**Prayer for use during Bushfire Crisis**

Almighty God and heavenly Father,

we pray for this world that you love so much

that you sent your Son Jesus to be born as the child of Bethlehem:

We pray for the safety of those sheltering from the fires

and those fighting fires,

for livestock, native animals, paddocks,

bushlands and sacred places.

We remember our own loved ones

and those who are dear to us facing this crisis.

We pray for those tending to the injured,

the frightened and the broken-hearted,

for emergency services, emergency broadcasters,

chaplains and counsellors.

We ask for your forgiveness for our own failures

in safeguarding your good creation,

and pray for political and community leaders,

and all those responding to the current crisis in our nation.

Above all, we pray the peace that passes all understanding,

in our nation and state, in our homes and in our hearts.

This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**