

## 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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# KING OVER ALL THE EARTH

Psalm 47:2



**PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

**MAY 2023**

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 your KYB group or local committee. This program can be used in a single session, or KYB groups may like to pray through one section each week throughout May.

### Opening verses:

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. *Psalm 93:1-2*

### Sing

Jesus Shall Reign (Traditional or Getty version); Come People of the Risen King; Hear the Call of the Kingdom; Rejoice the Lord is King; or a similar song of your choosing.

## The great King...reigns over all the earth

### Reflect

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

### Bible Reading: Psalm 47:1-9

#### Praise the great King together

- Using some of the words from Psalm 47, spend time joyfully giving praise to our reigning, holy, sovereign King.
- Praise God that although the problems we face in our world at times seem so large, we can look forward to the day when he will renew all things. On that day *“the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14*
- Praise God for his incredible gift of grace in sending his Son Jesus to die for us.

## The great King...reigns over our nation

### Bible Reading: Revelation 15:3b-4

#### Pray together

- Give thanks that God is King; He reigns over all the nations – including Australia. Pray that he will continue to have mercy on our nation, despite the fact that so many have turned their backs on him. Pray for repentance and revival in our land.
- Pray that we, as believers, will serve our King faithfully. May we hold firmly to the truth of God’s Word and live in ways that show Christ’s love to those around us.
- Pray that recent events – such as floods, fires, Covid and financial hardship – will lead people to hunger and thirst for the security and hope that is found in Jesus.

## The great King...reigns over those in authority

### Bible Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Romans 13:1;

- Give thanks that God has established the governing authorities. Pray that those in authority in our nation might recognise God’s sovereign hand in their lives.
- Pray for wisdom, understanding, discernment and knowledge for those in all levels of government. Pray that they will make decisions and pass laws that are based on true justice, freedom and fairness for all.
- Pray that Christians in positions of power and influence would seek to fulfil God’s purposes for them in all they do. Pray that they would live according to God’s standards and be able to bring biblical thinking and godly values to public debate.
- Pray for Christians in other positions of influence within our nation: teachers, doctors, police, health care workers, judges, social workers, sports men and women, and those in the arts and media. Pray that they will be a faithful witness to the Lord Jesus. Ask God to raise up more believers to serve in these fields.
- Pray that *all believers* will serve the Lord faithfully in their spheres of influence: homes, workplaces, churches, interest groups and among family and friends.

## The great King reigns...tell everyone about him!

### Bible Reading: Psalm 96:1-10

- Give thanks for CWCI’s ministry of ‘growing women in Christ through sharing the Bible’. Pray we will use every opportunity to reach out to the women in our nation.
- Give thanks that in Australia we still have the freedom to teach the Bible to our young people. Pray that God will open their hearts to believe. Pray especially for Christian parents as they model Christian living and teach their children to know, love and follow the Lord Jesus.
- 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

Ancient of Days (City Alight); Crown Him with Many Crowns; In Christ Alone; Lord, for the Years (Timothy Dudley-Smith) ; or a similar song of your choosing.

### Close

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen. *1 Timothy 6:15b-16*