

**“Lord, please pour out your
Blessing on our community”**



**Titirangi Baptist Community Prayer Week
May 10th - 14th 2010**

I have a book in my library called, 'Prayer: The Cry for the Kingdom.' So often, for me, prayer is a cry 'for myself and my concerns' ('Lord, help me, guide me, heal me, etc.'). I like the idea that Prayer is fundamentally the 'cry for the kingdom'. The groaning of our spirit's with God's Spirit for the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

For this to be true in our lives then our prayers need to be much more 'kingdom focused'. Praying 'according to God's will' is praying for the work of his kingdom.

What 'kingdom prayers' would God want us to pray? Some examples are:

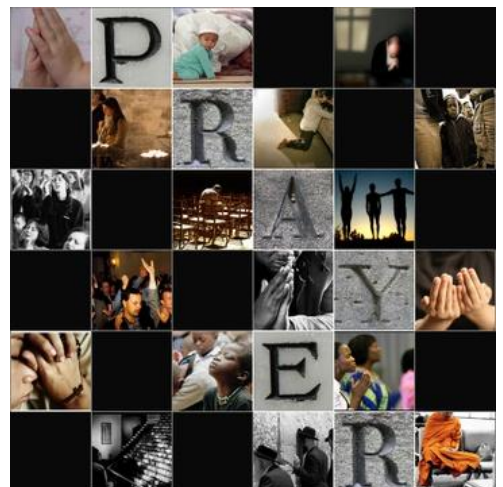
1. For those who do not know Christ - friends, neighbours, colleagues, acquaintances, or relatives.
2. For those in great need - social concerns, national concerns, justice issues, environmental issues, political issues.
3. For the blessing of other Christians and Churches.

That is what this week is all about. We have approached a number of groups outside of our church and asked them, 'how can we pray for you?' Each day we have a different group to pray for as a church: local churches, local government, local schools, families and our National Government.

We have an important role in our community to pray for God's will and blessing on our neighbours. This is one way as a church that we can 'love our neighbour.' Please join together and saturate these people and institutions in prayer this week. Allow God to break our hearts for those he loves.

May God pour out his blessing on our community ...

Pastor Jonathan



Monday May 10th - Day 1

Our local Government

Our Church Leaders have recognised the need to pray for all sectors of our Community who have activities which may impinge on us as we attempt to reach out to our community.

There is one organisation that will require much prayer at this time and that is our Local Government which in Auckland in 2010 will be undergoing changes never heard of before in New Zealand. The changes which

will take place will mean our new Mayor will have executive powers not unlike those of the President of the USA but on a much smaller scale. The person on whom these responsibilities devolve will need our prayers as will the Council over which that person presides.

In His Word, God clearly calls us to recognise those in authority over us and to pray for them. Jesus said “render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and unto God, the things that are God’s.” We are told ‘not to

speak evil of those over us.’ His Word also tells us we are to obey them that have the rule over us. But most particularly in

1 Timothy, we are instructed to “make supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks for all kings and for all that are in authority.”

Wayne Nicholls

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Lord today we pray for our local council.....

We pray for continued Democracy. Corporate-like boards with members appointed by the government are currently being set up to control the major decisions for the development of Auckland, for transport, water, economic development and other important areas. Rate payers will have limited input into their work and the members are not elected.

We pray for the hundreds of wonderful local government staff and elected members who are losing their jobs over the next few months.

This includes many senior staff who are highly skilled and experienced but perhaps do not have experience beyond local government for a different job.

We pray for the new local boards and the way they are set up, that they will continue to be a voice of the people of that community.

Judy Lawley, Waitakere City Councillor

Tuesday May 11th - Day 2

Local Schools

If we as Christians are not going to be involved with schools & children's education by helping to shape & direct from a Biblical/Christian view point, who will be involved?

We need to do what we can within our influence & means to impact children. Uphold the leadership of schools in prayer. Pray for the Christian teachers you know. Pray for those you know who are involved in the many schools that surround us. Pray for Christian children in our schools, it can be tough being a minority. Can you be involved in some way? Are we willing to take a small step that could make big difference for someone else? Remember - The future of NZ will be shaped in the classroom of today.

Mal Carr

Please join us in praying for the needs of our local schools:

Kaurilands Primary - Jo Augustine, Principal

- Ongoing harmony within our school. This is a very harmonious community on the whole but it is something which requires diligent care and nurturing
- The paramount importance of safety for all our children within their home environments, some of which are turbulent at times
- A number of staff have ongoing health issues and are incredibly brave soldiering on but do require support.
- A number of staff are solo parents and also need strength in difficult times.

