



# Sydney Prayer Breakfast

## **Sydney Prayer Breakfast 2021** **Prayer for the Marginalised** **by Sally Irwin**

Thank you Lord that you are our protector and Your heart is for the 'outsider'. Thank you that You are both merciful and just, and You do not look the other way when people are vulnerable.

Lord today we ask that you turn the hearts of Your people toward the needs of marginalised people - we lift up to you the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill, prisoners, the elderly, refugees, new immigrants, migrant workers, victims of modern slavery, victims of violence, the indigenous and all who are disadvantaged and vulnerable in our city. We pray that their needs, both spiritual and physical, would be met consistently and with dignity.

We pray that our churches in Sydney would be moved to take up the causes of the marginalized and voiceless in our city, and speak for justice on their behalf just as our Lord Jesus demonstrated during His time on earth.

Throughout history, you have called us to show love and compassion to those on the margins of society whoever they may be. Our Saviour Jesus, gave an example in the Good Samaritan who took care of the injured person at their time of need, despite cultural and racial differences. May we, your people, today respond to this call and seek to provide a welcome to all people regardless of background or ability.

Lord open our eyes to the struggles of the people we come into contact with on a regular basis. Help us to see people how You see them, that we might value each human life, as a priceless gift from You. Direct us in how You desire to use us, to seek justice, and show mercy to them.

Holy Spirit we invite you to prompt us to the obedience to your Word in Isaiah, stirring us to:

*Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. (Isaiah 1:17)*

In Jesus name,

Amen