

Prayer Update 1000

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God's Word for this week ... (Ephesians 1:17-21)

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power for us who believe, according to the working of His great power. God put this power to work in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, *far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.*

OUR NEW GOVERNMENT

Now that we have a new Government, we still need to pray for their leadership in our nation. The following list includes Labour Cabinet Ministers, and their National shadow counterparts, for some major Cabinet roles. Please pray for them, other MPs, and their advisors.

Labour and Labour Ministers

Prime Minister: Jacinda Ardern
Deputy Prime Minister: Grant Robertson
Finance: Grant Robertson
Education: Chris Hipkins
Health: Andrew Little
Social Development and Employment:
Carmel Sepuloni
Foreign Affairs: Nanaia Mahuta
Housing: Megan Woods
Environment: David Parker
Covid Response: Chris Hipkins
Speaker of the House: Trevor Mallard

National and shadow Leaders

Leader: Judith Collins
Deputy Leader: Shane Reti
Michael Woodhouse
Paul Goldsmith
Shane Reti

Louise Upston
Gerry Brownlee
Nicola Willis
Scott Simpson
Chris Bishop
Jacqui Dean

For a full list of MPs and their roles, responsibilities and electorates, see the following:

Labour <https://www.labour.org.nz/ourteam> and **National** <https://www.national.org.nz/team>

For MPs in other parties, see Green Party www.greens.org.nz ACT Party www.act.org.nz

Maori Party www.maoriparty.org

- **Please pray** especially for the above MPs, and your own Electorate MP.
- **Please pray** for the MPs in other Parties in Parliament, their leaders, and those with special responsibilities (Assistant Ministers, etc).
- **Please pray** for the seven known Christian MPs who lost their seats in the Election; and one known Christian who has won a seat for the first time.

OUR SUPREME AUTHORITY

In the world in which we live, we have authorities and leaders over us. In a democracy, the government we get, and the laws they pass, reflect the society in which we live, for better or for worse. But the verses above (Ephesians 1:17-21) speak of our supreme authority – our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ. Morally and spiritually, politics won't change the world for the better – people's hearts and lives need to be changed! We all have the choice as to how we live. Politics, government and laws can't save us, make us more moral or "better". We have spent several months praying about our elections, and we may have been disappointed, but now it is time to: **Pray** the above verses for the Church, all Christians, and ourselves. **Pray** for the salvation of all those people who have not yet come under the supreme authority of the Lord and under His saving grace, blessing and eternal life.