



A Prayer for Healing and Peace

For Dr Helen Haines MP, her family, our nation and the world

Drawing from Psalm 46 | For use in worship, Sunday 25 October 2026

Loving and merciful God,

The psalmist reminds us that you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

We come before you with heavy hearts, deeply troubled by the violence and suffering we have witnessed.

Today, we lift before you Dr Helen Haines, her husband Phil, their family and all who love her.

Be near to Helen, loving God. We pray for your healing presence, for strength through the difficult days ahead, and for wisdom and skill for those caring for her.

Surround Phil and their family with your love. In their pain and uncertainty, may they know they are not alone.

We remember the Wangaratta community, in particular the Wangaratta Cluster Uniting Church, and all who have been affected by this attack. Bring comfort to those who are grieving and peace to those who are afraid.

God of justice and peace,

We pray for our nation and for a world troubled by violence, conflict and division.

Forgive us when our words or actions have caused harm, when we have failed to listen, or forgotten the dignity of those with whom we disagree.

Give us courage to speak truthfully, to stand against injustice and to seek peace without turning against one another.

In Psalm 46, you call us to be still and know that you are God.

In the midst of so much uncertainty, help us to trust in your presence and not lose hope.

Risen Christ, you came to your disciples in their fear and said, *"Peace be with you."*

Lord, we need that peace today.



May your peace be with Helen and her loved ones, with our nation and with all those across the world who live with fear and violence.

Through your Holy Spirit, strengthen us to be peacemakers in our homes, our churches and our communities.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our peace.
Amen.

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