



“The Lord’s Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired”

St Thomas Aquinas

**SCRIPTURE**  
*of the DAY*

Genesis 18: 20-32

Psalms 137: 1-3, 6-8

Colossians 2: 12-14

Luke 11: 1-13

We seek His forgiveness for our sins and pray that He will protect us from the evil one. This prayer serves as a model for our communication with God, encompassing adoration, supplication, confession, and intercession.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent friend, illustrating that God hears and answers the prayers of those who earnestly seek Him. This teaches us to approach God with unwavering faith, trusting that He will respond in His perfect timing.

The Apostle Paul, in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, emphasises intercessory prayer, urging believers to pray for all people, including kings and those in authority, so that we may lead peaceful and godly lives. Such prayers are not merely requests but acts of faith that invite God's intervention in the lives of others.

In Genesis 18, we witness the transformative power of praying for others when Abraham successfully intercedes on behalf of the people of Sodom, negotiating with God to spare the city. Likewise, through our intercession, God can save the righteous, heal the sick, and protect His creation from all types of danger. If we persevere in prayer, we shall gladly testify: "On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord!".

Therefore, let us continuously pray for Mother Earth. May all mankind learn to see the world through the eyes of God, capturing its beauty, complexity, and purpose. May our hearts be stirred to act, to protect, and to nurture all that God has made. By living sustainably and advocating for policies that protect the environment, may we fulfill our role as faithful stewards of the Earth. In doing so, we honour God, who entrusted us with the care of His creation, and participate in His redemptive work in the world. ✚

# NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 27 July 2025  
(World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly)

**CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE

ECOLOGY (STEWARDSHIP)

**CALLED TO STOPPING THE PLUNDER AND EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES**

## The Transformative Power of the “Our Father”

Prayer serves as the key that unlocks the door to the heart of God. Today, Jesus offers us this "key" through His teachings on three essential lessons of prayer: the Lord’s Prayer, the importance of persistence in prayer, and the need for intercessory prayer.

**The Lord's Prayer encompasses praise, petition, and protection, guiding us in aligning our hearts with**

**God's will.** Each time we pray, our prayer should be modelled on the "Our Father." We must pray that His Kingdom will come, trusting that He will provide for our needs.

