

FORREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER BULLETIN FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING 26th December, 2010

Please endeavour to use the following material *daily* to achieve concentrated congregational prayer; in addition please expand on the daily suggestions with your own prayers and praise, as the Spirit leads you.

NB But when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray...on street corners [just] to be seen...Matt. 6:5.

REMEMBER: Commence devotions with confession, an appeal for mercy, forgiveness and cleansing and the help of the Holy Spirit with repentance. Tick boxes day by day.

December, 2010

- Mon 13) The Richardsons report amazing answers to prayer in one of their mission areas – people have been physically and spiritually healed. This can happen anywhere people put their minds to it, so pray that we too will avail ourselves more of what the Lord offers in this respect. Pray also for further inspired achievements in the Richardson mission field, especially spiritual, but material too, such as winter preservation of the donated yaks.
- Tues 14)
- Wed 15 Remember all ministers and other teachers as they prepare to make the Christmas message known. Ask God to open hearts and minds to know Christ better, as His birth is celebrated.
- Thur 16 Pray for Scripture Union: that God will underwrite all of its work and will control and guide the Union's summer outreach camps. Indeed, pray for all Christian summer initiatives, especially where youth are involved.
- Fri 17 Implore the Lord to generate much greater interest in our own Christmas services this year; that the Holy Spirit will work in local hearts in advance, and even trouble them, as may be necessary.
- Sat 18 Who are your friends? Thank God for them and pray for them, Christian and non-Christian alike. May they all experience Jesus this Christmas.
- Sun 19 Morning Choral and Carols Service 9.30. Theme: Love. Love came down at Christmas; love was born at Christmas. Thank and praise God for his great love in Jesus Christ.

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December, 2010 (continued)

☐ Mon 20 Again, pray that God will speak irresistibly to the hearts of all who attend Christmas services throughout the world, especially those who rarely attend church at other times and those coming for the first time.

☐ Tues 21 Ask God to continue to bless our nation, as He has done so wonderfully in the past. However, pray that our people will show a much greater appreciation of our Heavenly Father's many blessings. Remember to pray for the musical extravaganza tonight in the church at 7.30 pm and thank God for Geoff Sewell's great musical talent.

☐ Wed 22 Because of the comparative narrowness and weakness of the human mind, we cannot understand fully the wonders and mysteries of either the natural or spiritual worlds. Thank God, nevertheless, for His creation, His faithful daily providence and supreme majesty and for the divine character of His Word.

☐ Thur 23 Pray for all young people who have received Christian teaching during the year, especially through Bible in Schools, Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Youth Groups, mainly music and all other learning areas.

☐ Fri 24 Christmas Eve services – 5.30 pm Jandals service (The Cat in the Manger) and 11.15 pm Carols, Candles and Communion (Seeking The Light). In praying for these services and also for the Christmas Day service tomorrow, pray that all attending will experience the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

☐ Sat 25 Christmas Day Family Celebration service 9.30 am – Shining the Light. Merciful God, help me today to accept Your love and to model my life on the example set by Jesus, whose birth we celebrate today.

☐ Sun 26 Boxing Day informal and child friendly service 9.30 am – Showing the Light. There are countless numbers throughout the world who will not have experienced the Christmas we have had. Ask God not only to reveal Himself to them, or to reveal Himself afresh, but to provide for them directly, or indirectly through those of His people who have more than enough.

PRAY OFTEN DURING THE HOLIDAYS – REMEMBER, GOD NEVER GOES ON HOLIDAY!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

CHURCH PRAYER

☐ ALMIGHTY FATHER, we commend to Your grace and guidance our Minister and every person in this Church family. Grant to us the spirit of wisdom and insight, the spirit of counsel and might. Use our witness in this area to revive the Church, to open blind eyes, to redeem the lost and to win our people to the love of Christ. Through this Church may Your name be glorified, Your Son be lifted up and your Holy Spirit make His home in every heart - through Jesus Christ our Lord.

