



# 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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## THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD REQUIRES JUSTICE

"The Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works". (Psalm 145.7). God's works are great and marvellous and His ways are just and true. It would save us a great deal of sorrow if Australia would acknowledge God's sovereignty today. God is the eternal King but He is also in charge of history. Nothing happens by accident. Revelation 15.4 foretells the time when all nations will worship the Lamb and obey Him, for God's judgements are about to be manifested.

While we should not hold our breath it is at least encouraging that the Federal Government has even suggested it might withdraw from all international treaties as a reaction to United Nations' criticism of mandatory sentencing in WA and the Northern Territory. It would not be before time if men are not won by grace, they will never be won – man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary. Seventeen years ago the High Court made a decision whose consequence has had a dramatic effect on Australia's sovereignty. When it gave its judgement on the Franklin River dam case in 1983 the court opened the floodgates to control by the United Nations. The prediction of the *Australian* newspaper at the time that the outcome "saved a river but has sacrificed one of the safeguards of our democratic system" has proven all too true. In overruling the law of a state (Tasmania) in contravention of the Australian Constitution the High Court gave the Federal Government authority to override the states by means of its external affairs powers. Since then it has signed many, many treaties with the UN allowing that world body to overrule the states and the Constitution. Since that ominous day in 1983 we have had a number of treaties intrude into our personal affairs without the people having any say at all in the matter.

An obscure clause in a United Nations' treaty on sexual discrimination was used by the Fraser Government in 1981 to sign an agreement to totally disarm all civilians, police and military. The Hawke Government ratified it two years later. Following the Port Arthur massacre in 1996 gun laws were passed to disarm most civilians. To what result? Without the deterrent that householders or shopkeepers might possess a gun, armed robbery has increased by 69% and home invasions by 20%. So much for making a safer society!

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child undermines the rights of parents by allowing children so-called "rights" of their own that obviously run counter to good parenting. Among other things it proposes to allow children to watch or read anything they like no matter how vile or violent; to associate with anyone no matter how undesirable; to join any organisation without parental consent; and to receive health care without their parents' approval. The UN Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination (DEIDRB) presents a grave threat to Christianity by outlawing Christian prayers in public, the use of religious criteria in selecting staff and the proclamation that Jesus Christ "is the only name given to men by which they can be saved". A UN Human Rights Committee's condemnation was employed by the Keating Government to interfere in Tasmania's laws on homosexuality. The Racial Vilification Amendment Bill used a United Nations' covenant to restrict the freedom of speech.

Back in 1997 when the Howard Government made cuts to the budget of the Office for the Status of Women, legal aid, child care and employment assistance it was attacked by the UN committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Six months later Australia was virtually forced to apologise to a UN committee on the Rights of the Child for not completely outlawing corporal punishment of children by parents. Last year UNESCO demanded that the Jabiluka uranium mine be abandoned so it wouldn't endanger the surrounding

Kakadu World Heritage area. Other UN committees have criticised Australia's imprisonment of illegal immigrants. Now the UN committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is again condemning the mandatory sentencing laws in WA and the NT on the grounds that they breach human rights and discriminate against Aborigines. Despite Satan's devices and the opposition of evil men "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord" (Hab. 2:14).

Why should we allow the United Nations with many of its member nations flouting all the rules of civilised human behaviour to interfere in the running of our country? In almost every instance their intervention is misguided and detrimental to our well-being as a free society. What do they really know about the Aborigine situation? If ever a country has sought to help its indigenous population it is Australia. Billions of dollars have been poured into providing for their welfare only to see it squandered on drink, junk foods and well-paid "advisors". It is quite evident that our national sovereignty is being jeopardised by Big Brother, the United Nations. We are definitely part of its plans to subjugate us, destroy our way of lifestyle based on our British Christian heritage and make us conform to its marxist way of thinking. Obviously it is all part of a worldwide strategy to inaugurate a new world order---and the fulfilment of biblical prophecy. It seems all too apparent it is the lead-up to the rise of the antichrist who is to gain authority "over every tribe, tongue and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world". (Revelation 13: 7,8). He is the one who "causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name". (Rev.13: 16,17). In these climactic times it behoves each one of us to stand against the evil schemes of the powers of darkness, praying always that we "may be counted worthy to escape these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

#### **OUR PRAYER**

Our loving Father in heaven, Creator of the universe, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Father, we gratefully thank You that we can humbly come in one accord in one faith in Christ as You draw us into the fiery flame of Your love relationship with us when Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary, was buried and then resurrected from the dead. Father God, we realise that righteousness comes only by faith in what You have done for us in Christ. Lord Jesus, we love and thank You for being our source of divine grace and God's symphony for our hope. Your blood, Your Word of Life and Your Refiner's Fire are the only powers to cleanse our hearts of our sinful nature, to be Your temple of the Holy Spirit to overcome sin, pride of life, lust of the flesh and Satan's accusations and give us our perfect standing before our Lord God to live in His grace to bear fruit.

Holy Father, in awe and adoration we ascribe to You the glory due to Your holy Name. Lord Jesus, our Saviour and the eternal Life-Giver, we joyfully thank You for leading Your army of intercessors and watchers to march and pull down the strongholds of today's "new Babylon" in spiritual warfare in Your finished work upon the cross with a triumphant shout of victory. Holy Spirit of our sovereign Lord, we willingly yield ourselves to You as our eternal comforter and sanctifier to equip us spiritually in our Father's endtime plan and will to expose the deception of the devil. Help us Father to passionately be in love with You through Jesus' righteousness and faithfulness in His manifold ways to be a delight to You - to heal the wounded, to set the captives free, to help the deaf to hear, the blind to see and to bring the lost into Your kingdom. Gracious Father, we commit our nation and all its leaders to You to sincerely repent and renew their minds through Your Living Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus, help them to surrender and to joyfully pay the price, to embrace the rugged cross in its ocean of love and sweeter union with You. Father, clothe our leaders in Christ's righteousness in Your omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent Holy Spirit to enthrone Jesus Christ as our King of Glory and Lord of lords for this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit. We fervently pray and ask this in Jesus' majestic Name. Amen.

C.O.P.I.T. Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory.

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