



Pray for the Nation ~ INOI MO TE MOTU

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The LORD said, "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 I will forgive their sin, and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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There was no November Prayer Letter because Brian Caughley had a small stroke and was in hospital for 3 weeks but is now home, gradually improving, by the grace of God.

There will be **no January Prayer Letter** but hopefully we will return to normal in February.

This month's Letter is different from normal but still has Questions and Prayer Suggestions.

THREE ESSENTIALS FOR LIFE

Three essentials for life are FOOD, WATER, AIR. It has been said that we can live approximately 60 days without food, 6 days without water, and 6 minutes without air. These numbers have also been related to the number 666 – the number of Man. Spiritually, three essentials for Christian life are:

- A lifelong experience of **JESUS** as our Lord and Saviour – the Son of God who is the *physical* manifestation of God, who "became flesh" in order to reveal God to us.
- An intimate fellowship and love with our **HEAVENLY FATHER**.
- The breath of the **HOLY SPIRIT** in our lives. Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." And they received His power and gifts to be effective witnesses to Him. *We need a Holy Spirit-inspired, led and empowered revival like this!*

Pray for the Nation was birthed in the early days (1972) of what became known as the charismatic movement, and one of its aims is to pray for Revival in our nation. Today, we need that revival even more, because to a large extent our nation is a God-ignoring, self-seeking group of people who demand their "rights", and a democracy based on what the majority of people want. Often these are contrary to God's laws and will for people.

Some things we urgently need to pray for in the Church – the people who should know and follow God's ways – are as follows. These were major characteristics of previous revivals and are desperately needed in our country's churches – including in your life and mine!

PLEASE PRAY that increasingly we will see, in the lives of all Christians:

- *Hunger and thirst for a close walk with the Lord* – seeking Him first, above all else, in our lives and having an ongoing intimate relationship with Him. A passion, zeal and enthusiasm for the Lord, His Word and His ways.
- *Prayer* – both alone with the Lord and with others; calling on Him for revival in our land.
- *Worship* – it is so easy to pray for our own needs, or other people's needs, and forget that we are praying to God who alone is worthy of worship; who alone can forgive our sins; who is worthy of our thanks for every good thing we have and everything He does for us. Worship comes from our hearts, not merely from our heads. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit as we yield to Him.
- *Reading and studying God's Word* – the Bible; the Scriptures – so that the Lord will teach us His will and ways, and that we will not be led astray by false teaching or the ways of the world.
- *Holiness*. Living God's way, not just "believing it". Repentance for sin; confession of it and asking God's help not to live in sin but to live as the holy, saved and sanctified children of God.
- *Witness* by the lives we live, the words we speak, our love for others and our actions.
- *Spirit-filled lives*. Being constantly filled with God's Holy Spirit, led and empowered by Him, and using the gifts He has given us for His glory and the blessing of other people.

- *Spiritual warfare* against the powers of darkness – everything that opposes God and His ways; everything that brings bondage (not freedom) in people's lives; everything that opposes God's people and opposes the sharing of the Gospel.
- *The priesthood of all believers.* We are all called to be priests of God – offering our lives and all that we have, to Him; sharing the Good News of salvation through Him; ministering to one another using our God-given gifts; serving, interceding, worshiping and praising Him!

QUESTIONS

1. How do we “hunger and thirst after God”?
2. What are the differences between singing and worshipping?
3. What does “holiness” mean, as distinct from the way most Christians live?
4. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in revival, for example in the New Testament Church?
5. In what ways should all Christians be witnesses for the Lord?
6. What does “spiritual warfare” mean? What are some Old and New Testament examples?
7. What is meant by “the priesthood of all believers”? Compare New Testament priesthood with that of the Old Testament – who are “priests” in the New Testament Church and the Church today?

“Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?” (Psalm 85:6).
 “After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, so that we may live before Him.”
 (Hosea 6:2).

RUACH AOTEAROA – Spirit of God over Aotearoa New Zealand. **A call to radical prayer: Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December**

This is a weekend of prayer and fasting for the spiritual state of Aotearoa New Zealand, being organised by Lyn Isaac. It is a time to worship, intercede, repent and seek forgiveness where appropriate, and to give thanks for God's goodness to us as a nation.

The book “*Ruach Aotearoa*” by Lyn Isaac, includes chapters based on each of the following prayer suggestions. It is available on Amazon, Manna bookshops, or email ruachaotearoa@gmail.com Also see <http://livingconnections.com/?s=Ruach+Aotearoa> for further details. It is ideal for Bible Study or prayer groups, as well as personal study and prayer.

If you have a burden for the spiritual state of New Zealand, this is a book for you. Aotearoa New Zealand – it used to be called God zone. It is a beautiful country, with beautiful people. There's been a slow decline in the nation over the last decades – turning away from God, apathetic about the state of the nation, turning away from Israel, promoting ungodly decisions and actions. People struggling, high suicide rates, despair, a creeping evil sucking the spirit from the nation. This is a call to prayer, to humble yourself, to fast, to pray, together with hundreds of others who have a burden for the state of the nation and a desire for revival. For the Spirit of God to awaken the nation to reverse the decline and bring a hope and a future to the nation.

The topics for prayer are:

1. Our National Anthem, and calling our nation to turn towards God.
2. A return to the guiding principles of the Ten Commandments.
3. The sanctity of life and marriage.
4. Prayer concerning the bloodshed in our country in our past history [repentance, forgiveness, healing and unity]
5. Restoration of our land.
6. The healing of our people.
7. Hope and unity to return to our people.
8. The right spirit of our people to be restored.
9. Youth will rise up under God.
10. Our way of communicating with one another will be in love.
11. That we will be one people under God.
12. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be Ruler of our country.

**THERE ARE NO PAGES 3 & 4 THIS MONTH.
 THE NEXT PRAYER LETTER IS PLANNED
 FOR FEBRUARY 2020**