

National Days of Prayer, CRY OUT NEW ZEALAND

PART TWO: Friday 26th to Sunday 28th November

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER:

CRYOUT OF THE NATIONS: CRYOUT FOR UNITY

Introduction: Following our 4 days lead-in of prayer and fasting, from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th, for those that were able to join with us on these days, PRAYER AND FASTING can continue as the HOLY SPIRIT LEADS; and those that join for the weekend may also like to join in prayer with fasting – WELCOME!

A house divided cannot stand. Nations are in turmoil as the Virus Pandemic has moved and affected nations worldwide. There are many opinions regarding this problem that has caused 5 million plus deaths worldwide. As nations' authorities are still investigating the source and cause, many opinions exist and also shared regarding the vaccines, their effectiveness and safety. Many people are trying to bring unity on a vaccine opinion, even seeking to unite the people of God on a particular emphasis of opinion, including political opinion.

When we look at Scripture we see that GOD'S works are done in truth.

Psalm 33:4 "For the word of the LORD is right; and all His works are done in **truth**."

Psalm 85:10 "Mercy and **truth** are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed."

God's people can and should unite in **truth**. We know doctrines and traditions of man cannot unite people (e.g., about vaccines, or politics!). In God alone, true unity is His standard: "**TRUTH**" – that is – "**HIS WAYS**". We know that Jesus said, "I am the Way, the **TRUTH** and the Life". It is only in the person of the Son of God, and the Kingdom of God, we can be united.

John 1:1-5, 14, 17. "**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.** All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shone in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ... The **WORD** was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His **GLORY**, the only begotten of the Father full of "**GRACE and TRUTH**. ... The law came by the way of Moses, and **GRACE and TRUTH** by **JESUS CHRIST**."

A WORD TO MEDITATE ON (John chapter 17)

THE WORD AND PRAYER OF JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH.

Please read and meditate on this Scripture, for Abba Father and Yeshua (Jesus's) call is to be ONE IN UNITY WITH HIM. Jesus prayed to His Father "that they (His followers) would be one as He and His Father were one"! May the HOLY SPIRIT lead us in effective fervent prayer for UNITY IN JESUS.

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, He looked up to Heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all who You have given Him.

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ who You have sent.

4 I glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You gave Me to do.

5 So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed.

6 I have made Your name known to those whom You gave Me from the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7 Now they know that everything You have given Me is from You; for the words that You gave to Me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I

came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom You gave me, because they are Yours.

10 All mine are Yours, and Yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in Your name that You have given Me, **so that they may be one, as we are one.**

12 While I was with them, I protected them in Your name that You have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I am coming to You, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have My joy made complete in themselves.

14 I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

15 I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but I ask You to protect them from the evil one.

16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

18 As You have sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their word, **that they may all be one.** As you, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

22 The glory that You have given Me I have given them, so **that they may be one**, as we are one, I in them and You in Me, **that they may become completely one**, so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

24 Father, I desire that those also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory, which You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 Righteous Father, the world does not know You, but I know You; and these know that You have sent Me.

26 I made Your name known to them, and I will make it known, **so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**

Other Scriptures to Pray and Meditate on:

[Psalm 133:1](#) (Read and meditate on this Psalm)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in **unity!**

[Ephesians 4:3](#) (Read and meditate on this chapter of Ephesians 4)

Endeavouring to keep the **unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

[Ephesians 4:13](#)

Till we all come in the **unity** of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

To breach the gap of diverse opinions that many strongly have, we also need God's WISDOM that is from above. For the unity in the SPIRIT is peace, represented in the Holy Spirit resting in the form of a dove on Jesus at His baptism by John the Baptist, for the God of all wisdom and peace will bring us into the unity we ask of Him. Wisdom is available to those that ask.

Wisdom from Above

James 1:5

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you.

James 3:8-18

8 No one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Pray according to God's given wisdom: LORD, I CRY OUT; LORD BREATH ON US FROM ABOVE YOUR WISDOM ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD, and draw us together in the UNITY OF THE FAITH IN YOU, as we are ONE as Jesus and the Father are ONE. Pour out Your Spirit, Heavenly Father, upon us as we CRY OUT TOGETHER, "ABBA FATHER, ABBA FATHER", in Jesus' name we pray and give thanks.

