

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16b

SUNDAY

Pray for each of the congregations of our churches as they meet today to praise and worship the Living God

MONDAY

Pray for Bernie Frost and his team at Charles Thompson's Mission in Birkenhead.

TUESDAY

Pray for the Café Outreach on Mount Pleasant. For Mark, Okey and Alan, as they serve the Lord along with their faithful volunteers.

WEDNESDAY

Praise God for open doors into many of our local schools, and for those who go in to schools regularly.

THURSDAY

Pray for Rob Watson and Alan Kellard as they carry out their respective duties on behalf of the Mission.

FRIDAY

Pray for the Trustees, that the Lord would bless them with wisdom as they oversee the work of the Mission

SATURDAY

Pray for our Pastors as they ready themselves to feed their flocks spiritually in churches tomorrow



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Time in the presence of God:

Someone once said that the best steps to happiness are the church steps. And maybe there is some truth in that. But it is sad today that many are four wheelers when they go to church. They go in their prams to be christened, by car to be married, and then in a hearse to be buried. There is a story told of a man who was visited by a Pastor from a local church, who invited him to come and worship. The man said 'I'll come when I am straightened out'. The Pastor called several times and the reply was always the same, 'I'll come when I am straightened out'. A few months later the man died suddenly and his words came true, he was straightened out and laid in the coffin and he made his first and last visit to the church. Perhaps he was so busy straightening things out he worked himself to death. The poet said, 'What is this life of toil and care if we 've no time to stand and stare'.

In Luke chapter 10 we read of Martha the workaholic who began to call her sister lazy because she took time to listen to what Jesus was saying. Martha was rebuked by Jesus for being too busy, and Jesus congratulated Mary for taking the time to nourish her soul.

I do not know if you are living busy lives, or are shattered, edgy or worried, and this is having an effect on spending time alone with God, but I do know that spending time in the presence of God in His Word can make all the difference.

Recently we have completed a deep clean of the café on Mount Pleasant, and we have put up some new posters with Scripture verses on each of them. We are now constantly surrounded by His Word, and those that are coming through our doors are asking about the words that are written on them. Pray for wisdom for us all as we explain the Gospel to them, and that we would see souls won for Christ. Pray that they would understand the words of one of the posters - *Proverbs 3:5-6, 'Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight'.*

PRAYER UPDATE

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