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## Saturday, 27 February 2021

### Welcome

Welcome to the 'House of God' today, be that a public building, a digital zoom meeting, or any venue where you are meeting. Welcome to those who are joining us in your own church, prayer group, online through Zoom or via the webcast on YouTube/Facebook. Welcome also those who are joining us from other countries. Together in God we are making a difference!

Indigenous leaders will help lead the National Day of Prayer & Fasting on Zoom between 9AM – 6PM AEDT.

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This is because of the many variabilities with rules regarding COVID from state to state. National leaders will contribute at the **Official Prayer Zoom Service between 2PM – 3:30PM AEDT** (same log-in) along with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Church Leaders. Other groups will gather in various venues mostly between 10AM – 4PM during the day.

Today is a National Day of Prayer and Fasting - a day to deny ourselves and delight in God. Today is a day to glorify our FATHER in Heaven who gave His only Son that the world might be saved. JESUS the Son of the FATHER prayed for us, JESUS prayed for the Church, JESUS prayed for Jerusalem and JESUS prayed for the world. We are here to follow JESUS' example, *"Who was raised to life and who is at the right hand of God and makes intercession for us"*. Romans 8:34.

We are here today to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and to intercede for Australia for an awakening to the love of the FATHER and His Son JESUS, who is the radiance of the Glory of God. We are also going to pray for those in authority as instructed in Timothy: those in authority in our churches - our Christian leaders, our community leaders and our political and civic leaders.

In Session 3 we will pray for families and the restoration of families and fatherhood as found in Malachi 4:6. Paul, the Apostle, says in Ephesians 3:14, *"For this reason I kneel before the FATHER, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name."* There are families both in heaven and on earth because our God is a family God and He wants all His children to come home.

We will be also be praying for the people of Australia to AWAKE to JESUS CHRIST, in answer to Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 5:14, *"Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you"*. We will be dividing our prayers today into six sections (found below) which we will pray through during the day. We invite you to join us.

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### Introduction

Welcome to the wonderful experience of walking with God in prayer for our nation. **True intercession is finding out what is on the heart of God and praying it into being.** Our desire this year is to see what is on God's heart for our nation to become a reality here on earth. The Bible gives us the picture of God's heart.

This year the theme for the National Day of Prayer and Fasting for 2021 is **"Awake to Christ."** The scriptural theme is found in Ephesians 5:14, **"Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you"**. We are praying for a National Awakening. One of our objectives on the day is to raise up Next Gen prayer leaders. We are defining Next Gen leaders as anyone under 35 years of age. This includes children and so we encourage people to allow the children to pray and lead on the day as much as possible - Matt 18:3.

Today we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that everyone will awake to Christ and be empowered to share the good news of JESUS with others. **The Great Awakening must start with us.**

The foundational goal of the National Day of Prayer and Fasting is **'Revival and Transformation for Australia'**, for churches to grow and for people to find Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We must begin this endeavour in prayer, hence the reason we are calling the nation to come together to pray and fast on Saturday, 27 February 2021.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 says: *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, **who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.**"*

It is time to see this verse come into reality for our nation! The simple fact is that if each church-attending believer brought one person to Christ in one year and disciplined them we could double the Australian church in one year. **At that rate, we could win Australia for Christ in 4 years!** Exponential growth is powerful.

The purpose of this prayer guide is to give you a basic outline and help guide your prayers on the day. Of utmost importance though, is that as a group you take time to listen to what is on God's heart for our nation, and your region, and to pray that into being. Feel free to make any adjustments you need to make. You don't have to pray every prayer or cover every point. **The Prayer Guide, as its title says, is just a guide.**

To observe the day, church leaders are invited to collaborate with other churches and church leaders from different denominations and so fulfil the words of Jesus found in John 17:21. **"I pray that they will be one, just as you and I are one... so that the world will believe..."**

A key part of our prayer time is 'extravagant worship', that is, worship focused on the greatness of God, God's authority, and the fact that God rules and reigns. We start the National Day of Prayer & Fasting with thanksgiving and end the day by joining together in a Declaration that our nation would Awake to Christ. To allocate time, we encourage you to make a rough allocation of **one third prayer, one third worship and one third scripture reading** or sharing around the Word of God.

The six sections could be split up over 6 hours as in our suggested local multi-church gathering program, or the 9-hour period over Zoom which this year will in the main be led by Indigenous men and women of God. The Prayer Guide is just a Guide. **Remember to prayerfully plan your own celebration in your own way.**

We would appreciate if you could share any insights or testimonies from your day so that we can keep a record of what God is doing in our nation. Please email these to: [info@nationaldayofprayer.org.au](mailto:info@nationaldayofprayer.org.au)  
Most of all, prayer is an exciting journey with God. We would encourage you to develop a lifestyle of prayer and intercession. God bless you as you pray.

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National Day of Prayer and Fasting Executive Team

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# Executive Summary - National Day of Prayer and Fasting

This is our ten-year celebration. The 2021 [Church leaders video promo](#) encapsulates the theme. Indigenous Christian leaders will play a huge part in the day. **The theme for 2021 is “Awake to Christ.”** The scriptural theme is found in Ephesians 5:14, *“Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you”*. There is great power in unified prayer. Psalm 133 says *“When brethren dwell together in unity... there the Lord commands a blessing even life for evermore”*. We also want to continue to pray for the coronavirus and those affected. The purpose of the National Day of Prayer & Fasting is Revival and Transformation for Australia, for churches to grow and for millions of people to find the love of the Father.

## 1. Adoration, Worship, Thanksgiving & Repentance

The first session begins by saying the Lord’s Prayer together, Matt 6:9-18. *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ”* Ephesians 1:3. *“We enter his gates with Thanksgiving”*, Psalm 100:4. **We also ask you to honour Indigenous leaders.** Ask them to be part of the day if possible: Romans 12:10. Pray for the persecuted, Hebrews 13:3, Pray a blessing over Jerusalem and Israel. [Psalm 122:6](#) Let us also begin the day in personal repentance as this is also a National Day of Repentance. Then progress on to the broader issues.

## 2. Prayer: Coronavirus, Thanks for Rain, End of Bushfires, Thanks for Great Harvest

Last year we prayed for an end to the drought and the fires. We saw dramatic answers to prayer in both cases. We have seen above average rainfall across the whole nation. Let us give thanks for the rain and the [second-best wheat harvest ever](#). Last year we prayed for the Coronavirus. So far, our death rate is [36 times lower than the USA](#) and 43 times lower than the UK. Let us give thanks that Australia has been [spared the worst of this disease](#). **Let us continue to pray for the abatement of the Coronavirus in our nation** and healing for those affected. Key Verses: 2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 Peter 5:7.

## 3. Pray for Families

Families are the [foundation for our nation](#) and the church. God is a family God, and He is not willing that *“any should perish”*. Ephesians 3:14,15 *“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”* Pray for a release of the Elijah message in our nation and the restoration of Fatherhood. Luke: 1:7. **Pray for an overflow of the love of our Father in Heaven to bring healing and restoration for families.** Pray for marriages and better relations between men and women. Key Scriptures: Ephesians 3:15, Malachi 4:6, Psalm 68:5, Deuteronomy 22:5, Matt 19:4.

## 4. Pray for Leaders - Church, Community & Government

We pray for each of the leaders and those in authority in our nation in all the [seven spheres](#). Included in our guide is a list of all the Federal Parliamentarians so that you can pray for them by name. **Pray also for your State MPs and Local Council Leaders.** Pray for our governmental and civic leaders. We will also pray for local and regional church leaders, including those key church leaders listed in the Prayer Guide. Pray for young Godly leaders to arise in the church and in all facets of society. Please use this [resource info](#). Key scriptures: 1 Timothy 2:2, Colossians 1:9-14; Ephesians 3:14-21; Isaiah 11:2-3.

