

Prayer Update 997

Wednesday 28 October 2020

God's Word for this week ... (See 1 Timothy 4:6-16 for full context)

Paul wrote to Timothy: "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

THE NEXT GENERATION

Perhaps somewhat surprisingly, the word "youth" is used 65 times in the Bible. The Bible is not just for adults; it has a lot to say *about* youth, and *for* youth. Those of us who are in the older (or much older!) generations, need to remember to pray fervently for those who are in the younger generations. The following contains some of the prayer items from last Monday's **Pray as One NZ** online prayer meeting (see www.prayasone.nz for details about joining in with these weekly Zoom meetings).

There are many areas of young people's lives that we need to cover in prayer:

For safety and God's protection over them – physically, mentally, socially, spiritually, emotionally and in their families; also with regard to the media (especially online).

For the "orphan" generation – those who are unfortunately separated from either or both father and mother, and who feel a sense of rejection and loneliness; those who may find some support and encouragement in somewhat undesirable company. The Lord is a "Father of the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5)

For their salvation and close relationship with the Lord, His Word and His people. For the fulness of God's Spirit to dwell with them; for His calling, anointing, gifting, wisdom and discernment. (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:16-18)

For God's protection and empowering to overcome temptation and the attacks of the evil one.

For other Christians' encouragement to seek the Lord for His will for their life; for courage to step out as He calls and enables them.

For all Christian workers who are seeking to reach out to this generation of young people – to share the Gospel, counsel, encourage and assist in other ways. For effective ministries through churches, schools and other youth groups; showing young people that they are loved, valued and needed in our society.

For solutions to the problems faced by young people, including non-ideal home life; bad influences, unemployment, drugs, immorality, lack of work skills and/or good education; depression, lack of self-worth, etc.

"My Final Call to Prayer for the Nation" – ALFRED NGARO, MP.

Given on Parliament steps, 20 October 2020

Alfred Ngaro was an MP for 9 years but sadly was not returned to Parliament at this Election. He is a great intercessor for New Zealand, Parliament and our Government.

This 15-minute video is *well worthwhile* watching. [You do not have to belong to Facebook to view it; the link goes directly to the video. The sound begins about 1 minute from the start.]

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