



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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SAVING A LOST GENERATION

It is apparent to anyone who will take time to care that large segments of our younger generation have lost their way in life. Despite an enviable standard of living, good education and work opportunities, depression and a general feeling of hopelessness are widespread. Many of our youths live their lives without a clear sense of purpose. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that we have one of the highest youth suicide rates in the developed world.

God's Word has been a proven guide to living a fulfilled life. Its time-honoured principles have been tested and found true by many generations, cultures and societies. Therefore, it is a sad indictment on our society and religious establishment that large segments of our youths have no idea as to the contents of the Holy Bible. A few weeks back, we celebrated Easter. For many, it was a time to indulge in chocolate eggs, spicy buns and enjoy a long weekend. They were oblivious to the fact that the Easter season commemorates the death and resurrection of God in CHRIST JESUS to offer His love to humanity in reconciliation and salvation.

The Holy Bible tells us that God is the source of all life, loved the world that He sent us His Son, JESUS that whosoever seek, believe and trust in Him by faith shall have life in the fullest. Jesus would say to our troubled generation, "Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." He would say to our lonely and lost generation, "I stand at the door of your heart and knock. If you hear me and open that door, I will be your friend." God's Word clearly shows us that JESUS is longing to meet with us and to give us spiritual life to the full by His Holy Spirit. We are created for His good pleasure. Our lives can never be full unless we experience relationship and friendship with JESUS CHRIST.

However, all of us like sheep have gone astray and each turned to our own way. Sin is rebellion against God and His good plans for us. The Holy Bible states that the wages of sin is death. Sin is a hard taskmaster and our collective sin as a nation has resulted in much death, crime, lawlessness and suffering in society. A person will reap the fruits of what he or she sows. Likewise, governments will reap what they sow. God hates sin because He does not want us to suffer the dire consequences of our rebellion. Our sin breaks off our relationship with God. A holy, merciful, just and loving God cannot tolerate the filth brought about by our sinful nature in pride of life, lust of the flesh and lust of the eyes, self-will and idolatry.

Despite our sinfulness, the Holy Bible provides us with a glorious hope. It tells us that God demonstrates His love for us in this, while we were yet sinners, JESUS died for us. JESUS paid the price for our redemption from the power of sin and death. Sin's prison doors have been thrown open and the captives are free to come into the Kingdom of God through faith in JESUS CHRIST. Millions around the world have received God's gift of eternal life and have experienced the reality of a living God in their lives by His Spirit.

It is time for our nation to humbly come before the Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth and everything within it in repentance and obedience. Repentance means to change our attitude and right the wrongs that we have done and obey His conditions for forgiveness. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and willing to forgive all our unrighteousness. If we follow and abide in JESUS, He will bless us and our children after us. Through us, all the nations will be blessed. He will be our God and we will be His people. It is time for us as individuals and as a nation to confess our sins to God in Christ, ask His forgiveness and receive His gift of life to the full as we consistently yield to His Holy Spirit for conviction and direction to give God in CHRIST JESUS, HIS GLORY.

Our Prayer:

Our Father, the protector of orphans, widows and the strangers among us, in JESUS' righteousness, we give You all honour, praise and glory. We are Your people, the people You love. Our generation has lost its way. However, You have reconciled us to Yourself through the redeeming sacrifice of JESUS CHRIST. It is not Your intention that anyone should perish but that all should come to the saving knowledge of JESUS, our Saviour and Lord.

We as individuals and collectively as Your church in Australia would stand in the gap and intercede on behalf of those among us who are lonely, depressed and lost. Father, move by Your Holy Spirit to gather the people back to Yourself. Raise us repairers of the breaches and restorers of broken walls that people will be reconciled with one another and with You, LORD. We pray that you will cause many more to praise You, LORD JESUS among the assembly of Your people with the words of the inspiring hymn, "I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see."

LORD JESUS forgive us of the many wrongs we have done against You and against each other. We thank You and receive Your gift of salvation. We invite You to be Lord of our lives and Lord of our Nation. Make our generation a generation after your own heart. We thank You for blessing us with the full life that results from making You LORD of everything and help us to love and to bless each other with Your love. In Jesus' name we pray Amen.

C.O.P.I.T - Led by our LORD JESUS CHRIST by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT to glorify GOD THE FATHER with the Brotherhood of Humanity, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory