

Support those affected by Bushfires

Introduction - As we sit in prayerful solidarity with the needs of our world and local community, we place our special petitions before the God of all compassion:

1. We pray for all communities in need of rainfall, particularly those affected by the drought in Australia: that God's bountiful rain will once again bring life from our parched land and extinguish the destructive bushfires around our country.

Let us pray to the Lord

R. Lord, hear our prayer.



2. We pray for all those in service industries, particularly the firefighters and emergency service personnel who bravely put their lives at risk in order to protect those in need: that their generous witness will inspire others and that their heroic efforts will be successful.

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all working in national, state and local government offices, particularly those responding to the bushfire crises in Australia: that they may work towards speedy and generous solutions for those whose lives have been devastated by the recent tragedies.

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.



4. We pray for all who have suffered loss of home, health, animals, income or any treasured possessions following the recent bushfires in our country: that they will experience the love and support of all God's people as they seek to rebuild their lives and communities.

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.



5. We pray for all who have died, particularly the victims of the recent bushfires in Australia: that the God of all consolation will grant them eternal rest and bring comfort and strength to their loved ones who mourn.

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Gracious and loving God, moved by your Holy Spirit, we ask you to hear our prayers and petitions that we make through Jesus Christ,

our Lord.

Amen