

Prayer Update 1048

Wednesday 17 November 2021

God's Word for this week ... Psalm 42 (selected verses)

Why Are You Cast Down, O My Soul? Hope in God!

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God.

By day the LORD commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God!

Pray concerning CHANGES IN OUR SOCIETY AND WORLD

- All the changes going on with covid, testing, vaccination, hospitalisation, some staff no longer in their employment.
- Schools, teachers, students, nearing the end of this year's classes, final exams.
- Mental wellbeing of people, those who live alone, elderly, families with young children.
- Patience with lockdowns, "traffic lights", holidays coming up and other inconveniences.
- People's frustration, fears, anxieties, anger, stress, division over vaccination issues.
- Government, its advisers, and the decisions they make.
- Employment, businesses – in the first 8 months this year just over 26,700 businesses were deregistered – if each business only employed 4 people that would be over 100,000 people.
- Effects on, and changes to, churches – number of people (and who) can gather; effect of online meetings for many months.
- Disunity because of differences of opinions over these issues.

The answer God gave to King Solomon? Christians united all over our land, Crying Out to the Lord in humility, prayer and repentance (read **2 Chronicles 7:11-22**) Verses 13-14

"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 (repent) from their wicked ways, **then** I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and **heal their land.**"

NATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER: Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th November

Each year, a weekend of prayer is held in November, and *Pray for the Nation* is part of this Call to Prayer. This year there will also be four days of prayer and fasting in preparation, from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th, for those who would like to participate in this too (fasting is optional, and can be in whatever way you choose).

Prayer notes and suggestions for prayer are provided for each day. These notes are on our website's Prayer Updates page for the first four days (Monday to Thursday); the Friday to Sunday ones will be on the same webpage before this coming Sunday 21 November. See...

<https://www.pray-for-the-nation.org/weekly-prayer-updates.php>