

## Weekly Prayer Focus

(taken from D. McCrae-McMahon's Prayers For Life's Particular Moments)

Dear God,

Moving with your Spirit is not always easy.

The way forward is not as clear as we would like it to be.

It sometimes feels safer to stay where we are, and then the ground goes from under our feet and we know we have no option but to move.

Give us love for each other on the way, O God.

Show us your footsteps on the path, Jesus Christ, and hold us safe as we go, Holy Spirit, who is our comforter, our grace, and the one who prays for us, even as we cannot find the words.

*Amen*

*You are invited to pray this prayer every day this week. Sit in it and allow it to sit in you. Trust God's Spirit to reveal the meanings this prayer has for you, your loved ones, the communities of your life and the wider world.*

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### Luke 8 26-39 (NRSV)

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### This Weeks Service

**Leading** Josh Meadows  
**Preaching** Matt C

### Next Week

**Leading** Lance  
**Sound** Peter G  
**Vision** Glynis G

### MARK YOUR DIARIES

**Sept 11-13th** – Women's Camp  
Theme – "Healthy Boundaries"

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** Quiet Day at TLC

## PROGRAMS and GROUPS

### Mulch for the Garden Delivered to you!

Mulch available to be delivered to your home ~\$25 per trailer load

The proceeds go to Chaplaincy at Croydon Primary and Secondary schools Phone 9726 9417

### **Study and Prayer group**

Starting a new topic in the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009  
All Women Welcome

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Special Fundraiser Lunch for 20/20 project**

Please bring all your change to support this project!

On the Menu

Coconut lamb curry, Spinach and cumin raita,

Fresh tomato chutney, Chana dahl.

Coffee and a selection of home baked cakes.

### **Announcements:**

If you wish to make an announcement in a Sunday service contact the TLC office or the service leader for the day – prior to the day- to make arrangements. Thank you.

### TLC gallery

The Brink exhibition is open now come and see our works in progress it is an ever changing exhibition!

## INFORMATION and UPDATES

### **Food Bank Needs**

This week you can contribute:

Dry biscuits, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet rolls and soap

### **Check the notice board**

News from John Steward and news about Rwanda

### **20/20 Building Project update**

There will be a working bee next Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Work has begun on the TLC office renovation. If you are able to assist/ attend in any way please contact Hugo Meyer on Mob:0412 100 159 or home 9723 6247

### **Ladies camp September 11-13**

If you are 16 year of age or older and would like to come to ladies camp we'd love to have you – you are really welcome so please come along

It will be a relaxing weekend away-No dishes!

We will explore the topic of healthy boundaries, have a movie night, relax and be pampered

Final numbers and dietary requirements are needed by the 30<sup>th</sup> of August

Please Ring the office this week to book and pay deposit.

We'd love the pleasure of your company

### **CLEANING GROUPS**

September 5<sup>th</sup> Garrioch

September 19<sup>th</sup> Ledwich

## INFORMATION

### HABITAT RESTORE –

Children's Books by the 100s  
New Stock just received - Great Stories! Great Quality!  
Great Prices!! 16 Pilgrim Court, Ringwood  
Open Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1

### QUIET DAY ~ September 15 ADVANCE NOTICE

YOU ARE INVITED TO A QUIET DAY AT TLC. THE THEME IS AROUND:

*'The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.'*

More details to follow, including cost.

## INFORMATION

### **Bushfire assistance for Kinglake Primary School**

Kinglake Primary School has just started after-school guitar tuition, with about 30 children involved. They are in need of donations of more guitars. If anyone has a guitar they no longer need, please ring Ruth Kitchen. (9729 5748)

### **"FREEING ME" 9 WEEK GROUP PROGRAM TERM 3**

The "Freeing Me" group program is specifically designed for survivors of childhood trauma or abuse. Grounded in recent research showing how trauma impacts the development of the brain, the self, and ways of relating, the program uses information and therapeutic tools to assist survivors to further their recovery process.

Thursday mornings 9.30am to 12.30pm, 23 July to 17 September, here at TLC. Anyone interested please see Lance Peele or Meryl Lee on 0407 301 371.