

Prayer Update 1057

Wednesday 16 February 2022

God's Word for this week ... Colossians 2:2-10 Paul wrote to the Colossian Church – "I want their (Laodicean Christians) hearts to be *encouraged* and *united* in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured *understanding* and have the *knowledge* of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of *wisdom* and *knowledge*. I am saying this so that no one may *deceive* you with *plausible arguments*. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your *morale* and the *firmness* of your faith in Christ.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, *rooted and built up* in Him and *established* in the Faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you *captive* through *philosophy* and *empty deceit*, according to *human tradition*, according to the *elemental spirits* of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness in Christ, who is the *Head of every ruler and authority*."

[**Note especially, the words in italics**]

What happens now?

In last week's *Prayer Update 1056* it was mentioned that *Pray for the Nation* will cease as an organisation in March. Obviously people will continue to pray for their nation, no matter which nation that might be. The following organisations have been a great inspiration, encouragement and source of prayer topics, from which we have drawn much information about vital prayer issues. We recommend you look at the following sites, see how they function, and how they can encourage and inform you in your prayers.

It has not been decided yet, but we might send out an occasional email after March with comments and prayer topics. These will not be regular, and no more than a page long.

These will automatically be sent to you ***unless*** you don't want to receive them, in which case all you need to do is email us at ifnz@xtra.co.nz with **Unsubscribe** as the 'Subject' (You can always email us and 'Subscribe' again later if you wish)

New Zealand Christian Network – <https://nzchristiannetwork.org.nz>

Bringing Christians together to strengthen the church of Aotearoa New Zealand. NZCN News is an excellent way to keep up with articles and key issues facing society and the church in New Zealand. **Pray as One NZ** is part of NZCN – <https://prayasone.nz>
Join us from 8-9 pm Mondays on Zoom; we have speakers from around the nation who join us to share with us and join in prayer.

Prayer @ Parliament – www.prayeratparliament.org.nz

Praying at Parliament for our leaders and the nation, normally 3 times each year, but no current meetings scheduled because of covid. Details of past meetings are on their website.

City by City <https://citybycity.co.nz>

City by City exists to help encourage unity, prayer and transformation throughout Aotearoa-New Zealand.

Specifically, our focus is a city-by-city approach. We seek to strengthen local leaders in faith, hope and love. Identifying with and blessing that which the Father is doing in each place. We seek to encourage and support leaders who are taking responsibility for the Presence of God in their city or town.

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Australian Prayer Network <https://ausprayernet.org.au>

Aims of the Prayer Network:

- To see spiritual renewal and revival of the Church and spiritual and social transformation of the Nation.
- To help the Church to more effectively accept spiritual responsibility for the community in which it ministers, both at a local and national level.
- To train and equip balanced leadership in the area of Prayer, Intercession, Strategic Level Prayer and local and national Mapping and Research initiatives.
- To mobilise the praying people of Australia as an effective, ongoing and credible support for the ministry of the Church, and to see the spiritual and social transformation of our Nation by the power of God released through prayer.

Family First – <https://familyfirst.org.nz>

Family First NZ has quickly become a household name, advocating for families, and speaking common sense and values on a broad range of family issues in New Zealand. It seeks to promote strong families, marriage, and the value of life, based on principles that have benefited New Zealand for generations. As well as being a dominant voice for family values in the media, Family First also provides Research & Education.

Rhema Media – <https://www.rhema.co.nz>

Broadcasting the Good News through radio, television, and print (The Word for Today)

Christian Broadcasting Association <https://www.cba.org.nz>

CBA exists to share the heart of the Christian faith in mainstream media.

Hope Project (part of **Shining Lights**) <https://hopeproject.co.nz>

Helping make NZ a more hope-filled place. Sharing the Gospel throughout the nation, including nationwide distribution of booklets to every home, at Easter and Christmas.

PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE ORGANISATIONS –

Their reaching out to our nation in prayer, and sharing the Gospel throughout our country by various means – online, radio, television, print ...

There are, of course, many other prayer groups, ministries, organisations and churches who **pray for the nation** – reaching out in prayer, teaching the Word of God, witnessing, and in other ways sharing the Good News of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please pray for these also.

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