

On behalf of Australia Prays,

We warmly welcome you to this year's National Day of Prayer and Fasting (NDOPF) to be held on 27 May from 10am to 4pm.

Thank you for being a part of this event. Our prayer is that you and your community will be refreshed, overflowing, and moving in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit as you gather for the NDOPF.

Please note that this Prayer Guide and Schedule for the day is only a "guide" and resource for you to use as you pray with us for our nation.

We welcome you to discern what is best for your gathering and adjust the program to best suit your needs. If you have the technological capacity, we would love to have you join us for the official prayer and communion service from 1pm to 2pm (AEST) on this day, 27 May, via Zoom by using this link <https://zoom.us/j/2770144642>

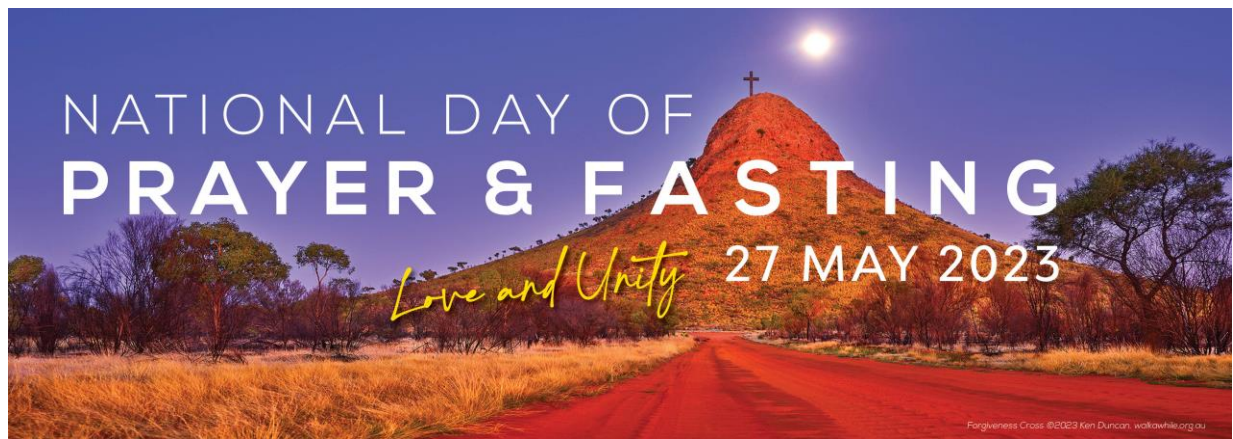
Following this prayer guide will be a suggested schedule with important videos and PowerPoint slide show. Be sure to review them alongside of this prayer guide. We hope these documents will be of most help to you.

For other resources including information on holding a bible reading marathon, using a prayer tent or to access promotional material, head to our website.

<https://www.australiaprays.com.au/ndopfresources>

Thank you for your service and dedication to pray for our nation and most importantly praise and glorify our Lord.

The Australia Prays Team



This is a day to gather in the Lord’s presence, seek His face, listen to His voice, be renewed, refreshed and empowered by His Spirit, to walk out His purpose in our lives individually and corporately.

- ❖ A day set aside to humble ourselves
- ❖ A day to give thanks and praise Him for all He has done
- ❖ A day to unite as the Body of Christ
- ❖ A day to worship the Father in Spirit and Truth
- ❖ A day to declare Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father
- ❖ A day to say “not my will but Your will be done”
- ❖ A day to give God all the glory and honour
- ❖ A day to declare that all power, authority, might, dominion, rule and reign is the Lord God’s alone.

*This is the day that we unite to declare Jesus  
is Lord of all!*



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## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING PRAYER GUIDE 2023

**Theme: LOVE and UNITY**

### **Optional Session: 9:30AM-10:00AM – Pray for Evangelists**

For churches/communities wishing to participate, we invite you to gather those in attendance and called to evangelise in your local community to come and receive prayer and anointing:

- Worship song suggestion: Our God Reigns
- Scriptures for reference/reading: Ephesians 6:19, Colossians 4:2 & Luke 10:1-9.

