



# Support those affected by bushfires

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## Introduction (Celebrant)

As we stand 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 (Celebrant)

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**