

1. From *A Prayer Book for Australia* p. 212

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.**

2. Suitable for inclusion in Sunday intercessions
(Please adapt the response to fit the rest of the day's intercessions)

Sustain your Church in this diocese as we wait for a new Archbishop.
Bless Bishop Kate and Bishop Jeremy and all who work with them
through this time of discernment and change.
Guide the work of the Archbishop Election Committee.
Give honesty about who we are, hope for who we may become,
and clarity about the person you are calling to be our next Archbishop.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

3. Suitable for use at meetings of Councils, Boards and other Anglican organisations

Holy God, we thank you

for trusting us to share in the mission and leadership of your Church.
Send your Holy Spirit to us
as we wait for a new Archbishop of Perth to be called and chosen.
Come with your grace to the members and meetings
of the Archbishop Election Committee.
Give them vision and energy for their work together.
Guide them to the people who can best help them in their task.
Sustain their faith, enrich their prayer,
and prepare the way for their labours to bear good fruit for all of us.
Show us what we must do
as part of the Anglican community in this Diocese,
so that we can be faithful, effective and accountable
in our own area of mission,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4. Suitable for use in Anglican Schools

Thank you, God, for our identity as an Anglican School.
Send your Holy Spirit every day
to inspire our students, teachers, support staff and families.
Guide the Committee that is working to elect a new Archbishop of Perth.
Show them the right person for the job.
And show all of us how we can work together
to be the face of Jesus Christ in our community,
with energy, courage and love. **Amen.**

5. A prayer for the whole church, from *A Prayer Book for Australia* p. 20

Most gracious Father,

we pray for your holy catholic Church:
fill it with all truth
and in all truth with all peace;
where it is corrupt, purge it; where
it is in error, direct it; where
anything is amiss, reform it;
where it is right, strengthen and confirm it;
where it is in want, furnish it;
where it is divided, heal it
and unite it in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



6. A prayer for the whole church, in accessible English

Loving God,
as we wait for a new Archbishop for Perth,
we are in-between
and we need your help to go forward.

We look back,
and see mistakes we made
and opportunities we missed.
Forgive us, we pray.

We look ahead,
and see questions we can't answer
and problems we can't solve.
Encourage us, we pray.

We look at each other,
and see people we treasure
and people we struggle with.
Unite us, we pray.

We look at the world around us,
and see needs we want to meet
and possibilities we want to explore.
Inspire us, we pray.

Send us your Holy Spirit
to make us everything you want us to be:
wiser, simpler,
more patient, more generous
and more loving,
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**