# **CWCI Mission Statement**

To deepen and enrich the spiritual lives of women and build them up in the Christian faith through Bible based teaching.

To bring women to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

To equip women for life in their homes, work and communities.

To enable women to be effective in their churches and in their service for the Lord.

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# Our God Reigns



# PRAYER FOR THE NATION

MAY 2022

Every May, CWCI Australia encourages us to spend time praying specifically for our nation. Of course we can pray individually, but how good it is to meet and pray with others in the CWCI family, such as a KYB group or local committee.

This program is designed to help focus our prayers.

#### **Opening Sentence**

The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:19

#### Sing

Ancient of Days (CityAlight); The Servant King; You are My King (Amazing Love); or a similar song of your choosing.

# Our God reigns...over our lives

#### Reflect

Spend a few minutes in silent prayer, coming before the Lord in repentance and faith, asking for his cleansing, forgiveness and renewal.

#### Bible Reading: Psalm 145:1-7

#### **Praise God together**

- Using some of the words from Psalm 145, give praise to our reigning, sovereign Lord.
- Praise God that He has saved us and continues to reign over our lives day by day.
- Praise God that for the past 50 years women have been studying God's Word using Know Your Bible (KYB) material. Praise God that this ministry is still continuing and has spread to Melanesia and other parts of the world.

# Our God reigns...over our nation

# Bible Reading: Psalm 33:6-12

Praise God that He has not abandoned us. His plans will stand firm forever.

# **Pray together**

- Thank God that He is our King; He is in control of all the nations, including Australia.
- Give thanks for those who first brought the gospel to our land.
- Pray we, as believers, will never compromise our faith in order to make life easier, but will persevere in God's strength, even in difficult times. Pray that we will stand firm in the truth of God's Word.
- Pray that recent events such as the spread of Covid will cause people to think about eternity. Pray that many will find their security and hope in Jesus.
- Pray for peace, healing, hope and Christian revival for our nation.

# Our God reigns...over those in positions of authority

#### Bible Readings: Romans 13:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1-4

How important it is that we pray for those who influence our society.

- Pray for wisdom for our federal, state and local governments: that they may make laws based on true justice, freedom and fairness for all.
- Pray that Christians in positions of power and influence would rely upon prayer and the Word of God as the source of their daily strength, wisdom and courage to do what is right. May they live according to God's standards and be able to bring biblical thinking and values to public debate.
- Pray for Christians in other positions of influence within our nation: teachers, doctors, health care workers, judges, social workers, sports men and women, and those in the arts and media. May they maintain a faithful witness to the Lord Jesus. Ask God to raise up more Christians to serve in these fields.
- Pray that *all believers* will serve the Lord faithfully in their spheres of influence: their homes, workplaces, families, churches and leisure activities.

# Our God reigns...let's share this good news!

#### Bible Readings: Isaiah 52:7; 1 Peter 2:9

Let's seek to have "beautiful feet" – God's people sharing the good news of Jesus!

- Give thanks for those who first shared the gospel message with us.
- Give thanks that we still have many opportunities to teach the Bible to our young people. Pray that God will open their hearts to believe. May the seeds of God's Word we sow now continue to grow and bear fruit in young lives.
- Pray for Christian parents as they teach their children to know, love and follow the Lord Jesus in a society that has largely turned its back on God.
- Ask God to bless older Christians who continue to pray and point people to Jesus.
- Pray that indigenous Christians will be effective witnesses in their communities.
- Pray that we will reach out with the gospel to newcomers to our land.
- Pray for a renewed zeal among believers to share the gospel whenever we can.

# Sing

Our God Reigns (How Lovely on the Mountains); Ancient of Days (Sadler and Harvill); Immortal, Invisible; or a similar song of your choosing.

#### Close

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17