**Suggested Intercessory Prayers for IWD Parish Resource**

*Leader: United with one another and praying for our own needs and those of the world we say:*

We pray for thepeace of our world. May the leaders of nations seek to find non-violent means to resolve conflict and division. We pray for those made homeless by war that we may recognise their plight and come to their aid with generosity and compassion. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our church, that it always be guided by a spirit of love and compassion. We pray for the leaders and teachers in our church that they may be seekers of Wisdom who are guided by the Spirit of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we acknowledge International Women’s Day this week, we give thanks for the work of those who have worked to improve the living conditions and educational opportunities for women throughout the world. May we continue to work for justice for all who are oppressed. Let us pray to the Lord.

 **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people whose lives have been affected by natural disasters. We remember especially those people in our own land who have experienced catastrophic bushfires and we pray for them in their recovery and rebuilding of their lives. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that each of us maintain respect for our land as have the indigenous peoples for centuries past. May we cultivate a deep respect for our earth and use its abundant resources responsibly. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are sick or troubled in any way. Comfort and heal, Lord, all who suffer and give them the knowledge of your healing presence. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died recently, especially those known to families here today. We ask that those who have died find rest and peace in your loving care. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* In silence let us also pray for our own needs in the knowledge that God hears all our prayers, both those spoken and the silent prayers of our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**