

TOGETHER WE PRAY – Jan 28 2018

Bidding: God of mercy

Response: **Hear our prayer**

God of the Living Word, we thank you for the wonderful example of Simeon and Anna, their unswerving devotion, their constancy in prayer. We pray that the light of Christ may shine on all nations, that refugees will find a home, the hungry may be fed, the vulnerable protected, that peace will be established.

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We name the young people known to us, as school holidays end – some changing schools, going on to University, seeking jobs, taking up a career. Our prayer is that they will grow strong, grow in wisdom and in the knowledge of your grace.

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We hear Simeon's words, that the Child of promise would be the Man who knew suffering, who was himself tested most painfully, yet who trusted fully, our Great High Priest. When times of testing come to us this year, keep us mindful of His pattern. Keep us steady in faith.

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Hear our prayer

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (*Prayer Book*)