### **Session 1: 10:00AM-11:00AM – Adoration, Worship & Thanksgiving**

Enter a time of adoration, worship and thanksgiving around God as Father and as the Lord God Almighty:

- Worship song suggestions: 10,000 Reasons and Thank you Lord
- Listening Prayer Moment: Meditate on Ephesians 1:3-10 accompanied by instrumental worship or silence (We suggest 15 to 20 minutes)
- Participants could journal impressions or reflections during this time
- Invite participants to share a prayer of thanksgiving.

### **Session 2: 11:00AM-12:00PM – Being Rooted and Grounded in Love**

Reflect on how we have fallen short of love, confess our short comings and be renewed in the spirit:

- Worship song suggestion: Good, Good Father
- Read through Matthew 22:37-38, John 13:34-35 & John 17:20-23
- Listening Prayer Moment: Ps 139:23-24 - Personal reflection and confession time (We suggest 5 to 10 minutes)
- Reflect and pray about our lack of intimacy and love for one another, our division, holding offence and compromise with culture
- Reflection and confession: Haggai 1:2-7 Our pride and focus on building for our own comfort
- Be renewed and refreshed in the spirit by reading and praying through Ephesians 3:16-19
- Worship Song Suggestions –Make us one, New Wine, Holy Spirit Rain Down & Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.



### **Session 3: 12.00PM-1.00PM – Pray for Leaders and Unity in Our Nation**

For churches/communities wishing to participate, we invite you to gather church leaders, politicians and community leaders in attendance to come and receive prayer and anointing:

- Read Psalm 133:1-3, Isaiah 58: 6-12 & 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Pray for an increase of respect for righteous First Nations leaders, for their continual resourcing and for the increase of mentoring and pathways for next generation leaders so they can take their place and position
- Worship song suggestions: Unity Hymn / Bind us Together
- Pray that we as the body would recognise those who are being appointed by God as leaders, rally around them, support them and share resources
- Pray that we would respond to the spirit of reconciliation in our churches, homes, and community
- Pray for Federal, State, Local government, Church and community leaders
- Worship song suggestions: God of Australia & The Blessing.

### **Session 4: 1.00PM-2.00PM – Official Prayer and Communion Service – Connect Live to Zoom Gathering Using the Link Below**

Prepare to take communion together with all hosting churches via Zoom where possible or you can play the video link provided in the suggested schedule.

- Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- Proclamation of the victory of the cross – You could choose to pray, read scripture or play music
- Scriptures: Colossians 2:13-15 & John 6:31-40
- Ask the Holy Spirit for whom you/ we may need to forgive: Matthew 6:12
- Confession: 1John 1:9, Psalm 66:18
- Communion for those who wish to participate
- Worship song suggestions: The Cross has the Final Word, Nothing but the Blood & Cornerstone.

**Zoom Link to join all Hosting Churches for Official Prayer and Communion Service is <https://zoom.us/j/2770144642>**



## **Session 5: 2.00pm-3.00pm – Pray for Our Christian Witness and Release of Labourers for the Harvest**

Take time to give thanks for how God is moving in the harvest and hear a report from Cindy Mc Garvie of Youth for Christ

- Play Video from Cindy Mc Garvie, (link provided in suggested schedule)/ Share a testimony, evangelists could share a report / share a prayer / give thanks / praise
- Pray for revival, a great harvest Luke 10:2
- Pray for those in our congregations who are actively engaging the harvest through services such as soup kitchens, children’s ministry, the marketplace and various spheres of our community. Pray that they would be strengthened, inspired and encouraged to be carriers of hope and light. Matthew 5:13-16
- Pray over the gates of our cities and regions: Proverbs 8:34, Psalm 24:7-10 & Isaiah 60:18
- Pray to release kingdom workers and a missionary sending wave across the South Pacific and into Asia. Matthew 28:18-20
- Pray for Israel Psalm 122:6
- Worship song suggestions: God of Revival, Do You Feel the Mountains Tremble & To Our God.

