

Prayers for the Life in Abundance Conference written by the Rev Jamie Lee Callard

Our loving creator God, we bring ourselves to you in this time of corporate prayer to give thanks for the gifts you have given us, to ask your forgiveness for the times we have failed to praise you in our lives and to commit our service for your kingdom and to share life in abundance.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, life-giving spirit, for the gift of life which you trusted us with in our own selves and relationships with others. We ask your forgiveness for the times when our own living has not honoured these gifts and impacted on our ability to love and be loved. Please help us to be open to truly receive the gifts of life and share them with all that we touch and encounter.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, eternal word, for the phenomenal gift of the earth, which you engineered to be our home and responsibility. We ask your forgiveness for the rape and tragic wounding of our environment, which we have inflicted on our future and is hurting our brothers and sisters in creation every moment of every day. Please change our ignorance and stubborn greed to conscious compassion and selfless love so that we may better care for our world and not make the abuse worse.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, relational trinity, for the diversity of our nations and cultures which you have intended for our growth and love in relationships. We ask your forgiveness for the fear that drives us to war and violence, inflicting terror and pain on our peoples and tearing our connection apart. Please help us to remember how to listen and dialogue with open hearts and minds so that we can end the madness.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, transforming flame, for the gatherings of your people in fellowship and faith communities. We ask your forgiveness for the divisions and voids that separate us, so that we rarely join to do your mission together which could do so much for the suffering of dislocation. Please blow the winds of change into our institutions so that we may be moved together towards abundant life.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Great Spirit, for the context and reality of your land in Australia which greets all those who tread lightly on the soil. We ask your forgiveness for our heavy footsteps which have caused your peoples pain, creating barriers between us and forcing us to carry the weight of a dark past.

Please breathe into the present relationships we share with all your peoples so that our words and actions may take us forward to a bright future.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, healing peace-giver for, for the communities we live with, gaining love and compassion and offering support to our loved ones. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have not offered reassurance or compassion for those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Please make us fearless to show and share your love so that more peace and comfort may be found in you.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, God who transcends time and space, for those who have gone before us, who inspire us to come closer and deeper to you. We ask your forgiveness when we have not lived into our identity of faithfulness and forgot the examples you have provided in our traditions. Please kiss us with light to renew our encouragement for the future and caress us with the willingness to strive for you in the establishment of your kingdom, living the life you have given us to the full and finding life in abundance.

Love in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Amen. Amen. Amen.