



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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REPENT, AUSTRALIA, REPENT

Never before in the history of this country has there been such a great need for national repentance. Never before has Australia wandered away so far from the ways of God. Never before have so many people turned to satisfying their own sinful desires, as is the case today.

It is time to repent and turn back to God. We either repent or face His judgement and the destruction of our beloved country. As in the days of Noah, "the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence." So, God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. So build yourself an ark..."

God never changes. He remains appalled by violence and corruption. He will respond to a world far more sinful than in the days of Noah the same way now as He did then. It is foolhardy to think that life will continue unchanged and that people will continue to eat, drink, work and play just as they have always done. We will bring judgement upon ourselves by our lawlessness.

God is mocked by many of our leaders in Parliament, by our courts, by the media, by our educators and even by many ordinary citizens. Over the past 25 years, governments have sought to destroy every vestige of legislation built on the Judeo-Christian ethics by enacting a multitude of laws and regulations based on humanistic ideology. The floodgates to all kinds of evil have been flung open and our traditional standards of morality well and truly eroded by the sheer volume of obscenity in books, magazines, television, film and the internet. Good culture is conspicuous by its absence. A lot of modern art can only be described as crude, ugly, meaningless and pornographic.

We do live in a world full of darkness. So many hearts and minds are imprisoned by a lack of spiritual experience and knowledge. Families are constantly under attack. Divorce is rampant and many children are suffering the consequences of the breakdown in family relationship. Jobless people find themselves unable to care for their families. De facto relationships are encouraged by social welfare handouts. Young children are drawn away from their mother's care and left in child-minding centres.

The judiciary has turned its back on the basis of our law, which is the Ten Commandments. God's ways are mocked and society is paying the price in the increase in lawlessness. An increase in criminal behaviour is inevitable when the absolute standard of morality based on God's Word has been dismantled and replaced with subjective, humanistic ones. Our Courts no longer stand as symbols of justice.

Our public education system no longer inculcates godly values. In fact, it seems to scorn those values. Therefore, we produce citizens who mock God. They neither worship Him as their creator nor accept the gift of salvation offered by Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. They treat His ways with apathetic disdain, scoff at His messengers and indulge in practices that will incur His wrath.

Yet, God is merciful. He will forgive and forget all our sins if we will repent and turn away from our wicked ways. He promises that "if at any time I announce that a nation is to be uprooted and destroyed and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned." (Jeremiah 18:7-8)

Australia, it is not too late. Repent and turn to God so that our sins may be wiped away, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Our Prayer.

Gracious Father, our hearts are full of gratitude because while we were still estranged from You by our rebellion against You, You loved us and gave us Your Son, Jesus Christ who died to atone for our sins and made the way possible for us to return to You. Father, we thank You for Jesus through whom flows Your life, love and light to all who will receive Him. We thank You for Your Holy Spirit who works in the lives of those who believe in You, bringing new life, healing past hurts and building our faith in You. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will work in the lives of the people of Australia to bring us to repentance and to love You.

Father, because of Your mercy towards us, we are enabled to stand in the gap asking You to forgive our nation's evil in Your sight. Forgive us for disobeying You. We pray for our government and civic leaders to sincerely repent and turn from their own schemes and devices to Your Way.

Lord Jesus, help our leaders to look to You so that they may lead this nation in righteousness, in correct judgement, in mercy and in faithfulness. Help them to lead our nation to repentance, to acknowledge and love You as the Lord of Australia. We pray that our leaders will have a real encounter with You that will result in a personal relationship with You. Father, we ask You to bring Australia out of darkness into Your light. We ask this in Jesus' powerful name.

Amen

C O P I E - 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.