## **Session 6: 3.00pm-4.00pm – DECLARATION of God’s Purposes Over Australia and Pray for the Release of Living Water Across the Land**

Gather in one accord to powerfully declare Gods will over our Nation

- Worship song suggestion: Endless Praise
- Indigenous prophetic declaration: (See video link in suggested schedule)
- Scripture: Read and pray aloud Ezekiel 37:1-10
- Declare and pray: Jesus as the Light of the World. John 8:12; Living Water. John 4:14; Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. John 14:6
- We declare that in Him, we are the light of the world, salt of the earth, and the church is the pillar of truth: 1 Timothy 3:15
- Pray for the redemptive purpose of God for Australia as a place of refuge, of hospitality and as a Nation able to bless other Nations
- Break up into small groups and pray for refreshing and empowerment by the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8
- Gather together and read the attached declaration out loud
- Worship song suggestion to finish: Here I am to Worship, The Great Southland, Crown Him with Many Crowns & Endless Praise.



## National Day of Prayer and Fasting Love and Unity 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Declaration

Father, we thank You for Australia and for what You are doing in our nation at this time. We thank You for Your Son Jesus, that He dwells in our hearts through faith, and we as Your Body are being rooted and grounded in love. (Eph 3:17)

We thank You for Your Holy Spirit who has shed the love of God abroad in our hearts and is being poured out in greater measure across Australia and the surrounding nations. (Rom 5:5)

We declare how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity – for there, the Lord commands a blessing. (Ps. 133)

We declare that through Christ, the whole Body is joined and fit together perfectly, as each part does its own special work, enabling the Body to grow and be built up in love. (Eph 4:16)

Lord, we declare that we are Your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, and as we behold You, we are being transformed from glory to glory. (Eph 2:10; 2 Cor 3:18)

Amen!



## NDOPF SUGGESTED SONG LIST

All suggested songs have lyrics in their videos and length of song is written next to the artist.

### Nominal Session: Pray for Evangelists

How Great is Our God-Chris Tomlin: 5:05 mins

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhrB\\_KTUwal](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhrB_KTUwal)

Our God Reigns - Edward Rivera & the McClures: Bethel Music: 7:05 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTre4C9nj3k>

You Said - Hillsong Worship: 4:34 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4uLXENxVkM>

### Session 1: Adoration, Worship & Thanksgiving:

10,000 reasons - Matt Redman: 4:21mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3K3roEF36k>

Thank You Lord -Don Moen: 5:58 mins [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN3\\_tSDhDpY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN3_tSDhDpY):

Forever - Michael W Smith: 5:14 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks86XIVKaB8>

Awake My Soul- Hillsong Worship: 4:40 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWsa2mkzhiQ>

### Session 2: Being Rooted and Grounded in Love

Good, Good Father - Chris Tomlin: 4:57 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQmuxlzfJbl>

Make us one - Naomi Raine: 9:03 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g20vYw9hlo>

New Wine - Hillsong Worship: 5:03 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs01G9nYuik>

Holy Spirit rain down - Russell Frager: 4:31 mins [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-SI\\_HRWooA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-SI_HRWooA)

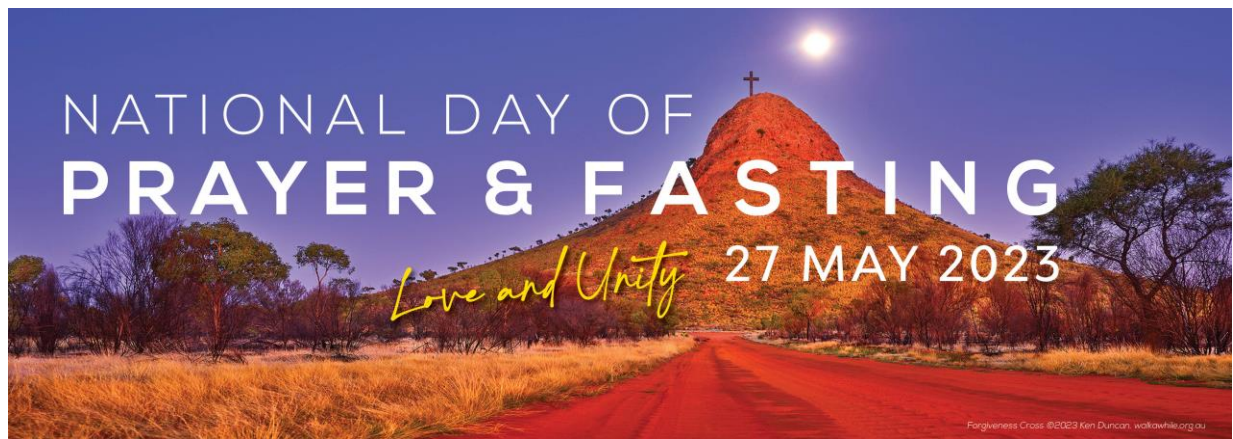
Love Divine, all love excelling- Emu Music: 3:55 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udfVtSSZSyg>

All Consuming Fire - Misty Edwards: 3:33 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UMs9Ttrw7l>

Reckless Love - Cory Asbury: 5:31 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GGJ8cyYNzQ>





### **Session 3: Pray for Leaders and Unity in Our Nation**

The Unity Hymn- Mike Donehey: 4:08 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLRTHgGOShQ>

The Blessing - Kari Jobe & Code Carnes: 12:09 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp6aygmvzM4>

God of Australia - Joshua Halls, featuring Katie McManus: 4:45 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C436H0pQpk>

Hear Our Praises – Hillsong: 9:08 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pr4N3onN82M>

To Our God - Brian Johnson: 6:17 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0xxmocvrJk>

### **Session 4: Official Prayer and Communion Service**

Worthy is the Lamb - Hillsong Worship: 6:14 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-cd5prE4f0>

All Hail King Jesus - Bethany Wohrle: 5:37 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRugOZ7lyao>

The Cross has the final word - Cody Carnes 4:10 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isPODKqymq0>

Nothing but the blood - Hillsong United 3:32 mins

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei\\_c2yIUY6U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei_c2yIUY6U)

Cornerstone - Hillsong Worship 7:39 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izrk-erhDdk>

### **Session 5: Pray for Our Christian Witness and Release of Labourers for the Harvest**

I Speak Jesus -Charity Gayle: 7:46 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcmqSfr1ENY>

God of Revival – Phil Wickham: 6:30 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GckXASqwmI>

Do You Feel the Mountains Tremble – Sean Feucht: 7:20

mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnsMQVmJKkg>

Can a Nation Be Changed? - Matt Redman: 5:43 mins (No lyrics)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McisWvo-SrQ>

All of My Days -Hillsong Worship: 4:55

mins [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0OM\\_TvBhSQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0OM_TvBhSQ)

Awake my soul Holly Halliwell Cover: 4:30 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riX3UG1a3c8>



**Session 6: Declaration of God’s purposes over Australia and pray for the Release of Living Water Across the Land**

Endless Praise – Charity Gayle: 5:57 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEinUp3--FY>

Here I am to worship: Children’s choir: 4:22 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4sZu1ouO9E>

Crown Him with many crowns (Hymn) Congregational Singing Grace Community Church: 4:08 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lf-svStcvS8>

Fresh Wind: Hillsong Worship: 4:30 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LRqPaBCRVs>

Great Southland – Geoff Bullock: 3:55mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3h6vnHXRbeM>

Awakening - Hillsong Worship: 5:40 mins [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-i\\_aIH1EOg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-i_aIH1EOg)



## **Donating to the National Day of Prayer & Fasting**

To call our nation to pray and fast and have hundreds of regional and citywide National Days of Prayer all over Australia is a massive logistical exercise. This work requires modern communication expertise through website, webcasting facilities, electronic newsletters, video production, marketing and artistic input, radio ads, telephone and video conference calls, designing posters and flyers, rental of facilities, PA and all associated equipment. This work requires skilled management and highly qualified and committed operators.

The budget for this year is \$50,000. We are seeking to raise this through donations from individuals, businesses and churches. We do encourage the locally hosted events to take up an offering during their specific event. These funds can be used to cover their local expenses and then to help offset the costs to run the event nationally. For those running a 10 am to 4 pm we encourage taking up two offerings during that time, one offering late in the morning and one mid-afternoon as different people attend at different times. Shorter events only need to take up one offering. Feel free to use the giving slip below to pass out to attendees or encourage them to donate directly via our website [www.australiaprays.com.au/giving](http://www.australiaprays.com.au/giving).

Donations from ministries and individual donors are greatly appreciated. Australia Prays wishes to honour and appreciate all those who give to the cause of renewal and transformation of our nation. "Partners in Prayer and Evangelism Ltd" is a registered religious charitable institution through the Australian Charities & Not-for-Profit Commission.

### **Donation and Sponsorship Enquiry Details**

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Thank you. This day couldn't happen without you.