## 5. Official Prayer Service + Giving Thanks & Praying for an Awakening

We invite you to take part in the Official Prayer Service from 2PM – 3:30PM (AEDT) as part of the National Zoom Prayer Call in which we will have prayers and input from Key National Leaders and Church Leaders.

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Romans 15:16, *“Then all of you can join together with one voice.”* **Pray for an Awakening** Ephesians 5:14, *“Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you”*.

## 6. Declaration that we as Individuals, Church & Nation will Awake to Christ

Hebrews 1:3, *“The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command”*. We are praying for Australians to awake to Christ and receive a deep revelation of the Glory of God who is **JESUS CHRIST**. Celebrate Communion and ask people to pray for one another and confess their faults to one another. We are praying for millions to find Christ. Pray for the success of [GO21](#) in May. Pray for [Raise up the Cross](#) in the NT which will have its initial celebration later in 2021. Read the **‘Declaration – A Call to Awake to Christ’**. Thank you for praying for our nation of Australia. Ephesians 5:14, John 3:16, Luke 15: 20 -24, Mark 16:15-20.



# 1. Adoration, Worship, Thanksgiving & Repentance

## Worship led by *Worship Band*

We will begin the day by saying the Lord's Prayer together: Matthew 6:9-18.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven,  
Hallowed be your Name;  
Your kingdom come;  
Your will be done  
in earth, as it is in heaven:  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
Lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one:  
For Yours is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### Psalm 100

1. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
2. Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
3. Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
5. For the LORD is good and his love endures  
forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let us together welcome JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Key Scripture: Psalm 24:7.

Let us also stand in the gap, as Daniel did, and repent for our sin as a nation. Prayer is always the starting point, and Repentance the foundation for Revival and Transformation (2 Chronicles 7:14, Matt 5:6). True repentance is more than talk. It is a change in our attitudes and actions that do not please God. It is a complete turning away from any wickedness in our lives - individually and collectively, and even as a nation.

## Statement for National Day of Prayer and Fasting

**PREAMBLE:** Saturday, 27 February 2021 is the National Day of Prayer and Fasting. Individuals and churches are encouraged to gather in unity and participate in the day in any way they feel is most appropriate. One of our objectives on this day is to raise up Next Gen prayer leaders. We are defining Next Gen leaders as anyone under 35 years of age and this includes children.

We want to integrate and involve the Next Gen in the whole day as the heart of the FATHER is towards the children (Matt 18:3). We also ask you to honour Indigenous leaders and ask them to be part of the day and lead the day as much as possible (Romans 12:10). Please remember to pray for the persecuted church (Hebrews 13:3). Let us also pray for peace and for blessings over Jerusalem and Israel (Psalm 122:6).

To observe the day, church leaders are invited to collaborate with other churches and church leaders from different denominations and so fulfil the words of Jesus found in John 17:21. *"I pray that they will be one, just as You and I are one... so that the world will believe..."* Read the following statement, use these Scripture readings and say the written prayers, or use your own extemporaneous prayers in your celebrations or in prayer meetings being held for the National Day of Prayer and Fasting.

## How you celebrate the day is totally up to you.

**STATEMENT:** The theme for 2021 is **"Awake to Christ."** The scriptural theme is found in Ephesians 5:14, **"Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you"**. The foundational goal of the National Day of Prayer and Fasting is Revival and Transformation for Australia and for churches to grow and for people to find Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Today we are praying and fasting together, that JESUS will be exalted, and that God will pour out His Spirit on Australia. It is His Spirit that revives us as individuals and as the broader church. Then out of a revived Church we are praying for millions of souls to be saved so the Lamb may receive a reward for His suffering.

## 2. Pray for the Coronavirus + Thanks for Rain + End of Bushfires + Thanks for Great Harvest

### Worship led by *Worship Band*

We begin this session by reading 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

*Loving Heavenly Father, we know we have sinned and fallen short in many ways. We ask that in Your mercy You would forgive us. Cleanse us and heal us of our sin. Rekindle in us our first love for our Father in Heaven. Breathe upon us we pray and ignite our hearts to honour Your Holy Word. Bring upon us deep conviction of sin and spiritual brokenness. In **Jesus name** we pray. Amen.*

Last year we prayed for the Coronavirus. So far, our death rate is [36 times lower than the USA](#) and 43 times lower than the UK. Let us give thanks that Australia has been [spared the worst of this disease](#). **Let us continue to pray for the abatement of the Coronavirus in our nation**, wisdom for governments, particularly State governments, as they administrate policies to curtail the Coronavirus and healing for those affected.

Drought has stricken Australia over the last several years. The year 2020 was the lowest rainfall year on record with only 277.6 mm average rainfall distributed across the nation. Exacerbated by the dry conditions, catastrophic fires consumed huge areas of this wide brown land leaving a trail of disaster, with loss of life, destroyed homes, property, loss of animal life, loss of fauna and flora, loss of livelihood and whole communities devastated.

Prayers in the lead up to and on the National Day of Prayer & Fasting last year were answered and God quenched the fires with His life-giving rain. The good news is the worst effects of the drought are now over and the greater part of the nation has experienced the second-best wheat crop ever.

### Prayer Points

- Last year we prayed for the Coronavirus. So far, our death rate is [36 times lower than the USA](#) and 43 times lower than the UK. Let us give thanks that Australia has been [spared the worst of this disease](#).
- Let us continue to pray for the abatement of the Coronavirus in our nation, wisdom for governments particularly State governments as they administrate policies to curtail the Coronavirus and healing for those affected
- We pray for all the researchers and scientists working on the Coronavirus here in Australia and around the world. Pray for wisdom, favors and divine inspiration as they work together to release ethical vaccines all over the world.
- We pray for all the countries where people have been affected by the Coronavirus with well over 100 million cases worldwide with between 2 & 3 million deaths to date. We pray that the Coronavirus will be contained, and those affected will experience the healing power of God.
- Last year we prayed for an end to the fires. God heard our prayers and gave us the answer we requested. The fires were quenched, and many communities have been rebuilt and many national parks have been restored. Thanks be to God!
- Last year we prayed for an end to the drought and the fires. We saw dramatic answers to prayer in both cases. We have seen above average rainfall across the whole nation. Let us give thanks for the rain and the [second-best wheat harvest ever](#).

### 3. Pray for Families

#### Worship led by *Worship Band*

Families are the [foundation for our nation](#) and the church. God created family before He created the church. Church is meant to be a picture of family. God is a family God, and He is not willing that *“any should perish”*. Ephesians 3:14,15 *“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”*

Pray for a release of the Elijah message in our nation and the restoration of Fatherhood. Luke: 1:7. **Pray for an overflow of the love of our Father in Heaven to bring healing and restoration for families.** Pray for marriages and better relations between men and women. Key Scriptures: Ephesians 3:15, Malachi 4:6, Psalm 68:5, Deuteronomy 22:5, Matt 19:4.

Malachi 4:6 summarizes God’s plan, *“He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers.”* Pray the love of our Father in Heaven to bring healing and restoration to those who have drifted away from the Father’s Love. The story of the prodigal son In Luke 15:11 encapsulates God’s heart for His Family and His lost and lonely children.

There are many factors that contribute to the devastation of families and fatherhood in our nation but ultimately, we know that the answer lies in Jesus and the restoration that comes from knowing the immeasurable love and forgiveness of our Father in Heaven.

The scripture in John 3:16 encapsulates this. *“For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son that whoever would believe in Him world not perish but receive eternal LIFE”*. The gift of the Father’s love is revealed in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, His son and His glorious resurrection.

