

Prayer Update 989

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God's Word for this week ...

... Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. (See James 3:13-18)

New election date

Possible effects from delaying the election date by 4 weeks (from 19 September to 17 October) may cause some changes, including the following. Please pray about these possibilities.

- **Candidates:** Changes to, or new, candidates. The last date for acceptance of new candidates has been extended by 4 weeks to 18 September. If there are changes, this will affect voting in the electorates where the changes occur, as far as choosing the electorate MP is concerned.
- **Covid changes:** Any changes to Covid Alert Levels may also bring changes to the way people vote.
- **People may change their minds** about their Party vote, their electorate MP vote, their Referendums choices, and even whether or not they vote at all.
- **More campaigning** – people may get bored, lethargic, impatient, lose interest; or they may be better informed and influenced by what they hear.
- **More time to inform people** and advertise, especially about Euthanasia and Cannabis, and their possible effects on society. Pray that people will be made a lot more aware of the implications of voting for or against changing our current laws about euthanasia and 'recreational' use of cannabis. (Medical use of cannabis is already legal, for the treatment of people who need it for health reasons).
- **The Two Referendums:** Cannabis and Euthanasia. Pray that people will get informed before voting; that they will know what these referendums are about and implications, and will vote intelligently, discerningly, and prayerfully. For further information, see: www.valueyourvote.org.nz and www.votesafe.nz and votecompass.tvnz.co.nz
- **Any other changes** the 4-week delay might cause.

Food parcels

As a result of Covid, many people have suffered loss of income and some have lost their jobs. Many businesses have also lost financially, and some have had to close permanently. As a result, a huge number of people are struggling financially and are being assisted with food parcels.

Please pray for adequate food, and for the people who are helping to meet these needs.

Pray too for those people who are suffering financially, those who are now unemployed, and for businesses which are struggling to survive.

Racism

Racism is a major issue in many parts of the world, including the United States where this is currently a very serious problem. New Zealand is not immune! **Pray for** unity in our country and for *practical solutions* to the problems of racism, injustice and inequality.

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