

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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Lord of the harvest

Matthew 9:38



PRAYER FOR THE NATION
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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, such as your KYB group or local committee. This program can be used in a single session; or your group may like to pray through one section each week throughout May.

Opening

Jesus said to his disciples: *'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'* Acts 1:8.

Short opening prayer, asking that we will be Jesus' witnesses here in Australia.

Sing

Hear the Call of the Kingdom; Shine Jesus Shine; Come People of the Risen King; Freely, Freely; Jesus Strong and Kind; or a similar song of your choosing.

Reflect

In Isaiah 6 we read: *I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'*

Before we pray together, let's come silently before God in repentance and faith. Let us grieve over our sins and those of our nation. Ask God to forgive you, cleanse you and renew your passion to tell others about Jesus. Say: 'Here I am Lord. Send me.'

1. Praise the Lord of the harvest

Bible Reading: Psalm 67:1-7

- Using some of the words from Psalm 67, spend time joyfully giving praise to our God who is gracious to us, blesses us, and makes his face shine upon us.
- Give thanks that God guides all the nations of the earth, including Australia.
- Thank God that he blesses us with an abundant harvest of good things. Ask that he will also bring an abundant spiritual harvest to our land.
- Praise him for his incredible gift of grace in sending his Son Jesus to die for us.

2. The Lord's harvest is plentiful

Bible Reading: Matthew 9:35-38

- Pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue to have mercy on our nation, even though many have turned their backs on him. Pray for true repentance and revival that result in a plentiful harvest of people giving their lives to Jesus.
- Pray that recent events – such as floods, fires and financial hardship – will lead people to hunger and thirst for the security and hope that is only found in Jesus.
- Pray that we will work willingly in the Lord's harvest field: holding firmly to the truth of God's word; unashamedly sharing its message; and living in ways that reflect his love. May God open our eyes to the gospel opportunities around us.

3. Ask the Lord of the harvest...

Bible Readings: John 4:35-36

- God tells us in his word that he has established all governing authorities. Ask the Lord of the harvest to help those in authority in our nation to serve with wisdom, justice and fairness to all.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest also to give wisdom to Christians in other positions of influence: teachers, doctors, police, health care workers, defence force personnel, judges, social workers, sports men and women, and those in the arts and media. Pray that they will be faithful witnesses and show godly values in all they do. Ask God to raise up more believers to serve in these fields.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest that we too, together with all believers, will serve him faithfully in our homes, workplaces, churches and among our family and friends. May we live boldly for Jesus and share the gospel without compromise.

4. Go into the harvest field

Bible Readings: Psalm 126: 5-6

- 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 we still have the freedom in Australia to teach the message of the Bible to our young people. Pray that God will give a great harvest of young lives.
- Pray especially for Christian parents as they work for the Lord of the harvest, modelling Christian living and teaching their children to follow the Lord Jesus.
- Ask God to bless older Christians who continue to work in God's harvest field, faithfully pointing people to Jesus.
- Pray for workers who will share the gospel with those who have special needs.
- Pray that indigenous Christians will be effective witnesses in their communities; and pray for more workers who will reach out with friendship and the gospel message to newcomers to our land.

Final encouragement

Galatians 6:9 says: *'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the right time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'*

Sing

Facing a Task Unfinished (We Go to All the World); The Great Southland; What Grace is Mine (Londonderry Air); Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus; or a similar song of your choosing.

Close

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)