

Almighty God,

You alone are ruler of the nations of the earth and the source of all goodness.

We humbly pray that you bless our Queen Elizabeth in her 90th year. Strengthen and protect her that she may seek your honour and glory in all things.

Give wisdom to her ministers, especially our Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and our Premier Michael Baird, as well as all members of parliament and those who hold office in this country. Direct and prosper all their work, for the advancement of your glory and the safety and welfare of this nation.

We pray for judges and magistrates and all who administer justice, that they may do so impartially, fairly and with mercy.

Bless and defend all those who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

We pray too for all those you have called to Christian ministry. Fill them with your truth and clothe them with holiness, that they may faithfully minister to the glory of your name and to the benefit of your people. Encourage and prosper all your people who seek to spread the good news of Jesus in all the world.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that as leaders we do not live consistently in accordance with your word. We often live for ourselves and not for the good of others, as you would have us do. We ask for your forgiveness and mercy.

We pray that, through those who have been entrusted with leadership in this country, we may all enjoy peace and happiness and that truth and justice will be firmly established. May we be a blessing to other nations through the gifts you have given us.

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen