

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 KEY TO A HARMONIOUS NATION

Australia, why follow the empty and deceptive philosophies of men, when by God's grace and mercy we have received the Spirit of our Living God in JESUS CHRIST who sent His glorious light to claim this land as a Christian nation – the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, some 200 years ago? We are grateful and thankful that the gulf between heaven and earth was bridged in His incarnation. He is "Emmanuel, God with us." (Matt 1:23). JESUS CHRIST, the spiritual fullness of God dwells continually and permanently in all who willingly repent and change from their carnal outlook to His spiritual view of life, confess their sins, believe and receive Him as Lord and Saviour and walk in the Spirit. Jesus ascended to heaven in a glorified body. Now we have a glorified Man, a righteous Judge, an everlasting Provider, a Great High Priest and a glorified King in heaven. This God-Man, JESUS CHRIST, embodies the fullness of God. (John 20:19-29). So today throughout the world, every spiritual thinking believer shares that fullness; "and we are complete in Him" (Col 2:10) as we in one accord prepare and wait for His glorious return. Maranatha, come LORD JESUS, come! However, is Australia ready to receive her King of Glory, the Lord JESUS CHRIST?

The "in" word today is reconciliation. Reconciliation between the various religions and races. It is a noble goal. Australia cannot achieve true unity and harmony without breaking down the barriers that divide us. But reconciliation must be based on righteousness and justice. Without these indispensible virtues true reconciliation is impossible. To acquiesce and forsake principle in the name of tolerance is merely a recipe for conflict. The question is; are we going about achieving reconciliation the right way by casting aside our cultural heritage?

This nation was founded 200 odd years ago and its laws were grounded in the Hebrew-Christian ethic. Our pioneers used the Bible as the chief foundation for all of society. It was the cornerstone of our morality, our laws and our system of justice – in fact, our very culture. God in Jesus Christ was our God but not so today. We have allowed heathen gods to come in through various cultures that are opposed to Christianity. Through our spiritual ignorance we have compromised God's standards and committed spiritual adultery. Instead of upholding Christianity as the foundation stone of our society and the only one, we have come to accept all religions as equal to our own. Now we see mosques and temples to foreign deities that have brought poverty, sickness and misery in other countries springing up all over the place as these religions take hold here. Not to mention the schools that are inculcating these religions into children. Furthermore, we also see attempts to restore Aboriginal culture, a culture based on demonic powers symbolised by the rainbow serpent (Wagyl), witch doctors and sorcery that includes "purri-purri", a form of witchcraft used to cause sickness, injury and death. A return to Aboriginal culture means a return to bondage. The Wagyl and other Dreamtime myths deceive and enslave Aboriginal people who need to break all ties with their demonic influence

Multiculturalism sounds noble and fine if you know nothing about the spiritual warfare going on in the world. But as a deliberate policy multiculturalism, insofar as it reflects multi-theism or many gods, is either a horrendous mistake due to spiritual naivety or gross treachery against the spiritual affinity of the people of Australia. There is only one true God. Jesus Christ alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life. All other religions and cultures are man's misguided attempts to satisfy our natural urge to worship a higher being than ourselves.

They will never bring harmony to this land. The key to a united, harmonious nation is one belief – not a mixture of beliefs that have brought great strife in other parts of the world. Without that essential element we will fragment into an antipodean version of the Balkans. We must sincerely repent of our spiritual ignorance and disobedience in turning from the one true God to worship other gods. We need to heed the Scriptures that warn us: "If you ever forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish" (Deut 8:19). True reconciliation begins with our relationship to God. He made the first move by offering His Son as the propitiation for our sins. Christ is the only way we can truly be forgiven. For "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them". God pleads through us as Christ's ambassadors to "be reconciled to God for He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him". (2 Cor 5:20,21). This must be the basis of true, enduring reconciliation between all peoples of this land whatever their race or colour. As a Christian nation we can be confident that the all-encompassing love of God will enable us all to live harmoniously together because of a common faith that binds us together as a united nation in the omnipotent power of His Holy Spirit.

O Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, how long will you waver between the ways of men and their man-made gods and the ways of God? If Jesus is Lord, if He loves each one of us enough to have died on a cruel cross for us; if He has blessed us in the past; if He provided us with the moral foundation for our nation; and if He alone can give us hope, harmony and eternal life – let us follow Him. This is His land – let's make it so in truth and reality. The very soul of this nation is at stake! If Australia wants eternal harmony, she must get it from JESUS CHRIST, the Lord of righteousness and peace. Amen

OUR PRAYER

Our holy and loving Father, the great I AM, Lord of the heavens and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our great High Priest, we humbly come in one accord with contrite hearts to joyfully enter into Your presence by Your blood to the throne of grace with continuous praise and grateful thanksgiving. We magnify Your holy Name for Your wondrous salvation by reconciling us sinners who believe and receive JESUS CHRIST as Lord and Saviour to the Lord God Almighty at the old rugged cross. Gracious Father, we thank You that we can abide daily in Your Spirit in unbroken communion with Jesus Christ. Through this vital relationship we learn to depend upon Him as our source and sole provider. Sovereign Lord, we acknowledge that the Scriptures are "Holy Spirit God-breathed" and they are not the inventions of man. Holy Father, Your Word declares that only in Christ You reconcile the world to Yourself and those who receive JESUS CHRIST as Lord are the sons of God - the rest belong to the father of lies, the devil! Mark 13:31 states, "Heaven and earth will pass away but Your Word will never pass away". Lord Jesus, we earnestly thank You for gracing Australia to be 'the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit' some 200 years ago - giving all migrants and citizens the opportunity to know You, Lord God in Christ Jesus. Father, forgive us both leaders and citizens for our spiritual ignorance for compromising and disobeying Your Word of Life and Truth. Holy Spirit of the Living God, bend us and let our hearts be broken to change our heart-attitude towards the things that break our Lord God's heart. Father, in Jesus' Name, break our sins of pride, compromise, man-made achievements and results, the religious deception of demonic cults, false prophets and false teachings that lead all who reject Your Word to hell! Holy Father, Your Word states that all man-made achievements will be shaken and burned as stubble, hay and chaff, for You are a consuming Fire. Holy Spirit, send that Refiner's Fire to cleanse this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit to consume the chaff in our lives and help us bear fruit for You. Help this nation to "seek the Lord while He may be found". (Isaiah 55:6). Holy Spirit of the Living God --- lead us, both leaders and citizens, into intense, persevering prayer to be involved in Your endtime agenda on earth that none should perish but be saved by grace through faith in JESUS CHRIST. Help us to preach Your Word to the blind, the deaf, the captives in bondage and to all the lost souls that they may know You. Lord Jesus, we eagerly await Your glorious return to reign as King of kings, Lord of lords when "the government will be on Your shoulders; and You will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Father God, help us all to yield to Your Holy Spirit of Truth and be obedient to Your Living Word so we can be a united and harmonious nation in Christ Jesus. We earnestly pray 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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