

Prayer of Intercession - Sunday 26th May 2019

I've been thinking lately about climate change. Our warm weather, our lack of rain...but also about how great and amazingly BIG God is and His ability to do spectacular things with the environment.



There is a verse in 2nd Chronicles that says "If my people, who are called by my name, humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land."

So....let us pray.

Lord, You who are far beyond anything our brains can imagine, who created a Universe so big and awesome, that we are just a speck of sand on a vast beach. You, Oh Lord, are "the Enough", You are gloriously sufficient, unchanging and wonderfully faithful.

And yet You love and care so much about each one of us, our needs, our hopes, our families, the times we have been hurt, the times we have failed You. As we turn from our sin and seek Your face we ask that You will heal our planet.

We pray for our fragile environment, for those with vision and the power to get major changes to happen, that as they care for people, they will also care for nature. Help each of us to be more thoughtful in the ways we live, use and care for the environment.

We pray for isolated people who have sought to make Australia their home; for their dreams and their families. Give them new friends, who will reach out in times of need and open up avenues in the community and churches where meaningful connections can be made and faith explored. Help us to be part of these relationships.

We pray for people whose health is failing, physically and mentally. Those who see things that once enlivened and stimulated them, slipping out of reach. Surround them with loving friends and family who can make life positive and meaningful through all the changes.

We pray for the youth of this and other churches. We thank you for the faithfulness of their parents encouraging their involvement. May each child come to a living faith in You as their Saviour and Lord. Show each of us how we can stimulate this to happen.

We pray for Ross, for local churches and the world wide church. May Christians everywhere be a bold voice for justice and reconciliation, and seek Your living words in the Bible for Life direction.

We pray for politicians, judges and those in positions of power. Give them empathy in their judgments and decisions. Open their hearts to the real needs of suffering people.

We pray all these things in the strong name of Jesus who taught us to pray
Our Father in heaven....

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