

## PRAYER FOR A BISHOP FOR OUR DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Holy and faithful God,  
we pray for a good and faithful shepherd,  
one whose love for you and your people  
will uplift us and help us on the way.

Please reward our patience with a holy bishop,  
a man of deep faith and integrity,  
whose ears are attuned to the sound of your voice  
and the voices of your holy people.

May he be filled with the joy of your Spirit.  
the truth of the Gospel,  
openness to grow with us  
and the courage to renew your Church.

Bless those who are entrusted with  
this vital task of choosing our bishop.  
May they be truly open to the promptings of your Holy Spirit,  
speaking through your holy people.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen

