

## Prayer Focus across the Gold Coast in October - November

### CONTEXT:

Across the globe we are seeing a shaking of all that can be shaken the like of which we have not seen in our lifetime. In the midst of the chaos, we are reminded that we are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

For the Gold Coast our Tourism, Hospitality and small business sectors have been shaken to their core. Housing prices whether to buy or rent are going through the roof. Domestic violence and mental health issues are off the scale. Vaccine mandates in some sectors has added further troubling division into an already volatile atmosphere.

Within the Body of Christ fracture lines are increasing – division is to the fore.

### HOW ARE WE – THE PEOPLE OF GOD – TO RESPOND?

#### Scriptures to ponder and put into practice in this season:

##### Romans 8: 9-16

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.<sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.<sup>[a]</sup> Do not be conceited.*

##### John 15:12

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

### PRAY FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST TO FIX OUR EYES ON HIM and TO LIVE OUT OF HIS WISDOM.

**OUR WITNESS IS IMPORTANT** – It would be easy to be caught up in the fear – (from both sides of the vax argument) - in the complaining – in the criticism – and in the grief of what is happening to people around us.

**We need to keep our eyes fixed on our Lord and seek His wisdom.**

**What is He doing in this season? What is our assigned task in this season?**

**Our Mission has not changed – each of us has a race to run. It will be easy to be distracted by what the destroyer is doing.**

## SCRIPTURE TO PRAY OVER THE BODY OF CHRIST ON THE GOLD COAST

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11*

### FOCUS:

- Pray specifically for the individual members of the Body of Christ to take up their particular assignment and place in the Body.
- Intercede for the ministries across the city engaged in bringing security, hope, healing and deliverance to captives. (esp. domestic violence, addictions, homelessness, despair and poverty.)
- Pray for resourcing with personnel, wisdom, finances and facility for these ministries and for churches as they reach into the wider community.

This is the season where the people of God are called to:

### **RISE UP, TAKE UP THEIR POSITIONS**

and in the power of the Risen Lord  
declare the **SAVING POWER OF THE CROSS.**

**And demonstrate our love for one another across the Body of Christ**

## **PRAY FOR OTHER PASTORS AND CHURCHES IN YOUR REGION EACH WEEK**

### **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FAMILY LIFE OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

Pray for the strengthening of marriages and family life.

- For young parents to be empowered to disciple their children in the realm of prayer and relationship with the Heavenly Father.
- For conviction to come upon our marriages where there is coercion, intimidation, control and manipulation. That we would take up the Kingdom imperative to be servants of one another and to seek to empower and lift up so that our spouses flourish.

**Continue to make prayer for the city  
a regular part of our local church prayer meetings.**

## **PRAY FOR A GREATER RELEASE OF GOD’S PURPOSES OVER OUR CITY**

- **Pray for a release of entrepreneurial grace** that will enable new business enterprises to gain traction, providing employment opportunities.
- **Pray for the release of innovative solutions** to problems being experienced in the areas of local government, church, welfare, media, education, health, business, and the arts and entertainment.
- **Pray** for the opening up of the city, resisting the spirit and fears that would keep our churches, our businesses and our region bound.

## **PRAY FOR THE GOLD COAST TO BE FREE FROM COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS**

### **PRAYER POINTS FOR LEADERS**

- Protection, grace, and strength for our Prime Minister, his family, and the cabinet, State Premiers and their cabinets and all members of Parliament. We pray that words of wisdom will flow in their meetings as they seek to navigate and lead in this season.
- Businesses - Provision, innovative ideas, and creative ways forward
- Church Leaders – protection, provision and wisdom, clarity, and courage

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 2:1-2** *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*

**PRAYER:** Lord, we ask You to place righteous and God-fearing leaders over our nation. For Your wisdom and peace to settle upon all those in authority and in leadership, whether in churches or businesses, elected officials or educators. We pray for Your hand of protection over our leaders and their families and that they will be full of health, grace, and wisdom to navigate all that is in front of them.

**Psalms 119:105** - *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

**Romans 15:13** - *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

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