

FORREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER BULLETIN FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING 3rd April, 2011

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 Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O Lord my God.
1 Kings 8:28.

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.

March, 2011

Mon 21 What is the world coming to? We have a disastrous earthquake in Japan now, following the one in Christchurch. The Bible predicts these things - and the attendant sorrow and suffering. Thank God that He invites us to a much higher and safer level of existence when we depart this life. Have you accepted the invitation? Meantime pray for all victims of natural disasters.

Tues 22 The Israelites were called God's chosen people (Old Testament). In the New Testament all **believers** are designated as chosen, or elect (1 Peter 2:9). Praise God.

Wed 23 Be in prayer for that most valuable of ministries, Bible in Schools. Parents of students should be deeply indebted to the dedicated teachers, such as our Leigh Clark, Marilyn Lewis, Denis Smith and Jill Worrall. Pray for them and the many other BIS teachers throughout the country. May the power of the Holy Spirit be with them at all times.

Thur 24 Lord, help us to pass on Your Word confidently, **as given by You to us**, and not accompanied by idle or damaging speculation, reservations, expressions of doubt, or any other diluted interpretations.

Fri 25 Christ is the one and only Saviour of the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you get this message across wherever you go, but especially within your own family.

Sat 26 Lord Jesus, help me to be humble in Your presence and admit my need of You. Let me delight in my relationship with You.

Sun 27 Morning Service 9.30 and Morning Children's Programme. In the evening Youth Group (REFLECT).
Lord Jesus, we appreciate You and worship You.

PLEASE TURN OVER

March, 2011 (continued)

Mon 28 Lord, help me to store up the wisdom of Your Kingdom and to be generous with the treasure You give me.

Tues 29 New Zealand could do with a lift morally and spiritually. Our standards in the categories of sex, drugs, alcohol, loyalties, crime rates, etc. AND acknowledgment of God, leave a lot to be desired. It's time to pray again for a wake-up call for our country.

Wed 30 Let us never forget or neglect our needy or threatened brothers and sisters in Christ. They are everywhere, in Christchurch to be sure, now Japan, always in the Middle East, India and so on. Please pray for them now and regularly.

Thur 31 When you start moving closer to Jesus, the devil tries harder to stop you. Satan hates our prayers, as they are a great threat to his plans. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be uppermost in your consciousness and prompt you to regular prayer.

April, 2011

Fri 1 The Lyons in Dunedin continue to serve the Lord in chaplaincy and Christian home education. It never ceases to amaze that these people, with all their health problems, display such courage and resourcefulness in following Jesus and it is good that we should continue to support them materially and in prayer. Pray for God's rich blessing on them.

Sat 2 Ask God to help us always to be a church of believers and seekers, a place of faith, a place of love and a place which sees conversion as a part of life. Especially pray for an ability to achieve more and more in discipleship.

Sun 3 Morning Service 9.30 and Morning Children's Programme. In the evening Youth Group (REFLECT).
Thank God that He never forgets us, even when we, at times, forget Him.

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.