

Prayer Update 988

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God's Word for this week ...

Proverbs 4:7; 10:31; 19:20; 23:23

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom; a perverse tongue will be silenced. Listen to advice and accept instruction, so that you may gain wisdom for the future. Buy Truth, and do not sell it; buy Wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS ... WISDOM FOR OUR GOVERNMENT

Please pray about the following situations, for which important decisions need to be made.

COVID

Border control.

Monitoring, contact tracing, testing, quarantine, managed isolation, self-isolation, eradication of Covid.

Alert Level changes: currently Level 3 for Auckland and Level 2 for the rest of NZ.

Mandatory wearing of masks on public transport from Monday 31 August. Distancing, use of QR scans or sign-in at places people visit, hand sanitising.

Long term plans for preventing a recurrence of Covid or similar outbreaks; learning from what has happened so far.

People who currently have Covid and those suffering ongoing effects from it.

Everyone involved in reducing Covid spread, and treating people needing help with Covid.

Prime Minister - Jacinda Ardern; Minister of Health - Chris Hipkins; Director-General of Health - Ashley Bloomfield, and all their advisors.

Social effects and changes caused by Covid, and lockdown/Alert Level restrictions.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Debt repayment: On 25 March, up to \$52 billion was authorised by Parliament to cover all costs associated with Covid. The current \$13 billion work subsidy ends on 1 September. An extra (up to) \$14 billion is available if this subsidy needs to be extended after Tuesday 1 September.

Ongoing expenses associated with Covid.

Business closures, unemployment, huge decreases in tourism, the hospitality industry, air travel, etc. Currently, over 210,000 people are unemployed.

Balancing economic recovery with the public Health and Safety costs associated with ongoing Covid spread.

Wisdom and right decisions in our new Government (irrespective of Party/Parties): MPs who stand for, and vote for, right values such as: truth, justice, morality, restraint of evil, etc; and that all parties and MPs will work for the welfare of the whole country, not just for political gain.

Other points for prayer

- 23,000 children in NZ have a parent in prison.
- Over 7000 people are on NZ's gang list. Some gangs are using social media to recruit new members.