

“Weekly Prayer Guide~ 2010”.

Prayer Strategy
Prayer Strategy
for Future Leadership

*Confessing the Lord Jesus Christ
Proclaiming the Truth
Renewing the Church*

**Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.**

Isaiah 58:12

PRAYER STRATEGY FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP

“Building Lives and
Transforming Communities”

A Vision and Challenge

Quote: “If you start praying for your leaders today, there’s no telling what may happen in your church tomorrow” – John Maxwell

"Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

(Acts 6:3-4)

"They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them." **(Acts 6:6)**

The Assembly of Confessing Congregations South Australian Movement, is passionate about seeing individual lives connecting with Christ, being empowered by the Holy Spirit, equipped to fulfill God given purpose and released in mission for the glory of God. As each local Congregation/Cluster stays committed to equipping, mentoring, empowering and releasing people into ministry, there will be no end to the number of lives that are transformed and the number of communities that will be built in Australia and beyond.

It is my belief that God has given us the responsibility of communicating a call; a call to the Kingdom of God; a call to relationship with a God who wrapped himself in human flesh; a call to a life of service, mission and compassion; a call to prepare people for the coming Kingdom; and a call to authentic Christianity. We call people to be committed to Christ Himself and to a life-long, life-changing relationship with the Divine Christ.

We the church become a conduit and channel through which people can find resources, relationship, tools and training for their relationship with their Lord and their call to Christian service.

Some organizations lack a plan or strategy and also plan for future leadership for and to the next generations and generations to come. It is an honest statement to make that, the leaders we have at present, will not always be around. This I believe is something that continually needs much prayer, planning and strategy for the future. There is much need to seek God in prayer for strategy for future leadership development and identifying individuals who have been called by God for leadership. Strategies needed and implemented to encourage, exhort, edify, mentor, equip, and hand over the reins, to the future generations to come.

Will you join with together in prayer, using the “Weekly Prayer Focus” below as a guide, and *springboard* to prayer, as we seek to be an encouragement to the whole body of Christ and launch out in this new area of ministry, to encourage, mentor and raise up new and also young leaders.

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**Without prayer nothing will
be lastingly accomplished.**

“Building lives and transforming communities”

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

(Ephesians 4:11-13)

This passage of Scripture from Ephesians 4 : 11 -13 inspires the slogan, “Building lives and transforming communities”

Pray for Leaders with passion for the cause of the Kingdom, who lead communities and be apart of ministry that touches communities for Christ

Pray for leaders to be raised up who will empower churches in their endeavors to build lives, bring restoration and transform communities.

Weekly Prayer Focus

Praying for the raising up of Leaders, with Godly character and different sorts of gifting, to have specific areas of influence.

Day One

Pray for different sorts of leaders, for the future growth of the Church.

Pray for the nutrition and feeding of Pastors.

Pray for well equip, strong, effective and well trained leaders.

*"You are my war club, my weapon for battle—
with you I shatter nations, with you I destroy
kingdoms,*

*with you I shatter horse and rider, with you I shatter
chariot and driver,*

*with you I shatter man and woman, with you I shatter old
man and youth,*

with you I shatter young man and maiden,

*with you I shatter shepherd and flock, with you I shatter
farmer and oxen,*

with you I shatter governors and officials.

(JEREMIAH 51:20-23)

Pray for leaders who have a right confessional relationship with God, who are watchmen of their own relationship.

Day Two.

Pray for Godly Leaders ~ of good example

Titus' Task on Crete

The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:5-9)

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. (1 Timothy 3: 1-7)

- **Teaching, sound doctrine.**
- **Who speak boldly, with courage and conviction.**
- **Grounded in sound doctrine.**
- **Leaders who train leaders, who then train others (mentoring).**
- **Exemplary in life style.**

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing^[a] her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

(Ephesians 5:22-33)

- **Leaders who help other believers mature spiritually.**
- **Who equip them to live for Christ.**
- **Sound in faith and speech.**

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Day Three.

Pray for the Paul's ~ who

- **Lead by example.**
- **Proclaim and Teach sound doctrine.**
- **Leaders who meditate upon God and His Word, thinking His thoughts, totally for the purpose of knowing God and His will.**
- **Leaders of courage ~ who lead by example, and instill in others courage to lead and to follow.**

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:6-9)

The Lord commanded Joshua saying, "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

- **Leaders who teach believers to apply the teachings of Christ.**
- **Teach and preach the real significance of the resurrection of Christ to the modern world.**
- **Who encourage, empower and release others in ministry.**
- **Leaders who know God's power, and the availability of His power in life and ministry. And also through daily struggles and major battles.**
- **Leaders who allow the power of God to work through their lives.**
- **Who love to worship the Lord, and have an intimate relationship, and sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Who do not quench the Holy Spirit** ~ *Do not put out the Spirit's fire (1 Thes 5 : 19)*
- **Who trust God to lead, and Christ to be Lord of their lives.**
- **Who have their eyes firmly fixed upon the Lord.**
- **Leaders who are not afraid to admit their personal weaknesses.**
- **Pray against the attacking of the foundations of our faith by false leaders and doctrine. And leaders to stand firm, against such attacks.**

For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth. To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. (Titus 1:10-16)

- **Pray for leaders who are committed to sharing Christ's life changing messages of God's love, power and promises that connect with others in real and authentic ways.**
- **Pastors who lead people into a deeper relationship with God.**
- **For team players.**
- **Leaders of vision and passion.**

Day Four.