Pray as well for a revelation of the glory of God through understanding the complementarity of God’s design in creating male and female. This is the basis for families. Pray for protection for boys and girls against sexual abuse and gender manipulation. Key Scriptures: Malachi 4:6, Psalm 68:5, Deuteronomy 22:5, Matt 19:4.

#### Prayer Points

1. **Pray that everyone will find their identity as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven and find the Father’s love through Jesus Christ. Luke 15:7. Our prayer is that they experience the unconditional love of the Father through Jesus Christ, His Son. John 3:16.**
2. **Pray for the exquisite beauty of the complementarity between men and women to be revealed in the media and the education system so people will celebrate God’s plan for male and female. This is the basis for marriage, this is the foundation for families, this is the hope for Australia’s future.**
3. **Pray for our children to grow up free from sexual abuse and gender indoctrination by perverse influences in the education system, media, and government.**
4. **Pray for the restoration of families and true fatherhood as God intended. Pray that fathers will be inspired to put their families first with Malachi 6:4, *“And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”***

## 4. Pray for Leaders - Church, Community and Government

### Worship led by *Worship Band*

We bring before you each of the leaders in our nation. This is not limited to only federal parliamentary leaders but also state, local council, community, union, education, artistic, business, entertainment, media, and church leaders.

Let us also pray for all tiers of Government: federal, state and local. Who better to pray for your local council than you? Pray for the Mayor and the Councillors by name. God loves to hear us pray for people by name. Invite your local political and civic leaders to come and receive prayer on the National Day of Prayer and Fasting.

To this end, a list of all the Federal Government parliamentarians is included in this guide so that you can pray for them by name, particularly the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, other government leaders and the Leader of the Opposition, Anthony Albanese. Pray that all our leaders will have a revelation of the love of the Father through Jesus Christ.

Timothy urges us, ***“first of all, that requests, prayers and intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.”*** (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

We would like to encourage you to pray how Paul prayed in Colossians 1:9-14: ***“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption the forgiveness of sins.”***

Ephesians 3:14 -21, ***“For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever, and ever! Amen.”***

Finally, pray Isaiah 11:2-3 that our leaders will have wisdom and guidance from God. ***“The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.”***

The theme in these passages is that each of our leaders and parliamentarians will have the wisdom, knowledge and understanding that they need to carry out the task God has called them to do.



## 4a. Pray for Our Christian Leaders

Ps	Ross	Abraham
Ps	Carl	Mutzelburg
Rev	Abraham	Achen
	Steve	Aherne
Ps	Wayne	Alcorn
	Sharon	Allibone
Bishop	David	Altus
Bishop	Greg	Anderson
Ps	Craig	Anderson
Ps	Ron	Anning
Ps	David	Apelt
Archbishop	Phillip	Aspinall
Dr	Andrew	Ball
Ps	Paul	Bartlett
	Mark	Bateman
Ps	Mark	Bates
Ps	Shane	Baxter
Rev Dr	John	Beasy
Rev	Rod	Benson
Mr	Peter	Bentley
Ps	Merrilyn	Billing
Bishop	Paul	Bird
Rev	John	Blacket
Ps	Brad & Alison	Bonhomme
Ps	Craig	Bowen
Bishop	Matt	Brain
Ps	Josh	Brett
	Jodi	Brook
	Nathan	Brown
Rev	Daniel	Bullock
Rev	Eric	Burton
	Pat	Byrne
Rev	Stuart	Cameron
Ps	Phil & Lenore	Campbell
Rev	Ricardo	Cantre
Dr	Murray	Capill
	Annie	Cathcart
Dr	Barry	Chant
Ps	Joel	Chelliah
Rev Dr	Albert	Chiew
Ps	Joshua	Choi
Dr	Greg	Clarke
Rev	Ken	Clendinning
Rev	Ross	Clifford
Ps	Bruce	Clow
Archbishop	Mark	Coleridge

Archbishop	Peter	Comensoli
Rt Rev Dr	Richard	Condie
Comm	James	Condon
Sir	Peter	Cosgrove
	Tim	Costello
Archbishop	Timothy	Costelloe
Ps	Dermot	Cottuli
Rev	Stuart	Coulton
Ps	Margaret	Court
	Neville	Cox
Ps	Mike	Cronin
Ps	Donna	Crouch
Mr	John	Crowther
Ps	Ryan	Croxford
Rev	Nixon	Daniel
Ps	Alun	Davies
Archbishop	Glenn	Davies
Bishop	Max	Davis
Mr	Jack	de Vries
Ps	Kirk	Delaney
Rev	Maratja	Dhamarrandji
Dr	Yuhanon Mar	Dioscoros
Rev	Peter	Dobson
Com	Robert & Janine	Donaldson
Rev	John	Downs
Rev Dr	Noel	Due
Ps	Will	Dumas
Dr	Lachlan	Dunjey
Dr	Mark	Durie
	Melinda	Dwight
Ps	Noel	Eagling
Bishop	Trevor	Edwards
Ps	Tim	Edwards
Bishop	Daniel	El-Antony
Ps	Richard	Evans
Ps	Ashley	Evans
Bishop	Allan	Ewing
Ps	Hanna	Fakhouri
Ps	Keith & Wendy	Fiebig
Rev Dr	Hedley	Fihaki
Bishop	Michael	Filimon
Archbishop	Anthony	Fisher
Bishop	James	Foley
Rt Rev	John	Ford
Ps	Timothy	Foskett
Very Rev	Silouan	Fotineas

	Mary-Louise	Fowler
Ps	Richard	Fox
	Wendy	Francis
Rev Dr	Peter	Francis
Archbishop	Philip	Freier
Ps	Greg	French
Rev Dr	Rob	Fringer
Rev Dr	Keith	Garner
Ps	Gerard	Garthe
Bishop	Charles	Gauci
	Colleen	Geyer
Rev Dr	Richard	Gibson
Bishop	Rob	Gillion
Archbishop	Kay	Goldsworthy
	Steve	Grace
Rev	Ken	Graham
Hon	Paul	Green
Rev	Colin	Grigg
Ps	Mike	Groom
	Jenny	Hagger
Ps	Melissa	Haigh
Dr	Tim	Hanna
Ps	Shaun & Sandra	Hansen
Ps	Scott	Hanzy
Bishop	Timothy	Harris
Dr	Murray	Harvey
Rev	Roland	Hearn
Rev	John	Henderson
Ps	Dale & Karen	Hewitt
Rev	Anne	Hibbard
	John	Hickey
Mr	Antony	Hirst
Rev	Andy	Hogarth
Rev	Sharon	Hollis
Bishop	Gerard	Holohan
Bishop	Gregory	Homeming
Ps	Brian & Bobby	Houston
Ps	John	Hunt
Ps	Francine	Hunt
	Martin	Iles
Ps	Ben	Irawan
Rev	Rod	James
	Mike	Jeffs
Rev	Keith	Jobberns
	Dee	Johnson
	Martin	Johnson
Dr	Keith	Joseph
	Peter	Kaldor

