

### **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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# **Be still and know that I am God**

**Psalm 46:10a**



**Prayer for the Nation – May 2026**

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Paul urges his readers to *pray continually*. CWCI Australia sets aside the month of May for us to come together and pray specifically for our nation. This program can be used individually or within groups. It's meant to be a guide for your praying. You can use it in one session – or divide it into four weekly parts to use throughout May.

## Opening

*I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:1-2 (NLT)*

## Praise God in song

Be Still and Know that I am God (Scripture in Song); Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (David J Evans); My Soul Finds Rest (Psalm 62, Stuart Townend) or a similar song of your choosing.

## 1. Praise and thanksgiving

Read Psalm 100. Using words from this psalm,

- Praise the Lord for who he is;
- Acknowledge his greatness;
- Thank him for all he has done including making us his people – the sheep of his pasture.

## Reflection and personal prayer

*Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2*

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

## 2. Pray for those in positions of influence

*I urge you, then, first of all that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2:2*

- Pray for all in our federal government, that they will make decisions that are wise and fair and just. Pray also that they will use our nations' resources wisely and well.
- We are a country made up of many cultures, but our constitution is based on Christian values. Pray for these values to be upheld in all walks of life.
- Pray also for those making decisions in state governments and local councils.
- Our schools need principals, teachers and teacher aides who will uphold the truth. Pray also for our school chaplains and Scripture/RI teachers, who are interacting with our youth and children.
- Pray for those who work in the hospitals and medical fields who need to have care, compassion, empathy and strength.
- Uphold those in our police force; pray they will be free from corruption and kept safe as they perform their duties.
- Pray for our fire fighters, ambulance, and emergency workers: give thanks for their bravery.

- Pray for our social workers and those working in the mental health sector of our community, and for the many people needing help.
- Pray for those in our communities who have suffered loss in recent wild weather events: fires and floods; and for those working with them to restore their communities.

## 3. Pray for our churches and our families

Jesus said: *“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine: you are the branches.” John 15:4,5a*

- Pray for our church leaders, for them to stay connected to Jesus and set aside the time for prayer. Give them wisdom in time management, and guard them against burn-out.
- Give thanks for our youth leaders and mentors who serve among our young people – pray for them to be encouraged and to see the fruit of their labours. Many of our younger people are turning to Christ – pray that we can build strong discipleship networks to strengthen them.
- Praise God for the ministry of CWCI reaching out to women, growing them in Christ. Give thanks for our events, speakers, KYB leaders, committees, and safari teams.
- Our families need love, good communication, the ability to forgive and make allowance for each other's faults, and patience to be able to live in peace, as Jesus guides us.
- Pray for those who provide foster care for children within our community.
- Pray for all Christians to be the fragrance of Christ in their homes, workplaces and communities.

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

*Then Jesus said to his disciples. “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38*

- Pray that we can accept the challenges that God puts before us – remembering that those he calls he also equips.
- Pray for our Indigenous people and their communities. We have not always treated them with fairness and justice, and for that we are sorry. Ask God to guide our leaders with wisdom and understanding of their culture. Pray that the children growing up might have good education.
- Help us to see the importance of each day the Lord gives to us.

## Praise God in Song

Before the Throne of God Above (Sovereign Grace/Getty); Take My Life and Let it Be (either Traditional or EMU music) or a similar song of your choosing.

## Closing

*The Lord your God is with you. He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17*