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# Week of Prayer for the Church and the Nation

18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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