Konini Primary - Mal Carr, BOT

- School BOT elections are just happening - pray for harmonious relationship with the new BOT at all schools.
- That boards would uphold values/policies that are supportive of Godly/Christian principles.
- For more Christians to be involved where they can - i.e. sports, parent help, encouraging others, reading/learning support programs, PTA, BOT, Bible in Schools.
- Christian Teachers - that they would have influence & opportunities.
- Praise for Glen, Kim & others who have built a strong rapport and respect from staff & children.

Glen Eden Intermediate - Terry Hewetson, Principal

- The staff as they deal with the introduction of training for National Standards
- For the support of the International Students from Thailand (12) who are here for five weeks
- For support to those students whose come from hard home backgrounds, that they will accept that school is a safe place to return to daily
- The daughter of an ex-teachers is getting treatment for blood cancer in Starship Hospital

Titirangi Primary - Gary Pearce, Principal

- To strengthen the relationship between the school and its parent community to help our children grow
- For those children and families who face difficulties and challenges
- To preserve a happy and peaceful learning environment for our children



Welcome to Titirangi Primary School



Wednesday May 12th - Day 3

Our local Churches

“Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.”
(Eph 6:18)

These words challenge us to pray not only for one another in TBC but also for the churches and Christians around us. After all, we have much in common with them. We share *the same spiritual DNA*, the same blood-bought relationship with God, regardless of our different church names, worship styles and ways of organising ourselves.

We share *a common spiritual identity*, each local church being a functional unit of the Body of Christ in the world. We share *the same calling* to be salt and light, the hands and heart of Jesus in the community.

We share *the same Holy Spirit* who equips and empowers each Christian and every church to play our different parts in bringing Christ to a needy world.

We share *a similar search for relevance* in our witness and service in today’s society. At this time when we at TBC are seeking to hear God’s voice and know His direction regarding The Crossing, other churches will also be seeking their unique way forward under Christ. For all these reasons we should take seriously the call to pray “for all Christians everywhere”, including our neighbouring churches. As we support one another in prayer the impact of the Gospel will increase in our community.

Colin Crocker

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Glen Eden Baptist - Pastor Neil Baker

- Social Housing. GEBC are in the process of building 13 houses for low income families in our area. Pray for the provision of land for this purpose
- Campus Development. GEBC are looking at some strategic development issues for their campus as part of their mission into the future. Pray for wisdom & vision as they consider this

Titirangi Presbyterian - Reverend Johannes Suwantika

- Pray for their various children’s ministries - mainly music for preschoolers, and two afternoon school programmes aimed at primary and intermediate children, that God would work in the lives of those who attend
- As a church they are trying to develop a stronger and deeper relationship with Titirangi Primary school

- They are beginning an 18 week vision planning period. This will be a church wide process as they try to establish where God is leading them

Laingholm Baptist - Pastor Simon Radford

- The Alpha course is starting on the 25th May - they have about 20 people attending. Please pray for the leaders and those who are coming along.
- They have a 'Boys gone Bush' outreach coming up on the 28th May - please pray for the men who attend, that relationships will be formed.
- They are currently in the 2nd week of the Marriage course, with 13 couples attending. Please pray that this may enrich their lives.

Thursday May 13th - Day 4

The Crossing

The Crossing brings together resource and need, an ability to bless and opportunity to do so. It's a place of giving and receiving. Community embraces the idea that we need each other that we are part of each others lives, positively or negatively. The Crossing is a place to express this in practical and positive action.

The Crossing is one way that we continue what Jesus started. Blessing. Caring. Loving. Supporting. Helping. Educating. Inspiring. Completing.

“As we live the gospel, we become it, as we become it, people see it, as they see it, they respond to it, as they respond to it, they accept it”

- Pray for the team, as they continue to plan and develop the concept of The Crossing. They are - Tom Dunser, Sam Bogusz, Grant Warner, Derek Burgess, Ross Duxfield & Jonathan Weir.
- Pray for the congregation as we seek God's guidance as we consider the leaderships recommendation that we move that the Crossing Building Project is given the green light to proceed



Friday May 14th - Day 5

Our Country

Our elected representatives perform an often thankless task (and sometimes there's a good reason for that!) But true political leadership can be a tremendous force for good, when it seeks to protect our country's interests. We should admire and appreciate leaders who genuinely try to serve the nation, even when we disagree with their goals. We should also never forget that we are the ones who are most responsible for the state of our nation. The decisions we take every day - not just every election - will shape our society for better or for worse. In big and in small ways, we have an impact on the future. If we want a truly healthy society, we have to play our part too.

Alex Penk

Today, let's remember our country and pray for the needs of New Zealand and those charged with running it.

- That our leaders would be wise, courageous and compassionate
- That they would rise above petty politics and put our society's interests first
- That we would be wise stewards of our natural resources
- That our social fabric would grow stronger, as people accept greater responsibility to care for their neighbour
- That families in this country would be strengthened, unified and valued
- That we would be grateful for what we have inherited, and careful to pass on a better inheritance to the next generation

