

## 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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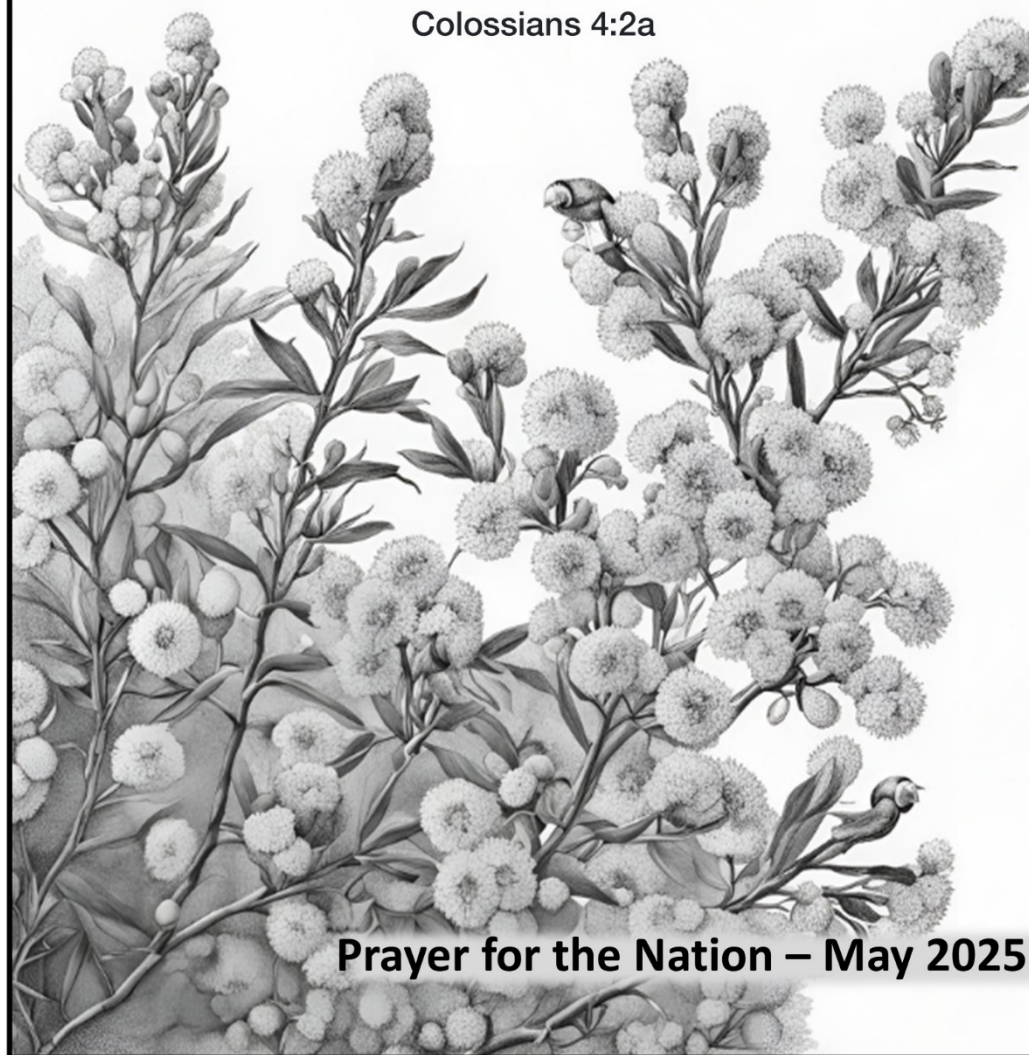
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# Devote yourselves to prayer

Colossians 4:2a



**Prayer for the Nation – May 2025**

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 KYB groups may like to pray through one section each week throughout May.

## Opening

*What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.* Psalm 116:12-13

Father, as we come to you now, we give thanks for your great love to us in Jesus Christ. Thank you that because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection we have been given salvation and can call upon your name. Thank you that we can freely enter your presence and bring all our prayers before your throne of grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Praise God in song

Come People of the Risen King; King of Kings (In the darkness we were waiting); O Praise the Name (Anastasis); Praise My Soul; or a similar song of praise.

## Pray personally

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

## 1. Praise and thanksgiving

### Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

- Using some of the words from 1 Chronicles 29, spend time giving praise to our God – the God of greatness, power, glory, majesty and splendour.
- Give thanks that God is ruler over all things. He is in control of all the nations, including Australia. He is exalted as head over all.
- Thank God that he blesses us with an abundance of good things. Give thanks for his incredible gift to us in Jesus Christ.

## 2. Pray for the people of our nation

### Bible Reading: Psalm 33:10-22

- Give thanks that the plans of the Lord stand firm forever. Pray that God will continue to extend his hand of mercy to the people of our nation.
- Pray that as God's people we will always seek to walk in the light and truth of God's word, living as an example to those around us who do not know the Lord.
- Ask for forgiveness for those times when we have missed opportunities to declare what we believe; pray that from now on we will be unashamed as we seek to share the good news of Jesus whenever we can.
- Pray for unbelievers to repent of their ungodly ways and turn to Christ. Ask God to show them by his Spirit the futility of their world views and show them that true wisdom can only come from following Jesus.

## 3. Pray for those in positions of influence

### Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

- Pray that those who are elected to federal, state and local governments:
  - would make laws based on true justice, freedom and fairness for all;
  - would depend upon God for insight, wisdom and courage to do what is good and right in every situation;
  - would act with honour, dignity and trustworthiness.
- Pray that high profile Christian leaders would 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; defence force personnel; social workers; sports men and women and those in the arts. May they seek to please God and act in righteous ways in all they do.
- Pray that those in the media will aim for honest, reliable and accurate journalism and programming. Pray that people of integrity, who are committed to truth and fairness, will find careers in this field.

## 4. Pray that we will faithfully share the gospel with everyone

### Bible Reading: Psalm 96:1-6

- 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 of our nation.
- Give thanks that we still have the freedom in Australia to teach God's word to our young people. Pray the seeds sown will germinate, take root, grow and bear fruit.
- Pray that indigenous Christians will be effective witnesses in their communities.
- Pray for more workers who will reach out with friendship and the gospel message to newcomers to our land.
- Pray especially for Christian parents as they work to model Christian living to their children, teaching them to follow the Lord Jesus in today's world.
- Pray for workers who will share the gospel with those who have special needs.
- Ask God to bless all Christians who continue to pray faithfully and point people to Jesus.

## Praise God in song

In Christ Alone; To God be the Glory; There is a Redeemer; Facing a Task Unfinished; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; or a similar song of your choosing.

## Close

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7