

## Congregational prayer

Based on Psalm 147:1-5, NLT.

**Leader:**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting!

**Response:**

God, you are good. We thank you for your love that restores and transforms lives.

**Leader:**

<sup>2</sup> The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem and bringing the exiles back to Israel.

**Response:**

We are mindful today of those who are in exile in our communities. May they find safety and acceptance in our land.

**Leader:**

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

**Response:**

Heal those who are brokenhearted in our communities. Give us compassion, wisdom and perseverance as we work with you to bring healing.

**Leader:**

<sup>4</sup> He counts the stars and calls them all by name.

**Response:**

You know us by name. We belong to you. Show us how to include others in this community. Help us to build relationships with refugees and new arrivals in Australia. May we know them by name and share with them the hope that comes from knowing you.

**Leader:**

<sup>5</sup> How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!

**Response:**

God, you are great! Your power is absolute! Praise the Lord!