things, you reign over all things, and nothing takes place apart from your will. Grant us the wisdom to see how you are working in the world, the humility to align our plans to yours, and the confidence to carry out our plans for the advancement of your glory and the welfare of the people whom we serve.

We pray for our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, and our Premier, Gladys Berejiklian. We thank you for their prudence and courage – and that of their offices and Cabinets – as they have guided our nation and our state through droughts, floods, and bushfires, pandemics and plagues. Continue to bless them with clear heads, compassionate hearts, and capable hands, and enable them to be strong and selfless in the face of what the future may hold.

We pray also for those you have called to Ministry. Fill them with the truth – your Word is truth – so that they may live in a manner that is worthy of their calling, that their labours be fruitful through your Spirit, and that they would encourage and edify those whom they serve.

Lord, help us to realise that both politics and Ministry will pass, and that our highest calling is to love and serve you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. And help us to love our neighbours as ourselves, recognising that the way we treat our most vulnerable – whether the unborn or terminally ill – is a measure of true progress.

Heavenly Father, we know that, as leaders, we do not always get it right. We acknowledge that we fall short of your glory and of the calling to which you have called us. And for this, we are sorry.

But we thank you for the mercy you show us in our shortcomings, Your patience as you guide us in our weaknesses, and Your grace as you allow our plans to prosper for the good of those we serve and for your glory.

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.
Amen.