

FORREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER BULLETIN FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING 28th November, 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 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions...to the One who could save Him from death...Heb. 5:7.

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.

November, 2010

Mon 15 The Month of Prayer has commenced and continues until 12th December. God guarantees His presence and it will be great to take part; further, to enjoy the Holy Spirit in personal contemplation. Ask God to help us to "Shine in the Darkness" in the interest of discovering and pursuing our mission identity and role here on the Shore.

Tues 16 Thank God that New Zealand was established on Christian principles, but sadly many of our people have become lukewarm, even hostile to our Lord. Pray again for the healing of our land and for a Spirit inspired revival of the Christian churches.

Wed 17 Pray ahead for the garage sale next Saturday. It needs prayer, because funds raised will go towards youth work and outreach in the community. Just a reminder – we'll do nothing really worthwhile without prayer!

Thur 18 Praise God and pray for all medical people: surgeons, doctors, nurses, etc. In the face of many difficulties, they display so often the love of Christ, whether they are aware of it or not. Thank God for their compassion, love (even of the unlovely), patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control. Pray that the Lord will always guide and lead them.

Fri 19 Evangelism is a high priority among all social ministries. We are charged with shining the Gospel's light into the world's darkest corners, even in our own communities. As part of this prayer month, pray for all preachers, missionaries and evangelists and for increasing prayer support for them.

Sat 20 Jesus makes God visible; He is immortally gracious; He is the roadway of righteousness; He is the gateway of glory; He offers escape to the tempted; He forgives the sinner; He has defeated death, etc., etc. Praise the name of Jesus.

Sun 21 Morning Service 9.30 and Morning Sunday School. In the evening Youth Group (REFLECT). Pray for all those who are suffering today – for inner strength and to know Christ's love and comfort.

PLEASE TURN OVER

November, 2010 (continued)

- Mon 22 We have no grounds for self-exaltation, for our only hope is in the righteousness Christ imputed to us. During this month of prayer praise the Lord our Saviour for His assurances.
- Tues 23 Thank God for all those who work for and contribute to the Leprosy Mission. Pray for increasing numbers of lepers to be healed throughout the world.
- Wed 24 Pray for those oppressed by hateful religions and those in despair at the moral bankruptcy of so many secular beliefs and practices. Ask God to enlighten them regularly to the fact that Christ is the only answer ultimately to all human problems.
- Thur 25 The disciples abandoned Jesus; yet a few days later He was cooking them breakfast on a beach. Thank Him that He truly is the forgiving friend of sinners, as well as saints.
- Fri 26 Praise God for setting such high standards in His Ten Commandments and thank Jesus for His Two Commandments (embracing the 10) to love God and one another. Ask God to help you in your striving to meet these standards and also to help you (in whatever you do) to work as if you are working for the Lord (Col. 3:23).
- Sat 27 Continue to pray for our whole congregation: for God's given grace, a willingness on our part regularly to seek out the truth of His Word and for a conscientious commitment to one another. Especially pray for our Minister and other leaders.
- Sun 28 Combined Morning Service 10 o'clock **at Glenfield Presbyterian Church.** Pray too for the 11 am North Shore Hospital service at which some of our people are assisting. In the evening Youth Group (REFLECT).
Lord Jesus Christ, we worship You, we give You thanks, and we praise You for Your glory and majesty.

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.