

National Day of Prayer and Fasting – Sunday 29 March

PRAYER POINTS

Romans 12:12

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 7:7-8

⁷ Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Our Suffering World

- That God will help nations deal wisely and courageously with the pandemic
- That nations will support each other as they deal with the fallout
- That those suffering without adequate medical resources may be quickly be sustained
- That leaders of integrity and wisdom will rise up
- That those who have lost loved ones will be comforted

The Pandemic and the Sick

- That God will 'flatten the curve'
- That God will heal those who are sick
- That God will protect the health of health care workers
- That God will provide wisdom and peace for health care workers
- That God will guide those searching for a vaccine and for methods of treatment

The Vulnerable, Homeless and Elderly

- That God will give them peace and protect them
- That God will specifically protect our aged care facilities
- That churches will find effective ways to serve those who are most vulnerable
- That those who are isolated and lonely in all age groups will find support

Families and Schools

- That children will feel safe and secure
- That families will grow closer and support each other
- That God will bless our households spiritually as we spend more time together
- That the negative impacts on education will be minimised through this season
- That our school chaplains will be empowered in their ministry to the struggling

The Economy and Job Losses

- That God will give our leaders wisdom and insight as they balance controlling the virus and protecting the economy
- That peace, hope and strength will flow to those who have lost jobs and incomes
- That God will use these economic challenges to help us rely on him
- That the economy will recover, and that jobs and confidence will be restored as the curve flattens

Church Fellowship and Equipping

- That everyone will find a way to connect around God's word in this season
- That our pastoral care will grow stronger
- That God's presence will be conveyed effectively through phone and video and social media
- That adversity and challenge will draw us closer to each other and to God in this season
- That God will use church leaders and those with technical and creative skills to help us connect with and encounter him through online platforms
- That many who do not usually attend church will engage online
- That all Christians will engage with the Bible for themselves as they have more free time

Outreach

- That God will help us as his people to be his salt and light in the world in this season, sacrificially loving and serving our neighbours
- That the community will see the church in a fresh positive light
- That those who have wandered away might return
- That many, in this time of fragility and insecurity, will look to the One who is completely strong and secure

Queensland Baptists and the Wider Church

- That QB leadership will effectively serve, resource and equip Baptist churches across the State
- That God will use the challenges and opportunities of this season to unite and connect Queensland Baptists in a greater way
- That the Qld Baptist Movement will grow stronger as we work together and support each other
- That all churches will be encouraged and strengthened

Government Leaders

- That the Prime Minister and the State Premiers will be guided by God as they continue to make decisions around the health and the economy of our nation.
- That our leaders will retain their strength and health under the enormous pressures that they face

Revival

- That people will recognise the power of God in these days
- That God will soften the hearts of Australians, opening their eyes to His love, grace and strength
- That the church will be sifted and renewed and empowered through this adversity
- That many will be swept into God's kingdom by the power of the Holy Spirit