

PRAYERS

To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal? says the Holy One. (Isaiah 40:25)

Almighty God, it is only right to praise you for your greatness and recognise how small and unworthy we are, whenever we come to you. You are pure and Holy, yet we are loved so much that we can pray and worship you because of your gift of Jesus' blood. Thank you for saving our lives. Thank you for your marvellous acts of creation. Thank you for your gifts of new life, and therefore for Ryan, Leah, Anne, Hazel, Eziel and Isaac who you have blessed us with this year.

We praise you, Sovereign Lord, for your Holy Word, the Bible, through which you instruct and guide us to eternal life. Thank you for your many assurances in the book of Zechariah of your zealous love and care for your people, especially at times of hardship and difficulty.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the rulers of nations, who you have appointed to reward goodness and punish evil. We pray for them to be aware of their accountability to you for the people they govern, and therefore seek your truth and wisdom in their decisions. We pray for the work of your Holy Spirit to turn human hearts away from self-interest, hatred, revenge and evil, and towards justice, peace and holy living. We pray for people all around the world who have experienced trauma from viewing the horrors of war and evil on TV, and pray for them to turn to you, our Lord Jesus, as the only true and permanent source of comfort, peace and hope. May your people be ambassadors of your truth and peace in all situations.

Our God and Father, we pray for families. We thank you for the gift of parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles and other relatives. We thank you for the joys and challenges of loyal relationships, and ask you for the grace and goodness of our Lord Jesus to sustain and grow our family relationships. May you also grow relationships of grace between all who love our Lord Jesus. We particularly pray for school students at this time of exams and assessing options for the following year. May you build life skills in students more than information, and especially may you give them security and identities built more on your love and faithfulness than on societal approval. We pray that end of year camps and events may be occasions of growth in relationship with you.

Father of compassion, we pray for those we know who are suffering ill health, bereavement, pain or distress. We pray for skill and wisdom for the medical people who are caring for them. We pray for the blessings of your comfort and healing for each one, and ask also for your peace and strength for their carers. We particularly pray for Monica, Caitlin, Christine, Wendy, Avril, Ron, Bob and Carol, and Anne.

Eternal God and Father, You have promised to hear those who pray in the name of your Son. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Northern Hope Anglican Church

12 November 2023

Established 8 January 2023 (Eisteddfod Hall, Sundays at 9am)

*Empowered by the Spirit, we are to make disciples of Jesus,
to the glory of God the Father*

- † **NHA 2024:** On the move😊
- † **NHA Kids:** School Holiday Program & People - please see Sue Sagers
- † **NEW Men's Group:** Please see Peter Humphreys - we are starting!
- † **Tropical Sunday:** November 26th - if able - dress tropically😊
- † **Christmas Carols:** 6pm - Saturday 9th December - BBQ 5pm - bring friends
- † **Next Ministry Roster:** The next roster covers Saturday, 9th December (Carols) to Sunday, January 28th, 2024. Please let Roger know if you are away for some of the time, and also let him know if you could possibly help in a ministry.
- † **Southern Cross newspaper:** Nov/Dec 2023 Out now!
- † **Infinite Care Service:** This Wednesday 10am
- † **Bible Reading:** Zechariah 5:5-11, p1447 and James 1:19-27, p1838



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⁵ Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, 'Look up and see what is appearing.'

⁶ I asked, 'What is it?'

He replied, 'It is a basket.' And he added, 'This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land.'

⁷ Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman! ⁸ He said, 'This is wickedness,' and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed its lead cover down on it.

⁹ Then I looked up – and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.

¹⁰ 'Where are they taking the basket?' I asked the angel who was speaking to me.

¹¹ He replied, 'To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place.'



SERMON NOTES

VISION 7

Zechariah 5:5-11

† *We are sometimes almost blinded to obvious areas of sin*

† *We see* _____

† *We also see* _____