

## Devotional

### Peace

Does fear have a place in your life? In Colossians 3:15 it says “*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*” As Christians the peace of God is to rule our hearts and minds.

However, this can feel easier said than done and I believe God knows how easily we can walk in fear for He repeatedly reminds us throughout scripture “*do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for I am with you*”. Some examples can be found in the following verses - Deut 20:3-4, Gen 15:1, Ex 14:13, Joshua 1:9, 2 Chron 20:15, Jer 1:8, John 14:1, Her 13:6. I encourage you to read them, I believe it will lift up your spirits, and remind you of what is true. If we stop and listen to all the lies of the enemy, we can start to agree with him and not the truth of God’s word. The fact is that nothing is too big for God and with God on our side we have no reason to fear.

So how do we overcome fear. Faith is the key to overcoming, and there is a very practical way we can apply this. We can begin by confessing God’s Word every day, which builds our faith and reminds us of God’s truth, digging out the lie we have believed. God’s Word is a powerful tool. In the armour of God in the book of Ephesians, the ‘word of God’ is depicted as a sword. To be more specific, it is representative of the short sword soldiers used to dig out any arrows of the enemy that had hit them. As Christians, we use the short sword (God’s word) to dig out the arrows (lies of the enemy) that have hit us.

In Jeremiah 23:29, God told Jeremiah the prophet,<sup>29</sup> “*Is not my word like fire,*” declares the LORD, “*and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?*”. Find a scripture that relates to your particular fear and speak it out, put it up on your mirror to remind you of the truth, pray it over yourself, delve deeper and study that particular verse and peace will begin to replace the fear.

Blessings

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## International Prayer News

### Dear Prayer Partners

Normally we collate 9 or 10 prayer points from the various MMM Centre's around the world and present them here in a list to pray over throughout the month. This month however we felt it important to bring you one MMM Centre to focus on throughout the month of August.

Recently our CEO Terrence Baxter met via Zoom with Andrew Wong from MMM Hong Kong to discuss the current situation in Hong Kong/China. We must pray for the ministry there as they face difficulties way beyond our own understanding.

Over the past 12-18 months political and civil unrest has paralysed the economy and severely impacted MMM’s ability to operate effectively in Hong Kong and into China. Lay on top of that COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and the inability to raise funds and we see a grim picture for the work in the near future.

Let us each one commit to pray for MMM in Hong Kong for the entire month of August. Pray for breakthrough, pray for miracle’s in finances, in volunteers, in staffing, in Board and administration. Pray for Andrew, and the Board. Pray every day that God will open what men can’t.

Pray for sponsors and donors to respond to the need as God directs.

We are encouraged in scripture to “*pray without ceasing*”, so lets commit to pray for Hong Kong for the entire month of August!



# PrayerForce

## August 2020



# MMMAustralia

**1** Pray for our Government as they continue to lead our country through the pandemic. Pray for unity between parties, wisdom in leadership and skilled decision making. 1 Tim 2:1-3 *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.<sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Saviour."*

**2** Pray for Melbournians in their second lockdown. Pray for endurance and strength to keep moving forward and keep our hope in God alone. Pray for peace that surpasses understanding in this season, for God's continued provision and protection.

**3** VIC - Pray for Geoff Jarvis, Region Manager, as he reorganises projects with Melbourne being back in Stage 3 restrictions. Pray for wisdom, strength and encouragement as he manages these changes. Pray for encouragement for the teams that had come together for the projects that are now paused.

**4** QLD – Pray for their upcoming Garage Sale fundraiser in September. Pray for continued donations of items, for a successful sale and God's blessing on the day. Pray that it will be a great success! Pray for opportunities to share God's love to those who come.

**5** NSW – Pray for volunteers to come and help paint the exterior of the church in Lismore (*end of August.*) This will be their first church building, pray that they will be encouraged as they start out in this building, pray they would grow as a church and will reach many for God's Kingdom.

**6** NSW – Pray for the Attunga job (*starting 31<sup>st</sup> August*), a Christian campsite in the Southern Highlands. This is a large job and needs plenty of willing volunteers. Last year we were wholeheartedly thanked for the work we did. They said if it wasn't for MMM they would have struggled to improve their facilities. Praise God for the opportunity to serve them again.

**7** Pray for safety and good health for all our volunteers, especially those in high risk areas. Pray for God's protection and continued provision in their lives.

**8** Pray for our CEO, Terrence Baxter, as he leads MMM Australia through this season. Pray for God's strength and grace to continue to enable him to do the work God has called him to do. Pray for God's protection on him and his family.

**9** VIC – Pray for financial provision for our Region Manager Geoff Jarvis who is a full-time volunteer. Pray God will raise up sponsors who are able to provide consistent support for Geoff and his wife Jill. Pray God will meet their every need and bless them as they follow Him.

**10** Pray for more volunteers in regions where projects are recommencing. Pray for people who have a heart to serve and are able to commit regularly. Pray for those who God is calling to serve, to hear and respond to His call.

**11** Pray for wisdom for our Region Managers and Team Leaders as they complete projects under the COVID Safe Work Methods. Pray God will enable them to make wise decisions, to communicate clearly and manage their work sites safely. Pray for unity between leaders and volunteers, pray for God's blessing on them as they work together.

**12** Pray for a growth in prayer fellowships around the nations. Prayer underpins everything we do and is crucial to the work we do, as we serve the Lord. Pray for God to raise up more prayer warriors and intercessors. Praise God for the faithfulness of our prayer team and their heart for prayer.

**13** QLD – Continue to pray for God to raise up team leaders for upcoming projects in QLD. Pray for God's provision in this area, that He will bring the right people forward who are called to this purpose.

**14** Pray for engagement and a sense of purpose for our volunteers as they work on various projects around the country, and for those working in the office and other areas as well. Pray God's hand on each one and the purposes and plans He has for them.

**15** NSW – Pray for the new monthly prayer meeting, that has started up again with the easing of restrictions. Pray for God's blessing on those attending, for growth, for wonderful fellowship and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit as they pray. Praise God for their commitment to pray!

**16** Pray for the Regional Committee's as they meet together to support the work of MMM in their region. Pray for creative fundraising ideas as they look for alternative ways to organise fundraiser's. Pray for the chairpersons of these committee's as they coordinate the various activities at a regional level.

**17** Pray for the National office staff and volunteers. Pray for Rachel Littlechild, Kim Roediger, Flora Fung, Dave Kenyon & Robyn Fedrick. Pray God's protection over them, and His guidance in all they do.

**18** Pray for Ian Graham as he assumes responsibilities from Noel Taylor for all Build-A-Bond projects. Praise God for Roger Dohnt and his team who have agreed to be our consulting engineers (*pro-bono*) for Build-A-Bond designs.

**19** NSW - Pray for their upcoming garage sale on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Pray for generous donations of items in the coming months for the sale. Pray for volunteers to help in the planning and organising of the sale and also for running it on the day.

**20** Pray for God to open the right doors to assist churches and organisation's across Australia. Pray for opportunities to open up, that we can meeting the building needs of those who are serving, so they can focus on the ministry God has entrusted them with.