



# 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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## A MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT

The dawn of a new millennium is just around the corner. Looming over humanity is the threat of global terrorism, nuclear annihilation, ecological disasters, the demographic problems of overpopulation, the spectre of widespread starvation and the threat of economic catastrophe as the nations grapple with overmounting debt and financial disasters in various parts of the world.

Not to mention the international drug menace destroying many of our youth; escalating crime that is out of control in many places; an alarming deterioration in morality and a rapid rise of the occult, new age philosophy and satanism; and the spread of such killer diseases as AIDS that threaten to decimate the world.

In response to these problems, the optimist speaks of better days ahead where the problems would be overcome through science and technology and the cooperation among nations. The pessimist sees nothing but doom and gloom, a world set to destroy itself.

No matter what people may believe, God in Christ is the Lord of history and the Lord of glory. His hand has always been on the affairs of men, every now and then He reveals His hand in the events of this earth. Consider the following. Is this mere chance or the plan of a Great Designer?

On 11 December, 1917, General Allenby liberated Jerusalem after centuries of Turkish rule. The Holy City was free and in Christian hands, ready for the long prophesied return of the Jews to their promised land. Exactly 11 months later, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1918, the armistice was signed ending the horrors of World War I. God's clock was striking ELEVEN.

That was 80 years ago. God's clock must now be very close to the awesome midnight hour! Time is speeding up as it says in Revelation that the days will be shortened. The pace of life in this computer age is accelerating rapidly like an express train out of control. We are rushing towards catastrophes, upheavals and chaos – all signs of our Lord's imminent return. In Matthew 25, Jesus told the parable of the 10 virgins as a warning to be ready for the midnight hour. At midnight, there was a cry "Behold, the bridegroom is coming; come out and meet Him!" Then all the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps have gone out." But the wise replied, "No, lest there is not enough for both of us and you; go and buy some for yourself." But while they went to buy oil, the bridegroom came and the virgins who were ready went in with Him to the marriage feast and the door was shut. Afterwards, the other virgins came saying, "Lord, Lord, open the door for us." But He answered, "I know you not."

Jesus is the Bridegroom who through the ages has been preparing a spiritual Bride for Himself. The Bride includes everyone who repents, acknowledges and receives Him as Saviour and Lord. For them who are committed to Him the midnight hour will hold no terrors, just the joy of seeing Him face to face. Will that joy be yours and for our nation of Australia?

Time is running out FAST! God does not want any person to perish. He knocks at the door of your heart. If you open it to Him, He will come in and be your Lord and Saviour and you will not need to fear what the future holds, but eagerly look for His coming. Like the Apostle Paul, you can say, "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come - - shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39)

### Our Prayer

*Loving Father, we are grateful for Your love and care for us. Father God, we admit You are who You are and we believe in Jesus the Christ whom You have sent to expose the lies and destroy the works of injustice and evil schemes of the devil displaying his spiritual wickedness in high places and the rulers of darkness of this world*

*Sovereign Lord, help us to obediently surrender everything to You and yield to Your Holy Spirit daily for You are our perfection, our victory and our fulfilment of the law. We are thankful for the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth who now lives in us to enable us to do our Father's business as we faithfully commit ourselves under the Lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Gracious Father, we thank You for Your gift of life, amazing Grace and immeasurable mercy together with Your liberty and provisions for our lives to run the full God-given course to be spiritually mature and useful to join You in one accord in faith in Jesus in Your end-time plan and purpose. We know You will judge the secrets of men and women everywhere by Jesus Christ according to the standards revealed in Your Word by Your Holy Spirit and You are no respecter of persons. Help us yield to Your Spirit of Truth. In Revelation 18.4, the Lord ordered us to come out of mystery Babylon lest we participate in her sins and receive her plagues. Lord, we realise that mystery Babylon is a demonic blend of a new one-world system of economics, politics and religion. A system of dishonest money on a debt-based economy and a humanistic pantheistic religion of Antichrist. Sovereign Spirit of our Living God, we trust You, Your Word, Your Cross, Your Blood, and we find nothing new and nothing orderly in this war of world views. Lord Jesus we thank You for Your goodness and greatness which is unparalleled and unprecedented. You are our highway to holiness and the gateway to glory as our King of Glory. King of kings and Lord of lords and You reign forever. Amen*

*As our God of War, we join You as Your united army in the name of Jesus to stand against and break the lies and wiles of the devil, against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world and against the spiritual wickedness in high places. Loving Father, we pray You release Your River of Life and healing balm to heal the wounds and hurts of dysfunctional families, the poor and needy and the lost. Lord Jesus, we pray that our government and civic leaders will repent and seek Your help and wisdom and not compromise in Your end-time plan for our nation. Holy Spirit, in Your limitless mercy, draw the lost to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour to enable them to survive the coming storm. We 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.**