A passion fuels, hope, drives faith.

Pray for Leaders with passion for the cause of the Kingdom, who lead communities, to be apart of ministry that touches communities for Christ

EM Bounds in his book "Power of Prayer" wrote

"What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men (*and women*) of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men (*and women*) --men (*and women*) of prayer. (italics added)

Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (John 4:35)

Day Five.

Pray for True and Godly Shepherd's of the Sheep.

In Luke 15 : 1 – 7 Through this teaching by Jesus about the Parable of the Lost Sheep, Jesus emphasizes how the good shepherd leaves the saved sheep, *to go after* the lost one. And in John 10 : 27 - 28 we can glean some valuable principles and character qualities needed for the role of the pastor/leader.

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

(Luke 15:1-7)

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. **(John 10:27-28)***

- **For Pastors and leaders who care 24/7 for the sheep, that they know personally by name.**

Day Six.

Character Qualities needed for Godly Shepherds and Spiritual Leadership.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:35-36)

- **Protect the sheep.**

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one (John 17:11)

I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:23)

- **Keep from evil.**

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. (John 17:15)

- **Keep joyful in the center of the will of God.**

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. (John 17:13)

- **Holy leaders who know God and love His Word and are consecrated visionaries.**

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17)

- **Prayerful leaders with loving, obedient hearts.**

"No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. The pulpit can be a shop window to display one's talents; the prayer closet allows no showing off." **Leonard Ravenhill**

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, (John 17:20)

"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." (Luke 22:46)

- **Faithful servants in the smallest things.**

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? (Luke 16:10 -12).

Day Seven.

- **Leaders of wisdom, understanding, and faith.**

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. (James 1:5)

So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them. In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent Timothy to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.

But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

(1 Thessalonians 3)

- **Strong confidence in God's faithfulness**

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- **Leaders who will first give attention to what is productive.**

Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house (Proverbs 24:27)

- **Who serve God with a loyal heart and willing mind. Being submitted to Jesus' lordship.**

"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever (1 Chronicles 28:9)

- **Responsive to God's call in their hearts of Men and Women, young and old.**

Pray for protection from head to toe, thoughts, ideas and dreams.

- **Leaders who are not conformed to this world but transformed with the mind of Christ.**
- **Who are abandoned givers.**
- **With no fear of being transparent.**

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved." (Matthew 9:14-17)

Prayer :- Heavenly Father, we pray that you will indeed encourage, equip, empower, mentor, impart, raise up and release leaders of and with different giftings, into the church and mission field, so that your church and each of us may be built up, into your spiritual house. Amen.

Guide – Prayer for Leaders

Focus 1

“Stand...having put on the breastplate of righteousness”. Eph 6:14

Our leaders walk in the ways obedient and pleasing to God With feet on solid ground, with eagerness to spread the Gospel to the world. Luke 9: 23-24

Walk following the pattern of Christ Phil 3:7-10

Focus 2

For seeking the Lord with hearts fully devoted to Christ, placing Him on the throne of their lives. 2 Cor 13:14

PRAY for God to protect their hearts with diligence, and ask God to bless them with physical, emotional and financial well being.

For their families, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of each person. Eph 4:32, Psalm 91:9-12, 37:25

That family relationships may be a strong witness.

PRAY in Jesus name against any or all assignments from the enemy, that would seek to target, to distract, bring down and destroy that is t against each one. Matthew 16:19

By faith, all obstacles that may hinder a full and abundant life as God has promised Mk 11:23, Phil 4:19

Focus 3

“Stand...above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.” Eph 6:16

PRAY any thing that would seek to bring depression, oppression and negativity will be dealt with. John 14:1, Is 61:3, I Tim 1:6-7

PRAY for strong leaders, with renewed minds, in order that darts of doubt through the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit Mark 6-6

PRAY for the guarding of our leaders from discouragement, negativity and temptation. Guard ministries, families and personal walks with God.

PRAY that God will enable leaders to lead in integrity, live with confidence and love with grace.

Focus 4

“Stand...taking the helmet of salvation.” Eph 6:17

PRAY for a shielding of minds and sensitive hearts. Prov 19:23

PRAY for Godly favor on all nations. Prov 18:16, Ps 90:17

Favor on local churches. Prov 11:4

PRAY for Godly wisdom in leadership. James 1:5

A Prayer For Renewal

Lord, we are your people, the sheep of your flock.

Heal the sheep who are wounded.

Touch the sheep who are in pain.

Clean the sheep who are soiled.

Warm the lambs who are cold.

Help us to know the Father's love through Jesus the shepherd, and
through the Spirit.

Help us to lift up that love, and show it all over this land.

Help us to build love on justice and justice on love.

Help us to

- believe
mightily,
- hope joyfully,
- love divinely.

Renew us that we may help renew the face of the earth.

Amen Author Unknown

Prayer helps make us receptive to God.

We must be ready and willing for prayer to change and transform us.

Prayer helps us reach our maximum potential

Quote: "Keep praying, but be thankful that god's answers are wiser than your prayers." William Culbertson

Prayer develops our relationship with God.

Quote: "Pray as if everything depends on God, then work as if everything depends on you" – Martin Luther



But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water He will be like a tree planted by water that sends out its roots by the stream, it does not fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green , It has n

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