



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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CATCH THE VISION

Three thousand years ago wise King Solomon wrote, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Without a vision of God's purposes, the people cast off restraint and succumb to apathy and an attitude of carelessness. That is just what has happened to us today. No wonder we have slipped from the high moral ground we held 30 or 40 years ago when Australia was characterised by a co-operative spirit, prosperity and morality based on our Christian heritage of behaviour and conduct.

Today, however, we have become disillusioned. Hope has waned and died as shattered marriages, "lost" children, drug abuse, escalating crime and high unemployment eat away the very soul of our nation. With no divine vision we shall indeed perish... engulfed in hopelessness, violence, vice, permissiveness, penury, deceit and crudities. It just won't do! We owe it to ourselves and to our children to make this a better place. We must catch a vision of the Divine if we are to achieve victory over the hideous malaise that has spread across our land threatening to destroy us both physically and spiritually.

Our situation isn't unique. History is replete with instances of moral decay that finally resulted with national collapse. An example is ancient Israel which the prophet Isaiah warned, "Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity... they have forsaken the Lord... the whole head is sick and the whole heart faints" (Isaiah 1:4-5). We must rise above our complacency, rectify our lack of spiritual values, hollow morality and reckless immoderation. Noble goals must replace selfish greed and personal gratification.

Deep within us is a desire for what is true, honest, good and just. We yearn to live in harmony, freedom and prosperity. We are sick and tired of the immorality and violence that confronts us daily on television. Crime that goes virtually unpunished, growing dependence on welfare that destroys dignity and the will to work, the cover-ups in high places, the fear of leaving our homes unguarded, and the continual decline in morality makes us long for something better. So let us begin by catching the divine vision, a vision of:

- ❖ A moral society based on Christian values, a happy nation worshipping and serving God in CHRIST.
- ❖ A safe society where even a young child can walk the streets without fear of molestation.
- ❖ The media cleansed of permissive sexual behaviour, obscene language and explicit violence. In place have programs that educate and uplift the human spirit.
- ❖ True justice in the courts where the fear of God ensures fair and equitable decisions.

- ❖ A nation working its way out of debt through a spirit of co-operation between management and workers
- ❖ A revitalisation of the public school system. Discipline in place of laxity. Character development by teaching true Christian values such as integrity, courtesy, respect and diligence.
- ❖ Leaders at the helm of the nation honouring God in CHRIST JESUS and serving the people. Men and women willing to forego personal gain for the common good, placing Australia before faction or self.

Remember, despite our present state, there is no need to despair. God is on the throne and all is not lost. The key is obedience to the vision and power of God in CHRIST. King Solomon also wrote, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34) Therein lies the victory in living by God's standards as a nation. The prophet Elijah challenged his people, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD be GOD, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him" (1Kings 18:21)

The LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOD. All that we need is in HIM, and in HIM all things hold together. So let's follow HIM. Then we shall see our vision come true. To HIM be glory now and forever.

Our Prayer:

Loving Father, we humbly and sincerely come in one heart and spirit before Your throne of grace and immeasurable mercy. Forgive our nation's disobedience to Your Word. We enthrone You JESUS as LORD of AUSTRALIA with praises and thanksgiving for Your gift of salvation. O, wonderful Saviour we serve our nation and generation through You and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sovereign Lord we know Your love is unconditional, sacrificial, beneficial and judicial. Your amazing love always makes judgment calls for it does not rejoice in unrighteousness and injustice. Gracious Father, Your Word shows that Your majestic reign is tied to Your omnipotence. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. LORD, we commit our government and civic leaders to You. That they will deny themselves, repent and submit to Your plan for Australia. Looking at the sinful nature of our godless nation with its escalating crime, lawlessness and death in total disobedience to Your Word, speaks for itself. Unfortunately, our leaders explored every avenue of their man-made wisdom and efforts to no avail, for they are helpless, useless and powerless to deliver Australia's spiritual warfare of our inner sinful nature! Australians repent and obey JESUS.

Father of all grace we ask that our leaders humbly make themselves known to You through their daily communion with You. Allow the power of Your HOLY SPIRIT to lead them into all TRUTH. Open their spiritual eyes to "Catch Your Vision for Australia." Glorious Father, we pray for the glory in the cross of Calvary be released daily through them as they allow themselves- in spite of rejections, to be instruments of Your love as it is revealed in the abiding, transforming, life-giving power of the cross. We pray and ask this in JESUS' powerful Name. 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