	Dee	Kaylock
Ps	Gerard & Sue	Keehan
Dr	Brad	Kemp
Ps	Steve	Kennedy
Bishop	Michael	Kennedy
	Peter	Kentley
Ps	Paul	Kerber
Rev	Richard	Kingham
Ps	Ian & Lorri	Kruithoff
	Candace	Lahr
Ps	Brian	Lampton
Rev Dr	Peter	Laughlin
	Wesley	Leake
Bishop	Richard	Lewers
Rev	John	Lewis
	Darren	Lewis
Ps	Bruce & Cheryl	Lindley
Bishop	Vincent	Long Van Nguyen
Ps	Simon	Longfield
Rev	Alexis	Lui
	Gabrielle	Macaulay
Mr	Bill	MacRae
Rev	Wayne	Magee
Archishop	Malatius	Malki Malki
Ps	Ron	Mallon
Rev	Satish	Manmothe
	Warwick & Alison	Marsh
Rev	Rodney	Marshall
Bishop	Brian	Mascord
	Gordon	Matton-Johnson
Col	Wayne & Robyn	Maxwell
Bishop	Columba	McBeth-Green
Bishop	Michael	McCarthy
Ps	Stuart	McClelland
	David	McCracken
Ps	Dave	McDonald
Dr	John	McElroy
	Cindy	McGarvie
	Donny	McGregor
Bishop	Robert	McGuckin
Bishop	Michael	McKenna
Dr	Graham	McLennan
	Stuart	McMillan
Col	Winsome	Merritt
Dr	Allan	Meyer
Mr	Tim	Meyers
Ps	Norman & Barbara	Miller

Rev	Mike	Mills
Ps	Rebekah	Milne
	Ray	Minniecon
Bishop	Michael	Morrissey
Ps	David	Morse
Bishop	Siluan	Mrakić
	Bill	Muehlenberg
Ps	Jorge	Munoz
Ps	Phillip	Mutzelburg
Dean	Archimandrite	Nabil
Archbishop	Haigazoun	Najarian
Ps	Hyeong	Nam Kim
Bishop	Gary	Nelson
Ps	Graham	Nelson
Dr	Tania	Nelson
	Charles	Newington
Rev	Fred	Nile
Bishop	Amel	Nona
Rt Rev	Mike	O'Connor
Archbishop	Gregory	O'Kelly
Ps	Timothy	O'Neill
Dr	Tim	O'Neill
Bishop	Patrick	O'Regan
	Paul	O'Rourke
Ps	Brad	Otto
Bishop	Ian	Palmer
Dr	Deirdre	Palmer
Ps	Ted & Amanda	Pangilinan
Very Rev	Eusebios	Pantanassiotis
Rev	Joshua Juhyun	Park
Bishop	John	Parkes
Rev Dr	Tim	Patrick
Rev	Graham	Paulson
Ps	Tom	Payne
Ps	John & Danielle	Pearce
	Dean	Phelan
Bishop	Stephen	Pickard
	Brian	Pickering
Rev	Stewart	Pieper
Ps	Peter	Pilt
Archbishop	Julian	Porteous
Ps	Daryl	Potts
Ps	Matt	Prater
Ps	Phil & Chris	Pringle
Archbishop	Christopher	Prowse
	Jamie	Pryor
	Jillian	Pryor
Bishop	Bosco	Puthur

Bishop	Robert	Rabbat
Ps	Mark	Ramsey
Bishop	William	Ray
Rev	Rex	Rigby
	Julian	Robertson
Bishop	David	Robinson
Maj	Deborah	Robinson
Dr	Brian	Rosner
Ps	Len	Rossow
Mr	Johan	Roux
Ps	Darcy	Ryan
Bishop	Christopher	Saunders
Ps	Andrew	Scarborough
	Kris	Schlyder
	Lillian	Schmid
Mr	Philip	Schouten
Mr	Bradley	Scott
	Meredith	Scott
Rev	Mal	Sercombe
	Noddy	Sharma
Ps	Peter	Shurley
Ps	Barry	Silverback
Ps	Ron	Simms
	Wendy	Simpson
	David	Skeat
Archbishop	Geoffrey	Smith
Rev Dr	John	Smith
Dr	Stephen	Smith
Dr	David	Smith
Ps	Sean	Stanton
Bishop	Peter	Stasiuk
Very Rev	Kyriakos	Stavronikitianos
Bishop	John	Stead
	Pat	Steele
	Colin	Stringer
Rt Rev Dr	Peter	Stuart
Archbishop		Stylianous
CMDR	Daniel	Sutherland
Ps	Wayne	Swift
Ps	Rudy	Tan
Rev	Lawrence	Tanabose
Bishop	Antoine-Charbel	Tarabay
Very Rev	Elefterios	Tatsis
Mr	Peter	Thomas
Rev	K. A.	Thomas
	Andrew	Thoneman
Ps	Matt & Tam	Tickner

Ps		Tinashe
	Sue	Tinworth
Mr	David	Tolman
Ps	Craig	Tomkinson
Bishop	Leslie	Tomlinson
Rt Rev Dr	Richard	Treloar
Ps	Hank	van der Steen
Dr	David	van Gend
Ps	Bill	Vasilakis
Ps	Nomer	Velasco
Ps	Glenn	Vines
Ps	Peter	Walker
Rev	Peter	Walker
	Ian	Watson
Bishop	Garry	Weatherill

Rev	Kamal	Weerakoon
Rev Dr	Donald	West
Ps	Steve & Deb	White
Ps	Mark	Wilson
Ps	Ron	Wilson
Rev	John	Wilson
Rev	On	Wong
Bishop	Albert	Wong
Dr	Rosemary	Wong
Ps	Geoff	Woodward
	Ian	Worby
Mr	David	Wraight
Bishop	William	Wright
	Damian	Wyld
Archbishop	Mar Meelis	Zaia
Ps	Mark & Darlene	Zschech

## 4b. Pray for Our Parliamentary Leaders

### Prime Minister:

Hon Scott Morrison



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Sen	Eric	Abetz
MP	Anthony	Albanese
MP	John	Alexander
MP	Katrina	Allen
MP	Anne	Aly
MP	Karen	Andrews
MP	Kevin	Andrews
Sen	Alexander	Antic
MP	Bridget	Archer
Sen	Wendy	Askew
Sen	Timothy	Ayres
MP	Adam	Bandt
MP	Angie	Bell
Sen	Catryna	Bilyk
MP	Sharon	Bird
Sen	Simon	Birmingham
MP	Christopher	Bowen
Sen	Andrew	Bragg
MP	Russell	Broadbent
Sen	William	Brockman
Sen	Carol	Brown
MP	Scott	Buchholz
MP	Anthony	Burke
MP	Linda	Burney
MP	Josh	Burns
MP	Mark	Butler
MP	Terri	Butler
MP	Anthony	Byrne
Sen	Matthew	Canavan
Sen	Kim	Carr
Sen	Michaelia	Cash
MP	James	Chalmers
MP	Nicholas	Champion
Sen	Claire	Chandler
MP	Darren	Chester
MP	Lisa	Chesters
Sen	Anthony	Chisholm

### Opposition Leader:

Hon Anthony Albanese



MP	George	Christensen
Sen	Raffaele	Ciccone
MP	Jason	Clare
MP	Sharon	Claydon
MP	Elizabeth	Coker
Sen	Richard	Colbeck
MP	David	Coleman
MP	Julie	Collins
MP	Patrick	Conaghan
MP	Vincent	Connelly
MP	Patrick	Conroy
Sen	Mathias	Cormann
MP	Mark	Coulton
Sen	Perin	Davey
Sen	Richard	Di Natale
MP	Dugald	Dick
Sen	Patrick	Dodson
MP	Mark	Dreyfus
MP	Damian	Drum
Sen	Jonathon	Duniam
MP	Peter	Dutton
MP	Maria	Elliot
MP	Warren	Entsch
MP	Trevor	Evans
MP	Jason	Falinski
Sen	Donald	Farrell
Sen	Mehreen	Faruqi
Sen	David	Fawcett
Sen	dConcetta	Fierravanti-Wells
MP	Joel	Fitzgibbon
MP	Paul	Fletcher
MP	Nicolle	Flint
MP	Michael	Freeland
MP	Joshua	Frydenberg
Sen	Alexander	Gallacher
Sen	Katherine	Gallagher
MP	Andrew	Gee
MP	Steven	Georganas



