Devotional

Pray according to God's will

What an incredibly privilege we have to be able to pray and have God answer us. When I was young in my faith, I regularly prayed for things I thought I wanted. Like new shoes, a holiday at a particular destination, for more money etc. As I have matured in my faith and studied the Word, God has taught me the most effective prayer is to pray according to His will.

I John 5:14-15 (AMP) "14 This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. 15 And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears and listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him.."

We can pray with confidence when we pray according to God's will. The bible is full of teaching on what God's will is. Here are just a few examples:

- God wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (I Tim 2:4).

- We are to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly (Micah $6{:}8)$

- If we lack wisdom, and ask God for wisdom, without doubting, God will give it to us (James 1:5).

- We need to persevere so when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised (Heb 10:36)

There are so many more and I encourage you to delve into the word and discover what you can be confidently praying for.

Blessings, Robyn Fedrick National Prayer Coordinator

International Prayer News

Special Prayer for MMM Zambia

We have decided to commit our international prayer this month to MMM Zambia.

The staff and board members have experienced unprecedented persecution over recent weeks from disruptive former staff and students.

Pray for Florence N-Kaniki as National Director that she will be safe and protected from the personal threats against her safety.

Pray for Board Chair, Edwidge Lungwebungu and the entire MMM Zambia Board as they deal with the divisive and disruptive influences coming against the work at the Ndola base.

Pray for the staff as they support the work and vision of the board and the work of the management team. Pray for their safety and security.

Pray for those who are persecuting the ministry, that they would know Christ at work and in every area of their life.

Pray for the Board of the MMM International Alliance as they seek to support the work in Zambia, the Zambian Board and the staff.

Pray for the MMM New Zealand team as they support and work with Florence and her team through this difficult situation.

Prayer for Howard Robinson, MMM New Zealand National Director as he leads communication with MMM Zambia.

"Pray without ceasing" I Thess. 5:17

PrayerForce March 2020



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 $\mathbf{1}$ VIC – Pray for the plastering project at Dandenong Baptist Church March Ist – I2th. Pray for volunteers to cover the two weeks' work, pray for protection and favourable weather. Pray that the team will work well together and be blessed in their work.

2 Pray for those states that are holding their fundraiser dinners in March. Pray specifically for the dinners in Western Australia (March 7th), Victoria (March 2Ist), Queensland (March 28th). These events are a chance to get together and encourage each other as well as enjoy a fundraiser auction, guest speaker and dinner.

3 WA – Pray they will be able to organise projects that suit the availability of volunteers. Pray for the upcoming project at Kobeelya Conference Centre on 9th-16th March, more volunteers are needed, pray for the right people for the job. Pray for the fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings on March 21st.

4 TAS - have a number of projects coming up over the next few weeks (including YWAM Sorell and Key to Life Church of Christ). Please pray for volunteers currently committed and that more volunteers will join the teams. Praise God for the new people who have joined in with recent projects.

5 Pray for Terrence Baxter as he continues on his busy schedule as CEO of MMM Australia. Pray for travelling mercies and financial provision for all the trips he has committed to. Pray for wisdom as he leads MMM Australia.

6 Pray for the Mitcham office staff and volunteers as they continue to cope with busy workloads. Pray for Rachel Littlechild, Kim Roediger, Flora Fung, Dave Kenyon, Robyn Fedrick & Sutha Jayanthan that they will know every blessing from God as they faithfully serve him. **7** Pray for the health and safety on all the site projects for all of our teams as they put their hands to work; "serving those who serve". Pray also for safety in travelling to and from project sites.

8 Praise God for the support of those who give financially to the work of MMM Australia. Pray for generosity in giving and support to enable MMM to continue fulfilling the works that are so desperately needed around the country.

9 Pray for each of the Region Managers for guidance as this year ramps up with new projects. Pray for John & Anne Cooper *(Qld)*, Ruth & Shane Goelst *(Tas)*, Trevor & Karen Beard *(WA)*, Geoff Jarvis *(Vic)*, Greg & Robyn Jackson *(NSW)*. Pray for wisdom in challenges faced. Pray for protection on them and their families.

10 Please pray for more people to hear the call to work with MMM on projects. These projects cannot be completed without the hands on the tools. There is always more we could do if there were more people to do it. Pray for volunteers who are able to commit regular time to serve.

11 Pray for the planning of the Top-End Safari, May - August 2020. Pray for more team members and for a team leader. Pray for the projects currently scheduled and for those still being planned.

12 Pray for the first Papua New Guinea project in Alotau. The project has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Please pray as the project is planned for a new date.

13 Please continue to pray for a replacement for Noel to run the Build-A-Bond ministry as he prepares to step down this year. Pray for someone who can commit to serving in this area. Pray they will have the skills to be able to run, program and maintain a steel rolling machine. 14 Pray for each of the Regional Committees. Pray for wisdom and guidance in their support of the Region Managers. Pray for unity and team work in the final planning and preparing for the annual dinners in March.

15 Pray for opportunities to share the vision and mission of MMM in churches across Australia. Pray for gifted ambassadors for MMM who can succinctly and clearly present the MMM message and that it will inspire a new generation of MMM volunteers and supporters.

16 Pray for our National Patron, Steve Grace as he tours Australia in his ministry as a musician/ evangelist. Pray for safe travels and a fruitful ministry. Pray for God's financial provision.

17 Pray for the planning of the Dogura Hospital, PNG project (Build-A-Bond) in September. Pray for a committed team to construct the buildings.

18 QLD – Pray for the planning of projects and getting team/teams together for the jobs which usually start after Easter when its cooler. Pray for one or two volunteers to help John with the projects he's doing in the next few months.

19 SA – Pray for the Annual MMM Fundraising dinner being held on May 2nd. Praise God for the Aldgate Church of Christ for providing their facilities and for the radio station LIFE FM in Adelaide who are promoting the dinner. Pray many will hear the promotion and attend.

20 Pray for the MMM Australia Board, pray for understanding of God's will and direction for our organisation. Pray God's protection and blessings on them as they generously give of their time to serve MMM Australia.