



## Prayer resources

The Episcopal Election Nominations Committee has developed these prayers and prayer points as a resource for churches, individuals, agencies and schools to guide you as you pray for the election of our next Diocesan Bishop.

### Prayer 1

Heavenly Father, We thank you for your steadfast care of your people.  
Guide us by your Holy Spirit as we seek our next Bishop,  
One who should be, as your Word teaches us, above reproach, hospitable, self-controlled,  
prayerful, and eager to seek your will.  
We pray for one who holds firm to your Word and to the doctrines of your church.

We thank you for each ministry unit of this Diocese  
Thank you for the people of our church and in our local communities.  
Let us be prepared to partner with our new Bishop in proclaiming the gospel in word and deed.  
Help us also to love each other and, together, seek lives and communities transformed by Jesus' love.  
In whose name we pray, Amen.

### Prayer 2

Heavenly father, our guide and the source of all wisdom.  
We pray for those who will consider being our next Bishop.  
Please lead them in their discernment.

Thank you for our Episcopal Election Nominations Committee.  
Please help them to be insightful, faithful to Jesus, and prayerful.  
May their work bear good fruit for us all and for our region.

Please give our Synod members wisdom and sober-minded judgement when they vote to elect our next Bishop.

Thank you for our Vicar General Trevor Edwards,  
for his faithful service to you and your church, and for his dedication to help each of us grow in our confidence in Christ.

Thank you for his leadership in this time of change.  
Please encourage and strengthen him.

We entrust our Diocese to you and pray that your will may be done in the electing of our next Bishop, as you build your church and further your kingdom,  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

## Prayer for the election of a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,  
in your mercy give your Church in this diocese  
a shepherd after your own heart  
who will walk in your ways,  
and with loving care watch over your people.  
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.  
So may your Church be built up  
and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: *A Prayer Book for Australia*, page 212

## Prayer for use in Anglican Schools

Thank you, Lord God, for our Anglican school.  
We thank you that you care for our school, for our churches, and for each of us.  
We pray that you will guide the people who are looking for a new leader of our Diocese.  
We ask that you help us to find someone with integrity and wisdom, whose life is grounded in the  
gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to be our Bishop.  
Amen

## Prayer points to inform your prayers over 2018

- Thank God for his sovereign care of his church.
- Thank God for Bishop Stuart's service over the past decade.
- That God would uphold and strengthen Bishop Trevor in his shepherding work of our diocese in this time of change.
- For wisdom and diligence for the members of the Episcopal Election Nominations Committee, Archdeacon David Ruthven (Chair), Revd James Coats, Revd Anna Boxwell, Mr Greg Mills (Deputy Chair), Dr Ingrid Moses, and Mr Robert Arthur.
- Thank God for the work of the Registrar, Trevor Ament and Deputy Registrar, Emma Body, the Consultant, Revd Sandy Jones, and other staff in supporting the process of electing our next Bishop.
- For many people to participate in the interactive workshops and online survey during April and May, and for this consultation to inform the Committee's work.
- For discernment as the Committee prepares our Diocesan Profile and the Selection Criteria for our next Bishop.

- That Synod members would carefully and prayerfully consider the Nominees and would vote for the person God will choose for the glory of His name and the growth of His Kingdom in our region.
- That the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit would prepare the heart of our next Bishop to be steadfast in their dependence on Jesus Christ.
- That the Diocese would be prayerful and that it would grow in their trust of God during this process.
- That more people in our region would come to connect with the life-giving and transforming love of Jesus.