

Devotional

Freedom

Jesus often spoke of the freedom humankind would find through him. But exactly what is the freedom that He promised His followers?

Theologically, some feel a similar sense of freedom in not observing what they feel as 'Old Covenant' practices. They feel free from the law. They feel that the burden of the law has been lifted, and they are no longer under bondage. That Christ did everything for them, setting them free to love God and be loved by God, to love their fellowman and come into a family of believers that in return express love for one another.

Jesus read from the book of Isaiah *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed: to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

Christ came to free us from sin through His atoning sacrifice, Hebrews 2:14-15 tells us that Jesus *"shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is the devil – and free those who all lives were held in slavery by the fear of death."*

Romans 6:23 *"Christ paid the death penalty for us, freeing us from it. We have been set free to live a life in Christ."*

Gal 5:13 *"For you have been called to liberty, only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."*

This is the hope we have, the hope to share and the freedom to do so. The freedom to read our bibles, the freedom to pray, the freedom to practice our beliefs and the freedom to reach out to others in our communities.

Thank you Lord.

Blessings **Helen Bell**
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International Prayer News

We stand alongside our MMM Centre's internationally and commit to praying for them on a daily basis. Please remember the following prayer points in your daily devotional time.

Pray for MMM Zambia that God will open doors of finance to help retire all debt. Pray for good stewardship of the finances.

Pray for Florence N-Kaniki in her role as National Director of MMM Zambia. Pray also for husband John as he supports Florence and the family in their mission with MMM Zambia.

Pray for Howard and Ave Robinson in New Zealand that they will know God's continuing provision for their family as they serve God on the mission field. Pray for their daughter Jacinda as she heads off to south-east Asia for an extended period on the mission field.

Pray for the Board of MMM New Zealand as they cradle the governance of the work in New Zealand. Pray they will know the blessing of God on every facet of their ministry.

Pray for MMM in Hong Kong as they continue to appeal for new project workers. Pray for the hearts of people in the many churches in Hong Kong to be open to volunteering with MMM HK.

Pray for Andrew Wong as he works as National Director. Pray for wisdom as they search for a National Director to take on the role after Andrew. Pray for new Board members to come forward and commit to serving God in this area also.

Pray for the team in Thailand as they prepare for the first MAT later this year. Pray for many to get involved and committed to participating in the MAT.

Praise God for all he does through the work of MMM in locations around the world. Praise Him for his faithfulness and provision for MMM. Praise God for the volunteers across the world who partner with MMM in His service.

PrayerForce

July 2019



MMM Australia

1 Pray for the Wildflower Safari team that are making their way across the country. Pray for safe travel and safety on project sites. Pray for harmony amongst the team, pray for Geoff Jarvis as he leads the team as far as Ceduna. Pray that God goes before them and that his presence is with them all the way. Pray for Rod Heape as he picks up the Safari from Kalgoorlie in WA.

2 Pray for the Weekend Warrior Team as it develops a new group in Victoria. Pray for people to join in and become part of the Weekend Warrior Team in Melbourne, and that projects will be identified that suit this service model.

3 Pray for the MMM Queensland who need additional team members to help to paint the church exterior at ACC Gayndah and Durong Anglican church.

4 Pray for the NSW team as they head to the Ter-rigal Presbyterian Church to paint the interior of the hall and complete some general maintenance.

5 Pray for more volunteers for each state to help fulfil the needs of each project. Pray for people from all spheres, skilled and unskilled.

6 Praise God for the governance of the Board and the faithful service of each of the Board members who bringing their individual skills to enrich MMM's vision. Pray for wisdom and insight for the Board meeting on July 18th.

7 Pray for the National Office staff and volunteers in Mitcham as they continue to cope with a busy workload. Pray for blessing for them and their families. Pray for Flora & Rachel as they administer the finances.

8 Pray for the Queensland prayer coordinator Marie Ann as she manages palliative care for herself at home. Pray that her time left will be peaceful and glorifying to God. Pray also that she can love & nurture as many of her friends as possible before she goes. Please honour this faithful sister in the Lord with your prayer support.

9 Pray for Craig Goldsmith as he settles into his role on the Board. Pray for God's wisdom in all he brings to MMM. Pray for his work as Finance Manager at Mount Evelyn Christian School, that God would bless the work of his hands.

10 Pray for MMM fundraising activities as all the state teams work hard to be creative in fundraising activities. Praise God for the variety of ideas shared at the May conference, they are inspiring.

11 Praise God for Peter & Glenda Holliday as they unfold the parameters of the National Associates program. Pray for insight and vision as Peter develops the strategies to take the program forward.

12 Pray for the finances of MMM. Pray that God will continue to stir the hearts of supporters and sponsors regarding the financial needs of MMM.

13 Let's join with Ruth & Shane as they continue to pray for wisdom and discernment in planning and implementing project requests for MMM TAS.

14 Pray for Terrence Baxter as he continues on his busy schedule as CEO of Australia. Praise God for the partnerships and relationships he fosters across the nation to enhance the work of MMM.

15 Pray for many people to join the upcoming Missions Awareness Tours to Northern Thailand in November 2019 & 2020. Pray for planning of all that is needed for the tour. Pray for wisdom for the Thailand team as they plan the project work for the MAT team.

16 Continue to pray for the Region Managers that they have renewed strength, clear focus and enthusiastic energy as the year rolls on.

17 Please pray for the Riverbend Youth Centre project in Tasmania. Pray for the team as they prepare for the next part of this project, a new gym floor. Pray for the large team needed, favour with suppliers and wisdom for the best way to do the work.

18 Pray for John Cooper's health, pray for continued healing as he recovers from a recent operation so he can return to full health.

19 Pray for good health and prosperity for all MMM volunteers across the nation. Pray for more volunteers to join the MMM workforce in every region.

20 Pray for all of the people that are reached through the communities we help by restoring and renovating their buildings, which enables them to continue reaching out with the love of God in local communities.

*Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where Spirit of the Lord is, there is...*

FREEDOM

2 Cor 3:17