

Prayer Focus – 17 – 23 April 2023 Australia Territory

Territorial Leader: Commissioner Miriam Gluyas

Prayer requests:

Commissioner Miriam Gluyas, Territorial Commander of The Salvation Army Australia asks us to pray:

- That as The Salvation Army Territory we will become Jesus-centred, Spirit-led and God's Hope revealed
- For faith to increase
- For a real reliance on God
- Salvations, and disciples who make disciples who make disciples
- A godly strategy about making leaders into the future

Other prayers from our Territory are as follows:

- Embedding of the 'local mission delivery' model so faith pathways become increasingly developed
- God's Spirit would continue to find an enthusiastic 'Yes!' in the hearts of those God calls into specific ministry roles and officership
- Raising up of leaders and members for the mission, in every area. We pray that the Lord of the harvest would bring the workers.
- Developing new ideas for community engagement and new strategic missional opportunities
- Challenging cultural stereotypes and building new cultural connections with respect and dignity
- That Salvos remain true to the heart of the gospel, learning, studying, applying, and growing together in mutual love and humble accountability
- That people will open their hearts to kindness, do good works and labouring selflessly for the prosperity of those in need
- For the Pacific Islander, Timorese and other significant seasonal people groups and vulnerable workers in Australia
- Our communities will continue to flourish and thrive with the guidance of Jesus in every measure possible
- God's wisdom, courage, and direction in all our Salvo mission and strategy. That every decision we make points people to Jesus and fullness of life with him
- Prisoners will see the power of Jesus to help them on their road to recovery and release and through our Prison Chaplains
- Significant encounters of the Holy Spirit, that lead to people giving their life to Jesus
- Revival, beginning with the children's and young peoples' voices
- Renewal: renewed hope, renewed vision, renewed life
- Perseverance and hope for our people and our areas, especially those mourning, in burnout or close to quitting and losing hope
- That all God-given visions will come to pass. That Holy Spirit will outpour swiftly and without resistance
- That we would build and rebuild and sacrifice for unity.
- For a heightened prayer culture

- Guidance and wisdom as we seek to determine the best use of all kingdom resources
- A rediscovery of discipleship and excellent resourcing of all materials to that end, amongst those who identify at Salvos
- That any person who has been harmed in our movement, or by someone in our movement, will receive the peace of Jesus, justice, transparency and restoration in Jesus' name
- For constantly improving safe practices, laws, people and processes to protect the vulnerable, our personnel and community from any abuse or wrongdoing
- For Satan our enemy to be bound, and that people within our movement and in our world would be transformed and freed by Jesus' blood
- That apathy, comfortability, fear, anxiety, and all other disquieting spirits would be dispelled in Jesus' name and replaced with a hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- That as God's people, we would realise where we have sinned and rebelling, and conviction would lead us to confess, repent, be filled with our Holy Spirit, and follow God passionately, and for boldness to make God's name hallowed
- People would gain a hunger to explore the meaning of life and become open to invitations to be introduced to Jesus.

PRAYING FOR LEADERS

FOCUSED PRAYER FOR THOSE LEADING OUR MOVEMENT

FEBRUARY - MAY 2023

From February – May 2023, Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham, World Secretary for Spiritual Life Development, invites the international Salvation Army to unite in praying together for our leaders, each week focusing on a different aspect of leadership.

WEEK 11 - A Prayer for **Being**

Father God,

Your word reminds us that apart from you, we can do nothing.

You are the source of all that we need.

Father, forgive our misplaced attempts to run at life without stopping, when we fill our days with good works and leave no space to be with you.

Help us all to slow down to your pace, to remain rooted in you, to become aware of your constant presence.

Help us to develop rhythms that centre our lives on Jesus, deeply connect us to people, bring joy and most of all bring glory to you.

Leading your church is demanding. Demanding on time and on energy.

We pray that our leaders will follow the example of Jesus. That they will make time to stop. To be with you. To be refreshed and replenished in your presence. To receive vision and guidance, courage and strength. To allow the transforming work of your Holy Spirit to take place.

May they be led more by Jesus,

To live and lead more like Jesus

So that others will be led to Jesus.

AMEN

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