

## WHY PRAYER

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We need to pray because the Bible commands us to (Mt 6:5; Rom 12:12; 1 Thess 5:17). Prayer is how we communicate with God and participate in His works. It grants us the privilege of experiencing God, keeps us humble before Him, strengthens the bonds between believers and can succeed where other means have failed.

### **Why Pray for our Nation?**

God answers the prayers of His people, and in 2 Chronicles 7:14, He specifically emphasises the importance of praying for our nation. Ask the Lord to bring about spiritual renewal across Australia. Pray that people will turn to Him and seek His will for our land.

### **Why Pray for our Leaders?**

The Bible instructs us to pray for "all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Tim 2:2). Pray that our leaders will seek God and endeavour to serve Him in a manner that is worthy of their positions of influence.

### **Why Pray for our Communities?**

Intercessory prayer has the power to change the place where you live. It is time that we took back our communities for the sake of God's Kingdom and covered them with our humble petitions. Pray for your own city or town, asking God to bless your efforts to reclaim your neighbourhood in His name.

### **Why Pray for our Families?**

God designed the family to be a place of love, support, spiritual growth, and, of course, prayer. Now is the time to pray for this holy institution, which is currently under attack in our country. Ask the Lord to bring peace, guidance and healing to families that are struggling every day.

### **Why Pray for our Youth?**

The youth of today will grow up to lead Twenty-first-century Australia. Each day conflicting moral standards, violence, and the latest media scandals bombard them. In the midst of this turmoil, God is raising up an army of young people. Ask the Lord to make them bold and steadfast in their faith.

### **What Else can we Pray About?**

#### **Churches and Ministry Organisations for courage and strength.**

##### ***Ask God to help them:***

- Stand strong in their convictions
- Be bold in their witness
- Meet Australia's spiritual needs
- Be a place of hope and healing

#### **The Imprisoned and Persecuted for protection and unity.**

##### ***Ask God to help them:***

- Endure their hardships
- Find joy in the midst of trials
- Encourage one another
- Find comfort in their faith

**Mass Media, Cultural and Social Services for wisdom and knowledge.**

***Ask God to help them:***

- Reflect godly values in their work
- Be accurate and fair in their presentations
- Place a high value on truth and decency
- Be responsible with their influence

**The Family for blessing and prosperity.**

***Ask God to help families:***

- Commit to the permanence of marriage
- Serve one another in love
- Be dedicated to each other
- Restore broken relationships

**Personal Renewal and Moral Awakening for reverence and humility.**

***Ask God to help us:***

- Confess our sins
- Seek His direction
- Rely on Him instead of ourselves