

Devotional

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I am writing this from Melbourne, in Stage 4 Lockdown. I can't travel more than 5km from my house, and if I do it's only to purchase essentials and exercise. For the first time in my life I am under curfews I never even imagined could happen. Our world has dramatically changed to meet the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic and has had an incredible impact on us all.

It brought me to thinking how God is with us in any circumstance. Nothing can separate us from Him. In Romans 8:35 it says *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?"* and Romans 8:39 follows on to say *"neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

God has not abandoned us. It is in fact quite the opposite. We know that God is Faithful, Loyal, Steadfast, Trustworthy and Incorruptible (Rev 19:11 AMP). His very character reveals to us He will never leave us, it's simply not who He is.

This season has presented us with an opportunity to know where our hearts really stand in our faith. Has your faith wobbled in light of what is happening? Or has it proved your faith? Whichever way this trial has shone light on your faith, we have an incredible opportunity to press into God and deepen our roots, to strengthen our faith like never before in this testing ground.

I encourage you, if you have the opportunity to attend an online Bible Study, GO. If you have the opportunity to watch Church Online, DO. If you have the chance to attend a Prayer Group, ATTEND. Encourage yourself in your faith, don't let it dwindle or fade. God will reward you. Matthew 24:13 *"But the one who endures and bears up [under suffering] to the end will be saved."* (AMP)

Together with you,

Robyn Fedrick National Prayer Coordinator

International Prayer News

Hong Kong

Praise God for answered prayer as architect, Will Wong joins the MMM HK Board after much prayer.

Pray for Andrew and the HK team as they navigate the difficult times in Hong Kong at this time.

Pray for Lolita Chan as she assists with administration in the HK Office.

Pray for new volunteers to serve on projects, pray also for a National Director to lead the team there.

Zambia

Pray for Florence and her team as they prepare accommodation facilities for students and other visiting organisations.

Praise God for the great work in completing the cafeteria construction, the work was done by MMM staff and graduates of the VTC.

Pray for much needed finances in this time of recession in Zambia. Pray also for good governance and input from the MMM Z Board.

South Africa

Pray for Neil & Marie as they endure COVID-19 isolation in their new home. Pray for finances to support them and wisdom as they look to restarting project activities.

Pray for John Benn and the MMM SA Board as they look to grow the work in South Africa.

Thailand

Pray for all the Board Members of MMM Thailand as they continue to support Palita and Pedro in their work for MMM. Pray for a growing sense of connection in this time of social distancing.

Pray for Palita and Pedro in all they do to serve God in the ministry of MMM. Pray for Palita as she has had to close her English school because of COVID-19.

Pray for Pedro's safety and health as he continues to work at various churches, and mission agencies.

New Zealand

Pray for Howard and the Board as they have had to postpone the AGM because of the latest COVID-19 infections across New Zealand.

Pray for Ave and Howard as they prepare for the upcoming wedding of their daughter Jacinda to her beloved Brandon.

Pray for Doug Carson in his role as Board Chair for MMM NZ. Pray for Ruth Carson for protection and safety in this COVID-19 pandemic.

PrayerForce

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MMM Australia

1 QLD - Praise God that so many of our faithful team have booked to come and help at the garage sale this month. Pray for safety with everyone at the garage sale and that many people will come, buy and chat. Pray for God's blessing on the sale, pray more people would come to know of MMM through this sale, and that there would be many conversations about God.

2 TAS – Praise God for the project work that is happening again. Pray for volunteers to be available to do the work and pray for wisdom and discernment for our Region Managers to know when to schedule projects, what to commit to and what to say no to.

3 Please pray for Melbournians as they continue in Stage 4 lockdown. It has been tough for everyone. Pray for God's peace and the joy of the Lord to carry them through. Pray for even greater compliance to restrictions so we see numbers continue to drop, pray for God's healing on our land.

4 Pray for the ongoing development of an effective and safe COVID-19 vaccine and having it available so that MMM operations in Australia and Internationally are able to return to normal. Continue to pray for our Government as they lead our country through the pandemic.

5 WA – Pray for God to raise up new Region Committee members. Pray for several new volunteers to step up and hear the call to meet the needs of the Region Committee as they support the Region Manager's. Pray for people who are able to commit the time needed to fulfil this important role.

6 NSW – Several members of our team are in need of physical healing. Please pray for Paul Barnham, Peter Groves and Phill Hall, that God would heal them and restore their health. Pray they will be able to step back out into the work God has called them to do. Pray God's blessing's on them.

7 TAS – Our Region Manager's first grandchild is due this month. Please pray for both mother and baby, for a safe delivery, for protection and God's hand to be over them both.

8 Pray for healing and good health for our people as there are quite a number in our team across MMM Australia suffering medical issues. Pray for physical restoration and healing so they are able to do the jobs that God has called them to.

9 Pray for Geoff Jarvis (*VIC Region Manager*) for financial provision. He works as a full time volunteer, trusting God to provide for him. Pray God will call donors to contribute on a regular basis to provide the support needed to continue his work for the Lord.

10 Pray for safety and good health for all our volunteers, especially those in high risk areas. Pray for God's protection from COVID-19 and His continued provision in their lives. Pray for a deepening of their faith as they face the various challenges caused by the pandemic.

11 WA - Pray for extra volunteers for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraisers as new requirements are implemented to comply with COVID 19 protocols. Pray for God's protection as they serve, pray for favour and that the funds needed would be raised.

12 TAS - Praise God for the provision of finances, materials and assistance to do the work around the MMM centre they've wanted to do for so long. Thank God for the ongoing generosity of the churches that they've been able to assist. Pray for God's continued provision.

13 NSW – Praise God, our prayers for Team Leaders, for the many upcoming projects have been answered! Thank God for all the leaders who have stepped up to take on various projects. Pray for God's protection, wisdom and insight as they lead their teams.

14 Praise God for the great opportunity to enhance, and further develop a small team of volunteers in South Australia, even though we cannot get across the border at the moment. Praise God for the two couples who are on the team and pray for new volunteers needed to join the team for upcoming projects.

15 QLD – Praise God for our new full time volunteers, couple Don and Bonnie McCaslin! They are a great blessing to the MMM team and both are working with John on projects. Pray God's blessing on them as they commence with us, pray they would be encouraged in their service for God.

16 WA - Give thanks that a young carpenter has decided to support the ministry of MMM and make himself available for 1 day a month for Project work. Pray God's blessing and encouragement for him. Pray God would raise up more committed volunteers.

17 Pray for the ministries that MMM Australia are working with. Pray that the completed MMM maintenance and building projects will enable them to further expand their ministries and outreach activities. Pray for an increase in God's kingdom as a result, as this is why we do what we do.

18 NSW – Pray for the upcoming garage sale and fundraising dinner. Pray for wisdom as plans are made and for volunteers to help run these events. Pray for God's favour, that many people would attend and that funds will be successfully raised.

19 Praise God for His provision of finances through this pandemic. Thank Him for making a way for us to continue operating and fulfilling the call He has given us to serve.

20 Pray for our National Day of Prayer coming up on Sunday 4th October. Pray God will call many to join us in prayer. Pray for sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we pray.