

**Heavenly Father..
I'M BACK!**



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The Power of Persistent Prayers (PPP)
.. Go boldly before the Lord! **Hebrews 4:16**

Prayer Booklet

NBC Day of Prayer and Fasting

Wednesday 1st March 2023

As you pray your way through this booklet, please take some time to hear what God is saying to us.

Write it down if it seems appropriate and send it to the leaders at leaders@northchurch.com.

These are challenging times for the nation and for the church.

We would like to have a special focus and prayer focus for NBC as we approach Easter and the church members meeting on 14th March.

Here are some thoughts of how we might pray with intentionality and direction.

Jeremiah 33:3 - *"Call to me and I will answer you, and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."*

1. Put on the full armour of God - Ephesians 6.

- **BELT OF TRUTH:** Focus on Jesus, a Grounding in Christian doctrine, will help you resist the devil and his lies and schemes.
- **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:** keep your relationships right, righteousness given to us by God, and protection for our heart against guilt and condemnation.
- **BOOTS OF THE GOSPEL:** Get involved in prayer and service, do not be a passive spectator.
- **SHIELD OF FAITH:** Keep trusting in God in tricky times - be the opposite of cynicism and scepticism.
- **HELMET OF SALVATION:** win the battle of the thoughts of the mind. Protection against doubt and accusation.
- **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT:** know your bible, the word of God, to undo the works of evil.

2. Praise the Lord:

for His love His character and His presence and His blessing.
Use Psalm 96 as a declaration and prayer base.

3. Prayer.

Pray for the church leadership and their families:

- Parmjit Moyo, Viv Watson, Kevin Ling, Barbara Newton, Bob Thompson, Steve Brehm, Tracey Skeggs. (Mel Eckert - Treasurer and Trustee).
- Rev David Russell.
- For Parmjit as she leads the pastoral team, coordinating with David and others in caring for the members of the church
- For Kevin as he leads and coordinates the enabling work of the church.
- For Tracey as she oversees the worship life of the church.
- For Bob as he oversees the development of the church plant.
- For Barbara as she oversees the churches links with the community.
- For Viv the church secretary as he coordinates with Steve and David, around life mission and discipleship.
- For Steve as he oversees life groups.
- Pray for a new treasurer as Mel seeks to hand over the role.
- Pray for the next leaders God is raising up for church leadership, life groups, ministries and missions.

4. Pray for Church Staff.

Rev David Russell, Mary- Ann Mountford, Sarah Taylor, Steve Brehm, Marluce Delaqua, Mary Purkiss.

- Pray that we are able to be effective in the call that God has placed on our lives, in order to enable and to develop faith amongst the church community and the wider area of Northchurch.
- For Mary Ann as she works amongst families and children.
- For Steve and Sarah as they work in administration, enabling the church to function effectively and efficiently.
- For Marluce as she seeks to lead, grow and develop the sung worship area of church life.
- For Mary as she comes to the end of her time with NBC and moves into her new role.
- For David as he seeks to lead and guide the church and the leaders and the staff in following Jesus, sharing life, and reaching out.

5. Pray for the church as we seek to recruit our next youth worker.

- Pray that we know the right role and details for recruiting.
- Pray that we find the right person.
- Pray for the youth team, and leaders during this transition.
- Pray for the young people to continue to grow and develop in their faith and relationships.

6. Pray for the church as we approach the time of changing from one charitable status to another, and become a CIO.

- Pray that people will join us on the journey and move their details and membership.
- Pray that people will be inspired and challenged to consider their giving as they move their details, and will give financially as God leads them to facilitate the vision he's given us.
- Pray for the technicalities, that it will all run smoothly, and be efficient in transition.
- Pray that no-one who wants to move gets left behind.
- Pray for Steve, Sarah and others as they communicate and coordinate this new move.

7. Pray for the church leaders as we discuss and lead the church in its relationship with the Social centre.

- Pray for good conversations with members of the church, a clarity of purpose and direction, that we would know Gods heart and leading.
- Pray for good conversations with Mark and the trustees of the Social centre, good relationship, and clear intentions.
- Pray for the work of the Social centre, its financial well being, its physical development and works, its rental use, and its use in alleviating the deep need of the community.
- Pray that NBC would know the next steps we are taking as a church in our worship, our disciple making, and our connections with the opportunities and potentials of our relationship with the Social Centre.

8. Pray for the church and its Life group, small group network.

This has been an area of great success and some frustration over the years. We would like to:

- Create capacity for people to meet and grow in relationships and faith.
- Create a variety of creative ways for people to get together, grow in skills in faith and in relationship.
- Create a programme which encourages and enables ALL church members to attend, either in growing or serving in church ministry or mission outreach.

9. Pray for the church as we grow across the many areas of church life and ministry.

As you've seen the numbers on Sunday morning are growing, and we want to:

- Enable and grow our Life group network.
- Enable and develop our work amongst those unchurched who have begun attending, by continuing and growing our work on Wednesday evenings after meet'n'eat.
- Enable and develop a strategy for those many young families, those with new babies, and those with toddlers that we'll be able to find the right resources to facilitate this.
- Enable and grow our work with those with special needs.
- Enable and grow our work with those families and couples looking to grow in faith.
- Enable and grow our ministry amongst those singles in the church.
- Enable and grow an effective ministry amongst older people.

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