

Prayer Update 987

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God's Word for this week ...

From Psalm 11: I take refuge in the LORD! How can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains; for the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

The LORD is in His holy Temple; the LORD's throne is in Heaven. His eyes see, and His gaze examines everyone. *The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked*, and His soul hates those who love violence. He will rain coals of fire and sulphur on the wicked; a scorching wind will be their lot.

For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold His face.

COVID OUTBREAK

While there has been an outbreak of covid in Auckland, it appears to be a cluster amongst a group of people, which has a single source. **Please pray**:

- That the source of this outbreak will be found quickly, and that there will be no further outbreaks or spread of covid.
- That rumours, conspiracy theories, false claims and misleading "information" will not continue, and that there will not be further panic, fear, confusion, etc.
- That people who have covid will not be shamed by what some people have said or done.
- That effective vaccines will soon be available worldwide to prevent the spread of covid.
- That by 27 August, Auckland and the rest of NZ will be at Alert Level 2, or preferably 1.

RIGHTEOUS LEADERSHIP

'**Righteous**' means acting in the right way – as defined by God, the righteous Judge – just, moral, correct, true, pure, etc. **Please pray** that righteous leaders will be raised up in NZ.

Suggested prayer topics for the next 7 days praying for the Elections, include:

- **New Election date**: Saturday **17 October**, with a starting date for voting of 3 October. Pray about all the changes which this will involve, and decisions which need to be made.
- **Electoral Commission**. Elections are an enormous undertaking, especially because of the elections being delayed by 4 weeks. **Pray** for the organisation and administration of the elections. **Pray** against any possible interference in the electoral process, from whatever source – including Covid. **Pray** for an election and referendums that are both effective and efficient. **Pray** for the logistics and all the people involved.
- **Political parties** and their candidates, plus their lists of possible List MPs after the elections. Also for the continuation of campaigning up until the elections.
- **Government** will handle the economy and Covid wisely and well.
- **People will vote**. At the last (2017) election about 940,000 eligible people did not vote.

RESOURCES

The two Referendums leaflets in your Electoral Commission letter, which you should have received in the last few weeks (possibly last month).

www.familyfirst.org.nz **Family First's** website which includes how MPs have previously voted on important moral issues like abortion, etc.

www.valueyourvote.nz for copies of **Family First's** "Election 2020" booklet.

www.prayeratparliament.org.nz/downloads **Prayer @ Parliament's** website. See the download: **40 Days of Prayer** (10 August – 19 September)

www.elections.nz and www.referendums.govt.nz – **Government websites**.