

## Weekly Prayer Focus

### PRAYERS OF REFLECTION

*May the God who created this wonderful world, with its myriad paths and challenging crossroads, grant you his firm direction. May the Son, who brings light to the darkest valley, heal your hurts and share your burdens. May the Holy Spirit, who has always breathed life and hope where there is chaos and despair, renew you in soul and spirit for the day to come.*

*Father, forgive my doubting your power to guide me whatever the circumstances. Help me to trust you even through the darkest night when it seems from my viewpoint that all hope is gone. Give me the faith to conquer my fears and faith to hold on when there is only what seems to me a slender hope that you will see my plight. Listen to my prayer and guide me in the way I should go.*

*Loving Lord, help me to believe that you know all about my life from start to finish and that you are fully prepared to lead me step by step, day by day along the path of your choosing. Give me I pray the wisdom to choose your way and to keep walking in your way.*

*Great God of wonders, lift me out of myself, I pray, to the lofty heights of belief so that I may soar like an eagle high above my cares and anxiety, confidently knowing you are able to show me how to deal with the barriers I put up that prevent me finding your will.*

*The blessing of God's light be upon you as you go, unclouded, into this day. As the light of the sun never ceases to shine for you, neither does the love of God. Relax and enjoy being a reflector, knowing you are being used even as you merely keep turned towards the light*

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**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

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### Luke 7: 1-10

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.' So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: 'Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go', and he goes; and that one, 'Come', and he comes. I say to my servant 'Do this', and he does it.

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.' Then the men who had been sent, returned to the house and found the servant well.

#### This Weeks Service

**Leading Preaching** Lance Peele  
Merril Kitchen

#### Next Week

**Leading Sound Vision** Matt Cutler  
Greg A  
Richard J

#### MARK YOUR DIARIES

**August 16** – Ladies high tea

**Sept 11-13th** – Women's Camp

## **PROGRAMS and GROUPS**

### **THEATRE EVENT - A COLLECTION OF ONE ACT PLAYS**

Written by Carmen Saarelaht

Presented at THE BAKERY, 3 ROSE STREET, FERNTREE GULLY

**31 July, 1 August and 2 August**

Tickets only \$10

Contact Carmen on 9763 6339 or talk with her after

### **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.

### **Food bank Needs**

This week you can contribute:

Pasta, conditioner, toothpaste, tinned fish,  
tinned spaghetti, cereal, team and jam

### **Friends of Wyreena Exhibition 2009**

A showcase of artwork by Wyreena artists  
including pottery, paintings, mosaics and  
textiles.

**5 August to 29 August**

**Wyreena Community Arts Centre 13-23 Hull road,  
Croydon, 3136 Mel Ref: 51 B3**

**Phone: 9294 5590**

## **INFORMATION and UPDATES**

### **Ladies camp**

Have you signed up? Are you planning to attend?

September 11-13.

Ring the office this week to book and pay Deposit

### **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)

### **Contact Lists**

The new 2009 contact lists are now available in the foyer for \$4 each.

### **Operation Christmas Child:**

Would you like to co-ordinate the Shoe Box appeal for 2009. Orders for shoe  
boxes need to be put in soon. Please contact the office if you would like to be  
part of this great appeal.

### **CLEANING GROUPS**

AUGUST 8

Burke

AUGUST 22

Meadows/Moore

SEPTEMBER 5

Garrioch