



## WERRIBEE BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYER BULLETIN FEBRUARY - MARCH 2021

In 2021 Palm Sunday is March 28<sup>th</sup>; Good Friday is April 2<sup>nd</sup>; Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day) is April 4<sup>th</sup>; and Pentecost Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. In 2020 people were not able to gather together in person to remember and celebrate these events. We expect to be able to do so this year. The months of February and March are a time of reflection on the final weeks of the life of Jesus and a time for God's people to seek a fresh movement of the Holy Spirit in their personal and church life.

We have been challenged over the last few weeks from the story of Nehemiah to be a people of prayer who, looking at the brokenness of our world, cooperate with God in his work of making all things new again. We are called to be a people who preach a message of hope to those who have no hope.

These next two months we have some prayer suggestions to guide us in our praying for WBC and our world. You can use them in any order or in any combination. You can use them as a daily guide, or you can set aside a particular time each week to pray for WBC.

### PRAISE

Take time to consider the words of the Apostles Creed and the use them to guide your praise.

I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communions of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*(The word "catholic" does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church. The word does not refer to a particular church, it means "the true Christian church of all times and all places".)*

### CONFESSION

Not one of us is perfect. It will only be when we meet Jesus face to face that we will be transformed. Until then we all need to ask God for forgiveness for those things, we know we have done that offend him.

No church is perfect. Ask God to forgive WBC for those times when we did not act in ways that honoured him and for those times, we have rushed ahead of him.

Thank him for the forgiveness he gives.

## THANKSGIVING.

- Give thanks that we can meet again for worship. Give thanks that Youth and Children's ministries have recommenced. Give thanks also for all the other ministries that are recommencing in February.
- Give thanks for pastoral and administration teams that have been working tirelessly over the last few months to ensure we can meet in COVID safe ways. Give thanks that progress has been made in vaccines and treatments for COVID.
- Give thanks for the Life Groups, Playgroups, and prayer meetings that have continued on-line during the 2020.
- Give thanks for Simon and the team whose skills and training made it possible for us to have on-line church in 2020.
- Give thanks for the faithful and encouraging teaching of the Scriptures from the pastors and others during 2020.
- Give thanks for the Stan's faithful leadership of the congregation over the last few years.
- Give thanks for the Church Council members who continue to ensure that the ministry of WBC is done in godly order.

## PETITONS

- As you pray for the people listed ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit and to give them wisdom. Ask God to protect them from the attacks that the enemy of God's people will launch against them. Pray for God's protection on their families.
- Pray that the move to two Sunday morning services will go well. Pray for Stan and those who will be leading us through a new series over the coming weeks. Ask God to use these messages to rekindle a deep sense of hope for the future.
- Pray for Stan (the Lead Pastor) as he seeks to guide and encourage the pastoral and administration teams. For Justin as he leads the worship team. For Keryn as she leads the administration team. For Belinda and the office team. Pray for Simon and the technical team as they continue to enable WBS to connect with people on-line. Pray for Suz, as she coordinates the Creative team and works towards making Sundays run smoothly. For Graham & Denise as they lead the Connect ministry. For Karen as she leads the Playgroup ministry. For Lindsay, as he continues to encourage and visit those in aged care.
- Pray for the Church Council as they prepare for the annual Church Meeting and as they look at future plans and staffing needs.
- Pray for Gennie & Alex as they lead the Children's ministry. Pray that the children will come to know Jesus as their Saviour and friend. Pray for the youth leaders, Yohann & Natalie and the team as they seek to disciple the youth of the church.
- Pray for everyone who has joined one of the many serving teams that enable the body life of WBC to operate.
- Pray that the Life Groups and the other bible study groups will grow in their understanding of Scripture and in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray that those people who are connected to WBC (in person or on-line) who are seeking to know the truth about Jesus would come to know him as their Saviour and Lord.
- Pray that as WBC celebrates its 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary that we will experience a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit to equip for ministry to each other, to the community of Wyndham and to the world.
- Pray that as Easter approaches, we will all grow in our understanding of the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Pray for Jacqui, who has returned to Thailand, that she will quickly settle into the work she is doing there and globally. Pray for Lisa on home assignment that she will be refreshed. Pray for Deanna as she works alongside the SIM missionaries to help them deal with the challenges they face. Pray for the Loftis family in Thailand, Phil and Carol, missionaries in residence at the Sydney Missionary Bible College. Pray for others associated with our fellowship Dan and Cam in Germany in sports ministry, Melissa working with an NGO in development work in Africa.
- Pray for the WBC family in the workplace and in places of learning, in retirement and in the home. Pray that we will all be witnesses for Jesus.
- Pray for our Community, State and Nation. Pray that a revival would come, and the people would turn to Jesus.
- Pray for an economic recovery after the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for all levels of Government that they will have the wisdom that they need to lead all in the community not just the loudest voices.