

Prayer Update 1047

Wednesday 10 November 2021

God's Word for this week ... Romans 8:26-28 and 12:1-2

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."

CRITICAL TIMES

We are living in critical times – the days of the "Three C's" – Climate Change, and Covid. These are the days, right now, where critical decisions are being made. No matter what our personal views on these issues are, the decisions made in the next few days, and the next few months, and for many years to come, will affect us all.

But God is over all, and He tells us to "Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert, and always persevere in supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18)

- Prayer is not a last resort; prayer is our first resort!
- *Not* – If all else fails, try prayer; *but* pray so that all else doesn't fail!
- Faith, not fear; peace, not turmoil. God's will and ways, not ours, be done.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

Climate Change

For the discussions and decisions that will be made at the current Climate Change conference in Glasgow.

- That wise decisions will be made *and* implemented in the near future; not "promises" which fail to be actioned.
- For New Zealand's part in what we do to help minimised climate change and its effects, both in our own country and worldwide.

Covid

For the many decisions that need to be made now and in the coming days, such as ...

- How lockdown levels should be changed, and when, in order to give people much more freedom. If the "traffic light" system will be implemented, and how, in order to assist in stopping the spread of covid.
- How the December-January holiday period should be planned, and how it will work out in practice.
- How non-vaccinated people will be treated with regard to losing their jobs; not being allowed to gain entrance to many places such as shops, businesses, public places and events, travel on public transport, etc. Discrimination and division over this issue.
- People's personal choices, and their freedom to choose with regard to vaccination. The sense of compulsion to do what the government demands.
- Discrimination between vaccinated and unvaccinated people.
- The sizes of groups of people at indoor and outdoor activities.
- Where to next year? What further changes may need to be made.