

maranatha

Week of Prayer for the Church and the Nation

18th – 25th September 2010

We believe that the prayer of God's united people can make a difference in the life of our nation.

During this week of prayer we will pray for widening and deeper unity of Christians of all traditions. We pray that the Lord will convict us of the idols that need to be renounced in our life and that together, with all believers, we will fully play our part in the preparation of the Bride of Christ as we pray, *Maranatha! – Come Lord Jesus'*

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

Daily Prayer Pointers

Saturday, 18th September

LORD OF ALL CREATION

'All things were made through him' - (John 1:3)

Scripture Genesis 1; Psalm 67; John 1:1-18

Repentance For those times we abuse His creation and deny our dependency on him

Praise - For our deliverance from the powers of darkness.
For the gift of eternal life and freedom from spiritual oppression when we call on His name.

Intercession For true justice and righteousness in our legal systems and wisdom and integrity
For those who administer them
For a righteous approach to the environment and use of natural resources

Sunday, 19th September

THE KING OF GLORY

'Be still and know that I am God' – (Psalm 46:10)

Scripture Psalm 33; Exodus 31:15; Matthew 6:25-33

Repentance For seeking life other than in and from God our Father
For denying the values of His Kingdom and replacing them with the false Gods of fame and fortune and our celebrity culture

Praise For God's protection and care for us
For His desire for our salvation

Intercession For a right balance of work, refreshment and worship in our communities and to keep a day of rest holy to the Lord
For a renewed sense of awe and wonder before Almighty God

Monday, 20th September

THE MAJESTY OF GOD

'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God.' (Romans 12:2)

Scripture Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Repentance For our failure to be all that God has called us to be
For our pride and self-centredness

Praise That we have been made in the image and likeness of God
That we have been called to be children of God

Intercession For family life and the restoration of broken families
For our children and our education system

Tuesday, 21st September

THE LORD OF LIFE

'Choose life so that you and your descendents may live.' (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Scripture Psalm 139; Matthew 22:34-40

Repentance For those times when we have failed to show compassion and love
For not speaking out against violence and actions or words of hatred and abuse
For failing to speak out against those thinking of taking away life by abortion & euthanasia

Praise For the life God has given us as individuals, as a Community and as members of His Body

Intercession For those in the medical professions involved with decisions of life and death, and all who care for people who are vulnerable
For our government, to make laws in accordance with God's decrees
For health in mind, body and spirit for those in need and who are marginalised

Wednesday, 22nd September

THE LORD OF HOSTS

'For there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.' (Romans 13:16)

Scripture Isaiah 45:15-25; Zechariah 7:8-14

Repentance For our obsession with wealth and power, that our treasure is in possessions and instant gratification

Praise That our Creator cares deeply for the lost, and those the world classes as inferior and that he is a God of justice, mercy and compassion

Intercession For our Government and those in leadership nationally and locally, that they may return to our Christian values of truth and justice
For our financial institutions and a right foundation for our economy

Thursday, 23rd September

GOD OF PEACE

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in him.' (Romans 15:13)

Scripture Psalm 62; John 17:20-26

Repentance For lack of trusting in God's ways and for following the path of individualism
For placing trust of the future in financial systems and consumerism which can lead to exploitation and the slavery of others

Praise That God's ways are not our ways and that he leads us to moral and ethical choices according to His will

Intercession That our Church leaders will follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit
For Christians to be one, and lead the way to a world of justice and peace
For the church suffering persecution
For national leaders to seek peace and righteousness between nations

Friday 24th September

JESUS – LORD AND SAVIOUR

'He will save His people from their sins.' (Matthew 1:21)

Scripture Psalm 51: Philippians 2:1-11

Repentance For all personal sins and disobedience
For the times we have failed to witness to Jesus as Lord or to proclaim the Good News

Praise For God's love and compassion
For forgiveness of our sins
For the gift of His Holy Spirit

Intercession For the veil of unbelief to be lifted from the minds of the people of this nation
For freedom to teach the Christian faith according to the scriptures
For those in prison and those who work in the prison system

Saturday, 25th September

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

'The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to your people Israel' (Luke 2:32)

Scripture Colossians 1:15-20; Revelations 22:1-6

Repentance For those times when we have allowed situations and fears to overwhelm us and failed to turn to the light – Jesus

Praise For the faith God has given us
For the support of our brothers and sisters in faith
For the gift of prayer

Intercession For the media, that broadcasting channels and the press be cleansed and open for the Good News to be proclaimed
That the name of Jesus and those who follow him will not be ridiculed and for an end to blasphemy
For God to be honoured in our national life