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SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER

CRYOUT OF THE NATIONS: AUTHORITIES AND POWERS

For Reading, Meditation, and Prayer

We live in a world where there are two main authorities and powers: we live in a physical world where there are physical, human authorities, and spiritual world which has spiritual powers and authorities. In both areas there are good and righteous authorities, and evil, ungodly ones. Hence, as Christians, we are called to pray for our leaders over us:

1 Timothy 2:1-6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone – for kings and all who are in high positions, **so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.**

This is right and is acceptable in the sight of **God our Saviour, Who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, **Christ Jesus, Himself human, Who gave Himself a ransom for all** – this was attested at the right time.

We also read in the Bible that there are evil spiritual principalities that we will encounter; as Christians we need to be aware of these, and the victory we can have over them, through Christ, as we pray and intercede:

Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power.

Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For our struggle is **not against enemies of blood and flesh**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the **spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS, THE MESSIAH

We don't need to be afraid of spiritual battles because we don't face these alone. There is victory over evil principalities and powers; and victory over sin – over the world, the flesh and the devil!

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came to earth to show us the way to victory on earth, through His Blood – the way to overcome evil principalities and powers. Jesus also rules in Heaven, as King of kings and Lord of lords. He is both Son of Man and Son of God. He rules over earth, and in Heaven. And **we are overcomers as we live in, and for, Him!**

An old chorus says it well:

There's victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever
He sought me and bought me, with His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

AUTHORITY and POWER – then GO!

Jesus said to His disciples ...

"**All authority in heaven and on earth** has been given to Me. **Go** therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age." (see Matthew 28:18-20)

"John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ...

"It is not for you to know the times or periods that **the Father has set by His own authority**. But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (see Acts 1:4-8)

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**" (see John 20:21-22)

Our supreme **AUTHORITY** is *not* those who have authority on earth (though we are to honour them and pray for them), *nor* those evil spirits which seek to exercise demonic authority in the world (which we are to stand against), but the **Lord God Almighty**.

Our **POWER**, as a Church, is from the power of God's Holy Spirit, Who inspires us, leads us, protects us, provides for us ... and sends us into all the world to share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ,

MESSAGE TO THE NATIONS – "... so I send you."

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "**Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.**"

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness, '**Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.**'" (see Matthew 3:1-3)

In a sense, John was an 'Old Testament' prophet who linked the Old Covenant to the New Covenant which Jesus would proclaim. The message began with repentance, preparing the way of the Lord, making the crooked paths straight, and preparing for the Kingdom of Heaven.

A call to repentance

The OT, many times, has a call to repentance; for example **Joel 2:12-17**.

"Yet even now", says the LORD, "**return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.**"

Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "**Spare Your people, O LORD**, and do not make Your heritage a mockery, a

byword among the nations. ***Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'***"

2 Chronicles 7:12-15

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "**I have heard your prayer**, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice.

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, **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**.

Now My eyes will be open and ***My ears attentive to the prayer*** that is made in this place.

God created the world as a perfect place for Him to dwell with His people. But Satan, by deception and lies, led Adam and Eve into sin. Sin separates us from God, and the only way back is by **FAITH**, repenting, and asking for forgiveness through the death of Jesus and the Blood He shed for washing us from all sin and restoring us to a right and glorious relationship with Him.

We may be saved, but we live in a lost, sinful world. We need to **CRY OUT to God** for our people, our nation, our world, that people will hear the Good News of the Gospel, come to the Lord for forgiveness and salvation – restored to a right relationship with our Creator, Saviour and Lord.

***Let us come under His AUTHORITY and POWER,
not that of a lost and fallen world!***

Psalm 34:11-22

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are on the **righteous**, and **His ears are open to their cry**.

The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the **righteous**, but **the LORD rescues them** from them all.

He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Joshua 24:15 “Choose today!”

If you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living – **but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD!**"

CRY OUT today, that our people will hear and obey the Lord God Almighty!

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SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

CRYOUT OF THE NATIONS – “COME, LORD JESUS!”

