

Weekly Prayer Focus

Prayer Points

Our prayers this week are based on the 'Seven Deadly Sins'. Often when we hear the word sin, we associate it with guilt and wrong-doing. This frame of mind can result in us missing out on the true gift that facing and reflecting on our sins can offer us. If sin is anything which separates us from God and Love, this week have a go at reflecting on how you might move towards using the following prompts.

Monday: Lust: May we choose to see our relationships not for what we can get out of them, but what we can give.

Tuesday: Gluttony: May we be challenged to monitor and be accountable for our levels of consumption. From water and energy, to petrol and food, may we not shy away from the responsibility that comes with the freedom of choice.

Wednesday: Greed: May we be satisfied with the good things we have in our lives, both tangible and intangible, and be aware of the position of privilege we hold in the global community.

Thursday: Sloth: "The opposite of love is not hate, but apathy." In the face of challenge, may we choose to make the effort to engage as authentically as we can particularly in our relationships with others.

Friday: Wrath: God, help us not to be afraid of our anger, but to see it as a powerful tool of transformation. May we not allow it to result in judgment, but in justice.

Saturday: Envy: May we not loose ourselves in comparisons. May each of us at Truth and Liberation Concern find the courage and conviction to live out the uniqueness of who we are, as valuable members of our community.

Sunday: Pride: May our acts of service, not be dominated by the motivations of our egos, but be a path down which we learn to walk humbly, with hearts and minds open.

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Luke 7: 36-50

Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

This Weeks Service

Leading Sue Smith
Preaching Lance

Next Week

Leading Lance
Sound Juzzy
Vision Sharni G

MARK YOUR DIARIES

August 16 – Ladies high tea

Sept 11-13th – Women's Camp

Sept 15th Quiet Day at TLC

PROGRAMS and GROUPS

Ladies High Tea Sunday 16th August 2~5 pm

If you haven't received your invitation collect one from the foyer. If you are able to assist with food in some way please contact Sue at the TLC office or email sue@truthandliberation.com

TLC gallery

The Brink exhibition is open now for the next four weeks, come and see our works in progress it is an ever changing exhibition!

Join us for our opening and see our craft work.

Help build Fences in fire-affected areas:

Our next opportunity to go together is **Sat.15th August**.
(Please let Laelia know by Wednesday 12th if you hope to go, so they have an idea how much work to organize for us!.)

CAR POOLING: Meet at TLC 9am or Montrose Roundabout 9.15am
or Travel independently to Yarra Glen Relief Centre (50 metres past the only traffic lights, on the left).

Sign on for insurance purposes, receive your gloves, and directions to where TLC and Montrose folk are working.
TAKE: Wire cutters if you have them, Whatever lunch and refreshments you need for however long you can stay.

For more information contact:
Laelia 9728 2141 Or Yarra Glen Relief Centre 9730 2769

HABITAT RESTORE - Children's Books by the 100s
New Stock just received - ready for sale this week.
Great Stories! Great Quality! Great Prices!!

16 Pilgrim Court, Ringwood
Open Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1

INFORMATION and UPDATES

Food bank

From Jill: I would like to thank the community for your support for the Foodbank. Without your help, we would not be able to help those people in need who come to our window. Thank you.

This week you can contribute:
Rice, sweet biscuits, pasta and soap.

20/20 project main hall renovations donations

We have raised over \$5,000 so far for our exciting project. We need further support before we can start on either project. Please contact the office if you can provide support.

Ladies camp September 11-13

Have you signed up? Are you planning to attend?

It will be a relaxing weekend away-No dishes!
We will explore the topic of boundaries, have a movie night, relax and be pampered

Ring the office this week to book and pay deposit.

CLEANING GROUPS

AUGUST 22	Meadows/Moore
SEPTEMBER 5	Garrioch
September 19 th	Ledwich

Contact Lists

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

INFORMATION

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.

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

INFORMATION

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.

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)