MP	Andrew	Giles
MP	David	Gillespie
MP	Ian	Goodenough
MP	Patrick	Gorman
MP	Luke	Gosling
Sen	Nita	Green
Sen	Stirling	Griff
MP	Helen	Haines
MP	Garth	Hamilton
MP	Celia	Hammond
Sen	Pauline	Hanson
Sen	Sarah	Hanson-Young
MP	Andrew	Hastie
MP	Alexander	Hawke
MP	Christopher	Hayes
Sen	Sarah	Henderson
MP	Julian	Hill
MP	Kevin	Hogan
MP	Luke	Howarth
Sen	Hollie	Hughes
Sen	Jane	Hume
MP	Gregory	Hunt
MP	Edham	Husic
MP	Stephen	Irons
MP	Stephen	Jones
MP	Barnaby	Joyce
MP	Robert	Katter
MP	Gerardine	Kearney
MP	Craig	Kelly
MP	Michael	Kelly
Sen	Kristina	Keneally
MP	Matt	Keogh
MP	Peter	Khalil
MP	Catherine	King
MP	Madeleine	King
Sen	Kimberley	Kitching
Sen	Jacqui	Lambie
MP	Andrew	Laming
MP	Michelle	Landry
MP	Julian	Leeser
MP	Andrew	Leigh
MP	Sussan	Ley
Sen	Susan	Lines
MP	David	Littleproud
MP	Gladys	Liu
MP	Nola	Marino
MP	Richard	Marles

MP	Fiona	Martin
Sen	Jennifer	McAllister
MP	Emma	McBride
Sen	Malarndirri	McCarthy
MP	Michael	McCormack
Sen	Susan	McDonald
Sen	James	McGrath
MP	Melissa	McIntosh
Sen	Bridget	McKenzie
Sen	Nicholas	McKim
Sen	Andrew	McLachlan
Sen	Samantha	McMahon
MP	Brian	Mitchell
MP	Robert	Mitchell
Sen	Andrew	Molan
MP	Scott	Morrison
MP	Ben	Morton
MP	Daniel	Mulino
MP	Peta	Murphy
MP	Shayne	Neumann
MP	Edward	O'Brien
MP	Llewellyn	O'Brien
MP	Brendan	O'Connor
MP	Kenneth	O'Dowd
MP	Clare	O'Neil
Sen	Deborah	O'Neill
Sen	Matthew	O'Sullivan
MP	Julie	Owens
MP	Antony	Pasin
Sen	James	Paterson
Sen	Rex	Patrick
MP	Alicia	Payne
Sen	Marise	Payne
MP	Gavin	Pearce
MP	Graham	Perrett
MP	Fiona	Phillips
MP	Keith	Pitt
MP	Tanya	Plibersek
Sen	Helen	Polley
MP	Charles	Porter
Sen	Louise	Pratt
MP	Melissa	Price
MP	Rowan	Ramsey
Sen	Gerard	Rennick
Sen	Linda	Reynolds
Sen	Janet	Rice
MP	Amanda	Rishworth

MP	Stuart	Robert
Sen	Malcolm	Roberts
MP	Michelle	Rowland
Sen	Anne	Ruston
MP	Joanne	Ryan
Sen	Scott	Ryan
Sen	Paul	Scarr
Sen	Zdenko	Seselja
MP	Rebekha	Sharkie
MP	Devanand	Sharma
Sen	Anthony	Sheldon
MP	William	Shorten
Sen	Rachel	Siewert
MP	Julian	Simmonds
MP	Anthony	Smith
MP	David	Smith
Sen	Dean	Smith
Sen	Marielle	Smith
MP	Warren	Snowdon
MP	Anne	Stanley
Sen	Jordon	Steele-John
MP	Zali	Steggall
Sen	Glenn	Sterle
MP	James	Stevens
Sen	Amanda	Stoker
MP	Michael	Sukkar
MP	Meryl	Swanson
MP	Angus	Taylor
MP	Daniel	Tehan

MP	Susan	Templeman
MP	Matthew	Thistlethwaite
MP	Phillip	Thompson
MP	Kate	Thwaites
MP	Alan	Tudge
Sen	Anne	Urquhart
MP	Maria	Vamvakinou
Sen	David	Van
MP	Albertus	van Manen
MP	Ross	Vasta
MP	Andrew	Wallace
Sen	Jess	Walsh
Sen	Larissa	Waters
Sen	Murray	Watt
MP	Timothy	Watts
MP	Anne	Webster
MP	Anika	Wells
Sen	Peter	Whish-Wilson
MP	Lucy	Wicks
MP	Andrew	Wilkie
MP	Joshua	Wilson
MP	Richard	Wilson
MP	Timothy	Wilson
Sen	Penny	Wong
MP	Jason	Wood
MP	Kenneth	Wyatt
MP	Terry	Young
MP	Antonio	Zappia
MP	Trent	Zimmerman

## 5. Official Prayer Service + Giving Thanks & Praying for an Awakening

Worship led by *Worship Band*

ZOOM ID#: 776881184

ZOOM Link: <https://zoom.us/j/776881184>

We invite you to take part in the Official Prayer Service on Zoom from 2PM – 3:30PM (AEDT) as part of the National Zoom Prayer Call in which we will have prayers and input from Key National Leaders and Church Leaders. Join in on ZOOM from your location for a short while, or the whole session, it is up to you. Romans 15:16, *“Then all of you can join together with one voice.”* **Pray for an Awakening** Ephesians 5:14, **“Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you”**.

**“In everything give thanks;** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Oh, that men would **give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,** And for His wonderful works to the children of men!” Psalm 107:31

“My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my being. **Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations;** I will sing Your praises among the peoples...” Psalm 103:1-3

**“Pray for an Awakening** Ephesians 5:14, **“Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you”**.

**“You are all children of the light and children of the day.** We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, **but let us be awake and sober.** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 5 – 8

**“Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.** The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So, remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living.” Romans 13: 11 – 12

**“Wake up, wake up, O Zion! Clothe yourself with strength.** Put on your beautiful clothes, O holy city of Jerusalem, for unclean and godless people will enter your gates no longer.” Isaiah 52:1

## 6. Declaration: People to Awake to Christ and See a “National Awakening”

### Worship led by *Worship Band*

Hebrews 1:3, *“The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command”*. We are praying for Australians to awake to Christ and receive a deep revelation of the Glory of God who is **JESUS CHRIST**. Celebrate Communion, if you are able, and ask the people to pray for one another and confess their faults to one another.

We are praying for millions to find Christ. Pray for the success of [GO21](#) in May. Pray for [Raise up the Cross](#) in the NT which will have its initial celebration later in 2021. Read the ‘**Declaration – A Call to Awake to Christ**’. Thank you for praying for our nation of Australia. Ephesians 5:14, John 3:16, Luke 15: 20 -24, Mark 16:15-20. We encourage you to celebrate communion in this last section if you are able.

We are praying for a revelation of the Glory of God all over Australia. The scripture says in Hebrews 1:3 that, *“Jesus is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the power of His Word”*.

We are praying for a revelation of Jesus Christ who is the gospel of God’s love to mankind. That is the greatest way for people to Awake to Christ. They need to meet JESUS!

### Prayer Points:

- Pray that Australia would pray, “Help me wake up Lord.”
- Pray that God would bless the Go2021 Initiative to reach a Billion Souls in May.
- Pray for the Indigenous “Raise the Cross Initiative” in Central Australia at Haasts Bluff, NT.
- Pray for a release of funds and release of favour to see the Cross raised by October 2021.
- Pray the Lord of the harvest would thrust labourers out into His harvest field.
- Pray that Australians would receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- Pray for a Great Awakening in Australia.