For Reading, Meditation, Prayer, Proclamation

Isa 40:3-5 A voice cries out, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then **the glory of the LORD shall be revealed**, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Mark 1:2-4 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending My messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one **crying out** in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of **repentance for the forgiveness of sins**.

CRY OUT ...

Jonah cried out over the wickedness of Nineveh.

Lord, have mercy on me – David.

Lord, save me – Disciples in a storm on Sea of Galilee.

Lord, remember me – thief on cross.

Lord, deliver me – (in many Psalms)

Lord, forgive me – David's prayer (Psalm 51)

Before Jesus died on the cross:

- The crowds cried out, "Hosanna to the One Who comes in the name of the Lord."
- Some of the Jews cried out, "Crucify Him!"
- The thief on cross cried out, "Lord, remember me when you come into Your kingdom."

How we can cry out:

- Cry Out for your nation, and the nations of the world. "**Open the gates** so that the righteous nation that keeps faith, may enter in." (Isaiah 26:2)
- Cry Out for the Church, the Body of Christ on earth, to **live** and **share** the life of Christ.
- Cry Out for the lost and their salvation.
- Cry Out for revival – "Will You not revive us again?"
- Cry Out in times of grief, despair ("my soul cries out"), joy, worship, celebration.
- Cry Out for the return of Jesus.
- Cry out against wickedness, injustice, immorality, violence, unrighteousness.

PSALM 3 Save Me, O My God

O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying to me, "There is no help for you in God."

But you, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

I cry aloud to the LORD, and He answers me from His holy hill.

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.

I am not afraid of ten thousand people who have set themselves against me all around.

Rise up, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! For You strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

Deliverance belongs to the LORD; may Your blessing be on Your people!

PSALM 24 The King of Glory

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

PSALM 34:17

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

PSALM 61 Lead Me to the Rock

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to You, when my heart is faint. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I; for You are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me abide in Your tent forever and find refuge under the shelter of Your wings.

For you, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.

Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations!

May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

So I will always sing praises to Your name, as I pay my vows day after day.

In Scripture, many, many people **cried out to the Lord**, usually in desperation, or conviction of sin. But often, too, for many other needs or reasons.

By the grace of God, He has said, "**Call to me** and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." (Jeremiah 33:3)

One of the "great and hidden things" was that the Messiah (Christ) would come amongst us as a Man, show us the way to live, teach us the ways of God, and make a way – a unique Way – which both gives us eternal life, and also brings us into an intimate and loving relationship with God our Father, through Jesus our Saviour, and born again by His Holy Spirit.

Almost 2000 years ago, Jesus said, "**I am the Way**, the Truth, and the Life; no-one comes to God the Father except through Me."

But there was a price to pay! God's close relationship with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, where they walked and talked with God, was broken when they sinned. God is without sin, and only those who are cleansed from all sin, can walk and talk and be with Him, forever!

The "great and hidden things" included God's plan for our salvation. We cannot save ourselves because we are not perfect and cannot be perfected by ourselves. (Sin can't make itself clean!) So, Jesus came to make the Way – as the perfect Son of God, He came to shed His Blood in order that we might be made righteous before God. Abraham sacrificed a goat; the Israelites sacrificed lambs – as forerunners or symbols of the Lamb of God (Jesus) Who would be sacrificed for us.

The first "Passover", when God saved the Israelites from death by the sacrifice of a lamb, has been celebrated annually by the Israelites since then. Jesus participated in the Passover with His disciples, on the eve before He was crucified.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it He broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29)

Sometimes in Christian churches, the commemoration of this Passover meal is held more often than once a year, and may be called the Last Supper, the Lord's Supper, or 'Communion'.

Communion = common + union (having something "in common", and united "in union"). These two words are not the same – for example, a husband and wife can both own a home; they have it in *common*; but they might not live in a *united way*).

Before they fell into sin, Adam and Eve had communion with God. But they were excommunicated from the Garden, and from God, by their disobedience.

Praise God, we can be forgiven, washed clean from sin, reconciled with God, through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. He has ascended back into Heaven, but the Good News is He's coming back; and we **CRY OUT, "Even so, COME LORD JESUS!"**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil, A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we've first begun.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long. AMEN! (Psalm 23)

BLESSING ONE ANOTHER ... (Numbers 6:24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen!