

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

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Saturday 7th June 2025

10.00am to 4.00pm



PRAYER GUIDE 2025

On behalf of Australia Prays,

We warmly welcome you to this year's National Day of Prayer (NDOP) to be held on 7th June 2025 from 10am to 4pm AEST. Thank you for being a part of this gathering. 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 NDOP.

Please note this Prayer Guide is only a guide. We welcome you to discern what is best for your gathering and adjust to suit your needs. The time frames are suggestions only. If a segment needs more time flow with that. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead rather than being restricted by times and sessions in the Guide.

Where the hosting church or prayer group is unable to meet for the full six hours from 10.00am to 4.00pm, consider ways to incorporate the themes of all six sessions in the time available, by taking time to honour Jesus Christ as Lord of all creation and as head of the church and by including communion, praying for leaders, and prayers for the spread of the Gospel.

In the scriptures we find that fasting combined with prayer was a common practice as Kings and people sought the Lord in times of crisis (e.g. 2Chronicles 20:3-6 and Esther 4:1-3). In fact, when the people of God moved away from Him, the prophets called for a fast (e.g. Joel 2:12 "Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning").

In the New Testament, Jesus in His sermon on the mount gave instruction regarding fasting (Matthew 6:16-18). The leaders of the church in Antioch were fasting and praying when the Holy Spirit led them to send out Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:1-3). Paul and Barnabas with prayer and fasting appointed elders in every city they had been (Acts 14:23).

Fasting is an aspect of surrender that acknowledges our total dependence on God. For this reason, we encourage you to consider fasting on this day or in the days leading up to the NDOP as the Holy Spirit leads.

If you have the technological capacity, we would love to have you join with the others around Australia for the prayer and communion service from 2.00pm to 3.00pm (AEST) on the 7th of June, via Zoom.

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A National Day of Prayer as a Kingdom Catalyst

The National Day of Prayer on 7 June 2025 can be a powerful catalyst for a grassroots movement of prayer across Australia. As we join together to pray, we declare Jesus' lordship over our lives, our communities, and our nation. We pray that Australia will become a house of prayer for all nations, where churches in every local government area stand united in worship, intercession, and mission.

As Sue Tinworth from PIPES states, "Our hope is Christ—who is in the midst of us, bringing light to our world." Our prayers are not just for a day but for a movement that sees every home, every church, and every street become a place of God's presence, a place where His name is lifted high, and His love is made known.

Warwick Marsh of the Canberra Declaration emphasizes, "When the Church prays together in unity, the power of God is unleashed, and the impossible becomes possible."

On 7 June 2025, let us embrace this unity, joining with believers across Australia, in a mighty chorus of prayer, believing for breakthroughs, revival and the transformation of our nation

Thank you for your service and dedication to pray for our nation.

The Australia Prays Team

Session 1: (10.00am to 11.00am). Adoration and Praise

Welcome and Short prayer (2 minutes)

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (based on Ps19:14 NIV)

Introduction (3 mins)

The Scriptures make it clear that Christ's pre-eminence is the cornerstone of our faith, life, and mission. This truth should be the foundation of our prayer lives, guiding us as we seek God's will for our lives, our communities, our nation, and our world.

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20 Christ supreme over all.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. (ESV)

Worship - Praise and Adoration (20 mins)

Suggested songs:

[We adore You](#), [Name Above All Names](#), [He calls me friend](#), [Holy Forever](#), [Good and Gracious King](#)

Meditation and Listening Prayer centred on Colossians 1:15-16. (20 mins)

In the meditation / listening times through the day ask questions and listen for answers, feel free to explore various creative responses – allow the Holy Spirit space to prompt. e.g. write a poem or a song / paraphrase the passage in your own words – draw a diagram or paint a picture. Some people find it helpful to walk while they listen.

Christ is the image of the invisible God. In Him we can see what God is like. In Him the nature and being of God is perfectly revealed.

He is firstborn over all creation – i.e. not the first of all created things, rather the one who was before creation, who has first place over the creation.

As we consider *The Pre-eminence of Christ* today ponder the acronym below:

C - Christ is the Centre of our lives. He is our focus, our adoration, our affection.

H - He is the Head of our lives, guiding us, leading us, showing us His ways and His will. He knows best.

R - He is the Reason for our lives, the reason for our existence.

I - He is the Inspiration in our lives.

S - He reigns Supreme in our lives.

T - He is the Truth, the Way and the Life.

Small Group sharing and prayer (15 mins)

Break into small groups and share what the Lord has revealed during the listening prayer time and pray as the Lord leads.

Session 2: (11.00am to 12.00pm). Honouring Jesus Christ – Our Creator and Lord

Worship (10 mins).

Suggested Songs:

[How Majestic](#), [Lord of Lords](#), [Agnes Dei](#)

Leader to read Colossians 1:16 -17 and then introduce the meditation time.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

The nations –our cities, regions and towns - our leaders – our churches, and each of us individually exist for Him. He gives everything its proper meaning and purpose. Without Him everything falls short of His intention and design.

He has a purpose for each of us.

Meditation and Listening Prayer (20 mins)

We have been created in Him, through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Consider this text from Colossians and listen for what the Father has to say to you as you focus on each of the dot points below:

- **For yourself.** This may include fresh revelation, a challenge to repentance or a greater realization of His grace and comfort.
- **For your city, town or region,**
- **For Australia.**

Small Group Sharing and Prayer / Open Mike (20 mins)

Break up into small groups, share and then pray through what has been revealed in the meditation & listening above.

Worship (10 mins).

Suggested Songs:

[He is Lord](#), [Crown Him with many Crowns](#), [I exalt Thee](#)

Session 3: (12.00pm to 1.00pm). Repentance and Renewal

Scripture: Colossians 1:18

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church.

Listening Prayer as we focus on this word from Colossians. **(30mins)**

- Remember He is in our midst and He is Lord of the Church.
- He calls us to be quiet and attentive to His presence.

What has He to say to us about the church?

- What does He commend?
- What does He have against us?
- In what areas does He challenge us to repentance?

Consider each of these questions in the contexts below:

- your congregation.
- in your city, town or region.
- In Australia.

As part of our time today and / or for further prayer read: Colossians 3:1 to 4:6
- The challenge to live out our faith.

Small Group Sharing and Prayer (20 mins)

Share and pray through what has been revealed in the listening above.

Please allocate time for individual and collective confession and repentance.

Scriptures: 1 John 1:5-9 & 2:1-2; Ephesians 1:17-23

Worship and Renewal (10 mins)

Suggested songs:

[Change my heart O God](#), [Purify my heart](#), [I Surrender](#) (Hillsong), [Cornerstone](#)

Session 4: (1.00pm to 2.00pm). Praying for our Leaders

Welcome (15 mins)

Welcome any visiting political, business and community leaders.

Please be aware of the leaders who may be present. They may not necessarily be church people but are there by invitation. This is a good opportunity to explain to the leaders present why we pray and the true source of all wisdom

Read out 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Comment: This is a challenging time for Political, Community and Christian Leaders. So as the Body, we declare our devotion to God and our obedience by praying for our leaders and for unity in our nation.

For everyone including leaders, God is willing to give the wisdom we need when we acknowledge Him and ask for His wisdom.

Read out Proverbs 2: 6-9 and Proverbs 16:1-5

Proverbs 11: 10a *When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices.*

Specific Prayer (Honour, Wisdom, Blessing and Empowering) by leader for leaders present in the room.

Pray for leaders (15 mins) using the suggested scriptures above and the prayer points below.

- Pray that we as the body would give honour to those appointed by God as leaders, not just with words but in action being prepared to serve them and share resources at points of need.
- Pray that in our city, town, or region, compassion and justice for the poor would be expressed in our councils, churches, schools, and NGO's.
- Pray for the raising up of servant leaders in accord with Mark 10:42-45
- Pray for Federal, State, Local government, Church, and community leaders as the Holy Spirit leads.

Small Group Prayer (20 mins)

Introduction: Colossians 1:18b. *He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

Comment: In Christ through the resurrection and ascension, God's kingdom is firmly set in our world. We are to carry His presence, His peace, His kingship into every sphere of life. We, the Body of Christ are called to be salt and light



in the midst of the hurt and darkness. Resurrection life – New creation brings a new beginning – a transformation into every sphere of life.

Scriptures: Matthew 13:31-33; Matthew 5:13-16

We are to pray for His Kingdom to flood the earth, for His name to be given first place above all and for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Divide into different small groups based on the different spheres of the life of a city, town or region. Those who carry a burden or interest in a particular sphere forming that group. Alternatively, groups may decide to pray for a few of these as the Lord leads.

Government - Federal, State, Local Government, Mayor and Councillors,

Education - Principals & Teachers, Chaplains etc

Church and Community - Church Leaders, Christian Charities and NGO's

Business - Business leaders and workers

Health - Doctors, Paramedics, Nurses, Hospital Admin etc.

Justice - Police and Court Officers, Judges, Probation Officers

Media - Journalists, Editors etc

Arts and Entertainment - Artists and Musicians etc

Family - Parents, Grandparents, Child safety officers etc

Conclude with Worship (10 mins)

Suggested songs:

[God of Australia](#), [The Blessing](#), [God bless our nation by Marjorie Padmore](#)

Session 5: (2.00pm to 3.00pm). Prayer and Communion Service

Feel free to join the “National Zoom Communion Service” and participate online using Zoom by clicking the Zoom link that will be provided, or you can follow along with the suggested guide and lead your own session.

Introduction (15 mins)

Read the scriptures below and share why we participate in taking communion.

Scripture: Colossians 1:19-20.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Suggested Scriptures: Col 2: 6-15; 1Cor 11:23-29

This is a time to reinforce the victory that Jesus won for the Church by sacrificing His life and paying the price for the forgiveness of our sins, for our healing from sicknesses, diseases and pain. This is also a time to reflect on His forgiveness and to forgive anyone who may have wronged us.

Individual meditation and silent prayer (15 mins)

- Meditate on how eating the bread and drinking from the cup proclaims the Lord's death till He comes.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if there is anyone you may need to forgive?
- Ask what does it mean to eat or drink in an unworthy manner? The scripture goes on to say, *that whoever eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgement on himself.* Do you hold anything against the body – individuals or churches.
- Confess, repent, ask for His forgiveness (1John 1:9).

Sing a song together (5 mins)

Suggested songs: [It's Your Blood](#), [Thank You Jesus for the Blood](#)

Pray, serve the elements, and take communion together **(5 mins)**

Small Group Prayer (10 mins)

Pray for the Body of Christ to be pure, united in love, awake, active in being salt and light, uncompromising, using the authority bestowed on us.



Worship (10 mins)

Suggested songs:

[Only A Holy God](#), [Day After Day Jesus Reigns](#), [On That Day](#), [And Can it Be](#),
[All Praise to our Redeeming Lord](#)

Session 6: (3.00pm to 4.00pm). Good News for All!

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

He has come to reconcile all things to himself. He is our peace who has broken down every wall.

Individual Meditation (13 mins)

Consider God's heart for Reconciliation as expressed in the verse above.

- Ask to catch His heart for those who currently are separated from Him.
- Ask this question: Lord what is my part to play in sharing the Good News of the cross?

Small Group Sharing and Prayer (20 mins)

There are two aspects to our prayer / worship focus in this final session.

1. The Lord's urgent appeal for people to be reconciled to God. (Matt 28:18-20)

- Pray for wisdom and the greater release of gifting for evangelists and all of us: that we would all be inspired and enabled to be carriers of hope and light.
- Pray for the renewal of an emphasis on discipleship and the raising up of followers who obey all Jesus commanded.
- Share a testimony. Evangelists could share a report / share a prayer/ give thanks and praise.
- Pray for revival, for the harvesters, and for a great harvest. (Matthew 9:36-38)
- Listed below are some of the groups in Australia who are involved in fruitful evangelism. Consider praying for a couple of these today, however we submit them to you for ongoing prayer.
 - [Youth For Christ](#)
 - [Harvest Australia](#)
 - [Australia for Jesus](#)
 - [Multiply Movement](#)
 - [Discipleship Training School \(DTS\) by YWAM](#)

2. Celebration of the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ through the blood of the cross over every hostile force, whether that be in the heavens or on the earth. He indeed is Lord over all human rulers and over all angelic and demonic powers, in fact over all creation. (Col 2:13-15)

THE KING IS COMING AGAIN! (Revelation 7:17; 19:11-21; 21:1-7)

Concluding Celebration with Worship (20 mins)

Suggested songs:

Holy Forever, Our God Reigns, Worthy of it all, Worthy is the Lamb, Endless praise

The Declaration (7 mins)

We suggest the Declaration is to be made together by all present

The Declaration

Focus: Jesus Christ – Lord of All

(We suggest a short pause after each declaration)

- JESUS You are “the image of the invisible God” and “the radiance of His glory” – We declare the glory of Your Name over Australia and into the heavenly realms.
- JESUS You are “the firstborn of all creation; by You all things were created in heaven and on earth, the visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. We declare You are indeed the great Creator and Lord of All.
- Jesus, all things were created through You and for You. We declare we are created for Your pleasure and for the purpose of close relationship. We yield our lives to Your purpose both in intimacy and in action.
- Jesus, You are above all things and deserve first place. You alone hold all things together and in You they find their true meaning and purpose.
- Jesus, You are the head of the body the church. We lay before You our crowns, our agendas and plans, our ideas of success and bow before You. Have your way in us Lord.
- Jesus, You are the prince of peace – you break down every wall. You have crushed the serpent’s head, and You have made peace through the blood of the cross. We rejoice in this wondrous salvation.
- Jesus, We declare that You are Sovereign Lord over Australia, our Provider, Protector and Sustainer.
You are “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”
- JESUS You are coming soon at the last trumpet “coming on the clouds with power and great glory - We long for Your appearing.
“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”