The Australian Awakening Declaration is a prayerful paraphrase of scripture from an Australian perspective. As the scripture says in Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”. Let us stand in the presence of our Father in Heaven today and make this Declaration together in Jesus Name.

## Australian Awakening Declaration – A Call to Awake to Christ

We pray with the Apostle Paul and say, *“Wake up oh sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you!”*

Wake up, wake up, O Zion! Clothe yourself with strength. Put on your beautiful clothes.

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my being. Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing Your praises among the people.

We are children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So, let us be awake and sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet, and be filled with the Spirit.

Wake up Australia, for your salvation is nearer now than when you first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So, put on the shining armor of right living.

Let there be a Great Awakening in Australia. Let all Australians see Jesus!

Let Australia Awake to Jesus.

## **Revival & Transformation**

The mission of the National Day of Prayer & Fasting remains the same – Revival and Transformation of our nation. The day itself is a call for Australia to come back to its Judeo-Christian Foundations and a revitalisation of our Christian Faith for the greater Good of all.

In 1901, at the time of Federation, 96.1% of Australians claimed to be Christians. The last census in 2016 only 52.1% of Australians called themselves Christians. The real figures for those who practise their faith through Church attendance is much lower. Church attendance has been falling since Federation with only 8.8% currently going to church weekly.

We must see a turnaround in our statistics. God is interested in numbers because numbers represent people and our Father in heaven loves people. If this nation is to come back to Christ, we must first see individuals come to Christ and experience the Father's unconditional love. This is the only hope for our nation.



# Australian Prayer and Faith Fact Sheet

## Belief and Prayer in God

According to the 2009 Australian Social Science Survey, 69% of Australians believe in God or a spiritual life force. Only 16% are atheists while the other 15% just don't know either way. In the same survey 57% of the Australian population pray either daily or occasionally, which correlates with the 2016 census which showed that people of some level of Christian faith make up 52.1% of the population.

## Christian History of Australia

Australia's early history of exploration and subsequent settlement was overwhelmingly led by men and women with a strong and prayerful faith in God. Portuguese Christian explorer, Ferdinand de Quiros, popularised the name of Australia with his declaration of 1606 in which he referred to this nation as "Australia del Espiritu Santo" or literally 'Southland of the Holy Spirit'.

Dutch Christian explorer Abel Tasman discovered Tasmania in 1643. Other Christian explorers followed, such as Captain James Cook, whose work in 1770 set the stage for the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788.

Early Australian Christian explorers and men of prayer included those such as Matthew Flinders, Capt Charles Sturt, Edward John Eyre, John McDowell Stuart, Frederick William Leichhardt, Sir John Forrest and many others.

Most of the early governors had a strong and active faith, including the likes of Lachlan Macquarie, Sir Thomas Brisbane and Lt Col George Arthur to name a few. It could well be argued that our first [Governor Arthur Phillip](#) showed exemplary Christian forgiveness when he forbade the usual murderous retribution on the indigenous people after being [speared in the arm](#). Furthermore he because of his faith was an ardent abolitionist. Governor Phillip forbade slavery in 1788 in the young Australian colony a full 45 years before it was [outlawed internationally](#).

It was devout men and women of faith and prayer that helped build the nation. Notable examples are: Saint Mary MacKillop, [David Unaipon](#), John Flynn and Caroline Chisholm, most of whom have featured on Australia's currency.

This strong Christian influence continues today with 23 of the top 25 Australian charities being Christian charities compared with 3 of 25 in the UK and 5 of 25 in the USA. The fact that the Australian Christian Schooling Movement is a world leader in Christian Schooling globally is testament to our Christian heritage.

## Australia Indigenous Christian Leaders

Christian faith is stronger [amongst indigenous people](#) than non-indigenous people. As [Ps Ronnie Williams](#) used to say in his messages, "The bible is tribal." Australia history is filled with great [Christian indigenous men and women like](#), 'Charlie' Murabuda from Groote Island, Australia's first Indigenous [Senator Neville Bonner](#), early indigenous [female leader Boorong](#) from Sydney, [Rodney Rivers](#) from WA and highly respected [indigenous leader Ossie Cruse](#). The list is long, famous Christian singer [Jimmy Little](#), first indigenous Governor of South Australia [Ps Douglas Nicholls](#), indigenous inventor [David Unaipon](#) and famous indigenous social worker '[Mum Shirl' Smith](#).

NAIDOC week was birthed by Aboriginal Christian, [William Cooper](#) and [Bill Ferguson](#). Week. Ps Peter Walker drew Indigenous Christian Leaders together to help write the [Uluru Bark Petition](#) which was an affirmation of the sacred and holy understanding, both [in Indigenous and Christian culture](#) that marriage could only be between a man and woman. This was presented to the [Australian Parliament](#) in 2016.

## Constitution and Federation – Christian Inspiration

The preamble to Australia's Constitution says, "Humbly relying on the blessings of Almighty God". Alfred Deakin, one of the fathers of Australia's Constitution and Australia's second Prime Minister, offered the following prayer after the Constitution was finally ratified. "We pray that it may be the means of creating and fostering throughout all Australia a Christ-like Citizenship."

Henry Parkes, known as the Father of Federation (1901) had a vision for Australia as "one people with a destiny... As we are British people - we are pre-eminently a Christian people - as our laws, our whole system of jurisprudence, our constitution . . . are based upon and interwoven with our Christian belief . . ."

## History of Days of Prayer In Australia

Prayer has always played a central role in the affairs of our nation. Our federal and state parliaments have traditionally opened in prayer as do many of our local councils. The feasts of Christmas and Easter as well as ANZAC Day are times of individual and national reflection, and prayer is often an Integral part of ceremonial occasions. Historically, Australians have prayed as individuals, as a community, and as a nation - particularly in times of hardship and crisis.

Fifty years after the arrival of the first fleet, the Governor of NSW, George Gipps, a Christian, proclaimed Sunday, November 2, 1838 a national day of fasting and humiliation because of the severe drought. Within two days heavy rains began to fall to such a degree that many came down with the flu.

Fifty-seven years later on the 11 September 1895 a day of prayer was again called in similar circumstances. Three weeks later a day of thanksgiving was proclaimed to thank God for the breaking of the drought.

The first Sunday in the 20th Century was proclaimed Commonwealth Sunday and Christians were called to pray for the Nation. During the 1940's as the Second World War began to take its horrific toll and Australia was being threatened, particularly after the bombing of Darwin, several days of prayer were held. One of these was called by King George VI throughout the Commonwealth.

To celebrate Australia's Bicentenary, another National Day of Prayer occurred on Saturday the 7th May 1988 when 50,000 Christians gathered to open Parliament House in prayer during the [National Gathering](#).

Many other national prayer days were held, most notably the National Day of Prayer and Fasting held on 6th November 1998 called by the Praise Corroboree. In 2007 the Australian Prayer Network called the [National Solemn Assembly in Canberra](#). Another more recent initiative is the National Day of Thanksgiving which has been celebrated every year in May since 2004.

In late 2019 and early 2020 a great release of National Prayer occurred for both the drought and the fires. The BOM forecast that significant rain would not fall until May 2020. Thankfully, this forecast was wrong and major rain fell early in 2020 resulting in the bushfires being extinguished. Furthermore in 2020 we saw above average rainfall across the whole nation. In 2020 year, Australia experienced the [second-best wheat harvest ever](#). On 22 February 2020, the National Day of Prayer & Fasting prayed for the abatement of the Coronavirus. The [Governor General took part](#) in the day outside Parliament House and even promoted the [NDOPF on YouTube](#).

