

## **Call to Prayer – Covid-19**

The Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide, Geoff Smith, has met with Father Philip Marshall, the Apostolic Delegate for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide. They have issued a call to prayer as a way to be proactive as Christian communities in the light of the coronavirus pandemic and the fear and anxiety in the community.

We are called to pause for prayer at 8am every Friday from now until at least Pentecost, and where possible, to ring church bells as an audible sign of the Christian community in prayer for the wider community.

Prayer can be for just a few minutes to pray for:

- an end to the pandemic
- healing for people suffering from the illness
- those researching a vaccine
- our political and community leaders as they try to provide wise leadership
- our health workers as they are at the front line

### **A suitable prayer could be:**

Almighty and All-loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
we pray to you through Christ the Healer  
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19  
in Australia and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,  
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,  
comfort to everyone in distress  
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord  
who showed compassion to the outcast,  
acceptance to the rejected  
and love to those to whom no love was shown.

**Amen.**

*Written by Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dublin & Glendalough*

**On behalf of Archbishop Geoff Smith, Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide**

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