

Prayer Update 990

Wednesday 9 September 2020

God's Word for this week ...

Jehoshaphat called on the Lord and said, "See now, the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who You would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and who they avoided and did not destroy – they reward us by coming to drive us out of Your possession that You have given us to inherit. O our God, will You not execute judgment upon them? For we are powerless against this great multitude that is coming against us. *We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.*" 2 Chronicles 20:10-12.

Praying for the Elections and Referendums

Please pray for:

- **Answers to issues**, policies, problems, etc., to be debated, *not* attacks on other people.
- **Important issues** to be debated with clarity and honesty, especially about the two Referendums and the effects of these if they are passed.
- **Christians to prayerfully vote** for the Party, Electorate MP, and each Referendum.
- **No attacks against** the election process and a good government; that is, there will be no adverse human or spiritual interference in the process and outcome of the elections.
- **Motivation of Christians** to pray about how they should vote, and to vote accordingly.
- **The effects of minor parties** on the Election results.
- **People to recognise** that a prevailing idea that "a person should be allowed to do what they like as long as it doesn't affect me" is harmful to our society. Many things harm other people (often in insidious ways) but "don't affect me" directly. This also applies to the outcomes of the Referendums and the decisions made by Parliament – we are all affected, to varying degrees, by the outcomes of such decisions.

INFORMED VOTING ON EUTHANASIA and CANNABIS

- **End of Life Choice Act** – If the vote in favour of this Act passes, it will come into force next year.
- **Legalisation of Cannabis Bill** – If the vote in favour of this Bill passes, it will be introduced into Parliament next year for debate, possible amendments, and Parliament's final vote.

These issues were spoken about, and prayed about, on **Pray as One NZ**, one week ago and two weeks ago, respectively. To watch the two messages, see the first link below.

Pray as One NZ

Praying for NZ, every Monday 8-9pm, via Zoom. About 100 people join in each week. A speaker introduces a topic for prayer – these messages (10-15 minutes each) are videoed and can be seen on YouTube – go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1sgankFT-VEYAQn7qDMiSw/videos?app=desktop>

To join in a Monday prayer time, go to: www.prayasone.nz

MARRIAGE WEEK NZ (13-19 September)

Celebrating Marriage & Family Life in NZ

1. Help couples build strong marriages and family life, through love, protection and Biblical values.
 2. Provide opportunities for couples to renew their marriage vows.
 3. Promote pre-Marriage courses and Marriage-strengthening programs in churches and communities.
 4. Commit in prayer together, for marriages and families in our communities and across NZ. See *Hebrews 13:4*. **Contact:** James Muir 021-400874 or jmuir@kinect.co.nz
- **Please pray** for this week and its purposes, and for other family-life issues in NZ.