Much united combined church prayer followed throughout 2020 for the Coronavirus. Even the [Prime Minister took part](#). From an Australian point of view the results have been nothing short of miraculous compared with other countries. So far, the Australian death rate is [36 times lower than the USA](#) and 43 times lower than the UK. Let us give thanks that Australia has been [spared the worst of this disease](#). **Let us continue to pray for the abatement of the Coronavirus in our nation** and healing for those affected.

On 26-27 September 2020 Ps Peter Walker called an Indigenous led National Solemn Assembly. This historic gathering was recorded on YouTube and Day One can be seen here and Day two can be seen here. This amazing gathering inspired the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team to ask Indigenous Christian leaders to play a vital role in leading the National Day of Prayer & Fasting on 27 February 2021.

For further information:

**Christian Research Association** [www.cra.org.au](http://www.cra.org.au)

**Australian Bureau of Statistics** [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

**National Alliance of Christian Leaders** [www.nacl.org.au](http://www.nacl.org.au)

**Australian Christian History** [www.chr.org.au](http://www.chr.org.au)

**Australian Christian Heritage Foundation** [www.achf.com.au](http://www.achf.com.au)

**National Day of Prayer & Fasting** [www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au)

# The Australia We Live to See

In 1901 this great nation, was born *'humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God'*. We join with founding father Sir Henry Parkes' dream, that *"the day will come when justice and fair play will triumph in this land: when great bodies of Christians, who now seem half asleep, will bestir themselves"*.

**Humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God we live to see the transformation of our nation:**

**We live to see** marriage between a man and woman honoured by all as the foundation of our nation.

**We live to see** Australians living out the golden rule, loving their neighbour as themselves.

**We live to see** our women and girls honoured and encouraged; rather than objectified and exploited.

**We live to see** our boys grow into men of integrity who are strong, caring and protective.

**We live to see** our children smiling and playing safely in a moral society committed to their best interests.

**We live to see** our children flourish in a nation that protects a child's right to a mother and a father.

**We live to see** respect for life, from conception to natural death, enshrined in law and public policy.

**We live to see** the vulnerable in our community – children, disabled and aged receiving special protection.

**We live to see** our Indigenous people honoured and appreciated for their contribution to this nation.

**We live to see** Australians delight in and care for God's creation, both for this and future generations.

**We live to see** Australians work together to make poverty a thing of the past, both here and overseas.

**We live to see** a society where justice, fair play and the common good provides the foundation for the legal, governmental and social framework that protects every Australian. And that the same protection is afforded to the ageless institutions of marriage and family and the Judeo-Christian heritage and traditions that our nation has been built upon.

**We live to see** Australians receive an education that is built on Judeo-Christian values and develops character, skills and healthy motivations; with educators that pursue truth and good, respect for parental involvement and understand that discipline is a necessary part of learning.

**We live to see** our media, arts, sports and entertainment enterprises act responsibly and morally; discerning truth and opinion, building, encouraging, and providing legitimate heroes for our children.

**We live to see** our churches, hospitals, educational institutions, charities, relief agencies and disability services, supported and unencumbered in the unique character of their sacrificial work.

**We live to see** parliamentarians and leaders; governing with wisdom, compassion, accountability, and the support of an electorate that values character and personal integrity above all else.

**We live to see** the commerce, health, science and technology sectors of Australia serve the common good; placing people before profit, healing before patents & long term national benefit before monetary return.

**We live to see** an Australia that has a strong economic foundation where people will be rewarded for hard work and initiative, where businesses can flourish and prosper to help create jobs for all and where workers will be treated with the fairness and dignity they deserve.

**We live to see** an Australia where the family, founded by the marriage of a man and a woman, will once again be protected, honoured and advantaged as the primary focus of the affairs of the nation; where our family relationships will be treasured; where mothers and fathers will be supported in the noble task of raising children; where we use our talents to build a better world as an enduring legacy for our children and grandchildren.

# History & Vision - National Day of Prayer & Fasting

The National Day of Prayer & Fasting has been in discussion phase amongst several Christian leaders from many different church denominations for many years; Dr Graham McLennan, Warwick Marsh, Bill Muehlenberg to name a few. It was first raised at a meeting of the National Prayer Council at Parliament House in June 2003. It was decided, collectively, at that stage to proceed with a National Day of Thanksgiving. Brian Pickering from the Australian Prayer Network is the coordinator for the National Day of Thanksgiving.

During a meeting of Christian leaders at Parliament House, Canberra for the National Prayer Breakfast on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 a unanimous decision was made to proceed with Australia's first National Day of Prayer and Fasting since 1998, for marriage and family, to be held on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011. It is significant that the date for the first National Day of Prayer and Fasting was first proposed by Aboriginal Christian leader Norman Miller from Cairns.

The National Day of Prayer and Fasting in the first 6 years was held on the first Sunday with a centralised Celebration in the Great Hall of Parliament House. In 2016 the organizing team called for a process of consultation on the future of the National Day of Prayer and Fasting and the 40 Days of prayer and Fasting for 2017 and the years ahead. After much consultation in 2017 the National Day of Prayer & Fasting was moved to the First Saturday before Lent and totally decentralised with 6 hour prayer events being held all over the nation linked together through webcast. Next year's NDOPF will be held on the 26th February 2022.

We have a vision for our nation which can be found in Australia's constitution written in 1901 that we as a nation would "humbly rely on the blessings of Almighty God". We join with founding father, Sir Henry Parkes' dream that "the day will come when justice and fair play will triumph in this land, when great bodies of Christians, who now seem half asleep, will bestir themselves."

Whilst the team is greatly encouraged by the way God has answered our prayers and fasting's over the last 8 years, we are the first to acknowledge that there is still a long way to go and that as a nation we are still hanging in the balance. The need for revival and transformation for Australia is at no time more greatly needed than now. Jesus said in Matthew 7:7,8, "Ask and it will be given to you" and again in Luke 18, he told them a parable about the widow woman who kept on crying out for mercy, "to show them they should always pray and not give up".

The scripture that gives us encouragement is the story of Jehoshaphat, found in 2 Chronicles 20. At this time a massive army came against, Jehoshaphat, then king of Judah. The enemy army was so large the nation faced total annihilation Jehoshaphat's first response was a national call for prayer and fasting, much like we have done over the last 8 years. The people then received a word from God that "the battle was the Lords."

The scripture says in 2 Chronicles 20:21,22, Jehoshaphat, "after consulting the people, appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for His splendour of His holiness as they went out at the head of the army saying, "Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever". The Lord because of the peoples' praise, prayer & fasting gave Israel a breakthrough and delivered them from their enemies.

Perhaps the title of Jonathan Edwards seminal document published in 1747 on prayer and revival best explains our primary purpose in running the National Day of Prayer & Fasting. "A humble attempt to promote explicit agreement and visible union of God's people in extraordinary prayer for revival of religion and the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth..."

# Vision, Mission, Strategy & Values.

## National Day of Prayer and Fasting

### VISION STATEMENT National Day of Prayer & Fasting

**Our vision** is to build a greater culture of prayer and worship in the church. So that as a church and as a nation we fulfil the words stated in Australia's Constitution "Humbly relying on the blessings of Almighty God".

### MISSION STATEMENT National Day of Prayer & Fasting

**Our mission** is revival and ongoing transformation in both church and nation to build a better Australia, for the glory of God

### STRATEGY STATEMENT National Day of Prayer & Fasting

**Our strategy** is to promote prayer and unity between churches not just on one day, but all year round.

**Our objective** is to be Christ-centred and Bible-based and champion the cause of the local church and facilitate local churches working together to transform their community.

**Our aim** is to see people come to Christ and fulfil the great commission, found in Matthew 28:16-20 so that the "Lamb that was slain might receive a reward for His suffering."

