

# Prayer Update 999

Wednesday 11 November 2020

**God's Word for this week ...** (1 Chronicles 16:23-31 Abridged)

Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. ... Honour and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place. ... Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength – the glory due His name. ... Worship the LORD in holy splendour; tremble before Him, all the earth. Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "**The LORD is King!**"

## OUR LEADERS

Now that we have a new Government, we still need to pray for their leadership in our nation. *Our Parliament has been opened with prayer every sitting day since it first sat in 1854. The following prayer has been prayed from 1962 until three years ago when the Speaker changed it, but we can still pray it for, and on behalf of, our Government.*

"**Almighty God**, humbly acknowledging our need for Thy guidance in all things, and laying aside all private and personal interests, we beseech Thee to grant that we may conduct the affairs of this House [Parliament] and of our country to the glory of Thy holy name, the maintenance of true religion and justice, the honour of the Queen, and the public welfare, peace, and tranquillity of New Zealand, **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**"

Parliament will be sitting every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-19 November and 1-17 December. *Our leaders need our prayers!* The major instruction in the New Testament about praying for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:2) says we should –

**Pray** that we may lead "*a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and dignity*".

**Pray** also for those things which encourage good government and leadership, including: righteousness, justice, truth, freedom, wisdom, unity, honesty, fairness, protection and provision for those who need help, etc – *in policies, and in legislation, and in action!*

**Pray** for everything that helps build up a good, strong and healthy society.

**Pray** that Christians, especially, will live in these ways and be God's examples of how we all should live.

The ultimate need for a good and Godly nation is that people are born again, filled with the Holy Spirit and follow God's Word and His ways. **Pray** for this in our own lives, the lives of other Christians, in our own church, and in the Church as a whole!

## THE CHURCH

**Pray** about the following –

1. There's not much use praying for a Godly nation if we, in the Church, do not demonstrate the way in which followers of Jesus should live – both in our own personal lives and as the Body of Christ. If we want God to hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and heal our land, then 2 Chronicles 7:14 says we need to humble ourselves and pray, seek God's face and repent (turn from our wicked ways); then God will hear, forgive and heal.
2. In the letters to the seven churches (Revelation chapters 2 and 3), three of the things Jesus mentions to the church and its members are: when we have "*lost our first love*" for Him and the Kingdom of God; when we think we are "*alive and our churches are alive, but we are spiritually dead*"; and when our hearts are "*lukewarm*" towards the Lord and towards our very needy nation and world. Let us examine ourselves and pray!

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