**Our dream** is to inspire and mobilise the Australian church to rise up together and cry out with one voice for God to impact Australia and see a Holy Spirit outpouring to bring national transformation and see Australia become "the great southland of the Holy Spirit."

**Our desire** is to bring great praise and extravagant worship to the king of Kings and Lord of Lords because He alone is worthy to receive all glory and honour and power!

**Our goal** is to love God, love people, love life and build a 24-7 canopy of prayer and worship across our nation and be a blessing to the nations of the world.

**Our prayer** is that this heavenly focus may be the means of "creating and fostering throughout all of Australia a Christ-like Citizenship".

### VALUES STATEMENT National Day of Prayer & Fasting

**Our prayer** is that it would "please the father to reveal His Son in us" so that we would walk in a spirit of **humility**, **integrity** and **love** in all our activities and relationships.



# Donating to the National Day of Prayer & Fasting

To call our nation to prayer and fasting and have hundreds of regional and citywide National Days of Prayer all over the nation is a massive logistical exercise. This work requires modern communication expertise through website, webcasting facilities, TV broadcasting and documentary productions, electronic newsletters, video production, marketing and artistic input, television and radio ads, telephone and video conference calls, printing of posters and flyers, postage and delivery of advertising material, rental of facilities, PA and all associated equipment. This work requires skilled management and highly qualified and committed operators. The National Day of Prayer and Fasting has been able to keep costs to a minimum over the past eight years and achieve very good outcomes on very low expenditures.

The budget for this year is \$150,000 which must be raised through donations, church donations and gifts from individual donors to help fund promoting the event across the nation. Local Combined Church Events must cover their own local costs and then donate to the overall cost of running the National Day of Prayer & Fasting nationally out of their surplus funds. We encourage each local 10AM - 4PM event to take up offerings. One offering late in the morning and one mid-afternoon. Use the support Giving Slips provided or the below form.

Donations from ministries and individual donors are greatly appreciated. The National Day of Prayer and Fasting wishes to honour and appreciate all those who give to the cause of renewal and transformation of our nation. Australian Heart Ministries is a registered religious charitable institution.

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# National Day of Prayer & Fasting Executive Team



**COMMISSIONER JAMES & JAN CONDON**  
**Chairman - National Day of Prayer and Fasting.**

Commissioner James and Jan Condon have been Officers of The Salvation

Army for more than 45 years, retiring from active service in 2016. On 2nd April 2011, James was appointed Commissioner and Jan as the Territorial President of Women's Ministries for the former Australia Eastern Territory which covers the States of New South Wales and Queensland as well as the ACT. James is the Chairman the NDOPF Executive Team. They have two daughters and four grandchildren and love spending time with their family.



**WARWICK & ALISON MARSH**  
**Coordinator - National Day of Prayer & Fasting.**

Warwick and Alison live in Wollongong, NSW. Their current ministry

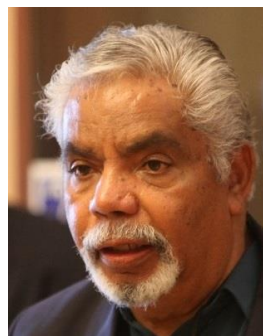
endeavours are mainly with Dads4Kids, the Australian Christian Values Institute, the National Day of Prayer and Fasting, Christian media & mission initiatives, and the Canberra Declaration. Warwick is the Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer & Fasting. Warwick and Alison's passion is to love God and their family and to follow the words of St Francis of Assisi who said, "Preach the gospel and, if necessary, use words". Warwick & Alison have five adult children.



**WESLEY LEAKE**

Wesley Leake is the founder of Business Blessings accountant and business trainer/coach/spiritual leader based in Brisbane, QLD. Wesley's passion is to see Kingdom businesses

raised up, established and supported in Australia and worldwide. He is very conscious that a new day has dawned in terms of God's people being equipped to serve him in the marketplace. He is married to Pam and they have four children.



**PS PETER WALKER**

Peter is from the Bundjalung tribe from the Northern Rivers district of NSW and now resides in Rooty Hill, NSW. Peter is head of the Australian Indigenous Christian Ministries. He and his wife Maria have ministered

throughout Australia and around the world. Peter was the President of the Praise Corroboree, a major prayer and reconciliation event that took place in Parliament House and the Canberra surrounds from 1996 to 2001.



**DR TIM O'NEILL**

Dr Tim O'Neill is married to Jane, has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He came to Christ at 16 years of age and felt called to medicine. He was involved with YWAM in 1969 and then did missions work with

YWAM several times during the 1980s. Tim played a vital role in the Coeee Call to Prayer marches and the National Prayer Gathering at Parliament House in 1988. He gained his Masters in Psychological medicine in 1997 and established Coolamon Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Fellowship. Dr Tim is on the board of Australian Heart Ministries and is a devoted man of prayer.



**ANDREW & JOYCE SCARBOROUGH**

**Next Gen Ambassador.**

Andrew has a Master of Theology from Fullers Seminary, USA. The Scarborough's have ministered with over 300 churches and

ministries from almost every major denomination, across over 15 different nations from Europe to Africa, Asia to America. Andrew is married to Joyce and they have 2 children.

<https://thescarboroughs.com>



**KYM FARNICK**  
**Web & IT Consultant**  
 Kym lives with his wife Nel in Adelaide, South Australia, and fellowship at Field of Dreams church in Maylands. Kym and Nel

are active in local, national, and global ministries and have ministered in various nations including Kenya, Uganda, and Israel. Kym is also a Board Member of [Rahab Ministries](https://ruach-hakodesh.com/), an outreach to the sex industry. and is passionate about unity and oneness for the Ekklesia (the Church) so that the gospel of the Kingdom can be preached.

<https://ruach-hakodesh.com/>



**WINNIE TEO**  
**Victorian State Coordinator Assisting the Events Team**  
 Winnie and family migrated from Singapore to Geelong, Vic in 1993. She was a Registered Nurse before

her twin daughters and son were born. Winnie has had a passion for prayer since she became a Christian at 14yrs old. She has been involved in various Prayer Ministries and was the Prayer Co-Ordinator for her own Baptist church when they were looking for a Pastor. Her dream is that all churches will become "houses of prayer" according to the words of Jesus in Mark 11:17.



**RABI GUNARATNAM**  
**National Events Coordinator**  
 A member of Waverley Baptist Church, Victoria for the past 35 years Rabi is the prayer coordinator, leads the healing ministry, is a Careline, SRI-Christianity in

schools, Kids Hope volunteer, leads a weekly adult Bible study and serves as an Elder. Rabi has authored three books on various Christian life topics. Married to Lilani, they have two married daughters also involved in Christian ministry. Rabi qualified as an Engineer and worked in senior management in large multinationals. Rabi now trains and coaches business owners and managers.



**ANJALI ABBOT**  
**WA State Coordinator**  
 Anjali and her husband Steve attend Victory Life Church, Perth WA. Anjali is involved in prayer and evangelism Groups and in-service pastoral care. Anjali worked in the ATO

for 20 years and now does casual teaching. A fervent follower of Jesus since the age of 14, Anjali endeavours to serve God passionately in every stage of her journey with Him.



**RODNEY HALL**  
**Assistant National Events Coordinator**  
 Rodney and Ruth have been married for 41 years, they have four adult children and two granddaughters. Rodney has a passion for prayer, both

personal and corporate, which has brought both exhilaration and at times disappointment. Jesus became Lord of his life over four decades ago after an encounter with God the Holy Spirit. Rodney's desire is to encourage the local churches to cooperate with God, by promoting prayer and unity across the whole body of Christ. He counts this as both an honour and a privilege.

# **With Thanks & Appreciation**

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