

PRAYERS

How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you. (2 Samuel 7:22)

Our great and sovereign Lord, we praise you that you are far above us in wisdom, power, justice and goodness. We acknowledge that we are frail fallible humans who are totally dependent on you for life and daily thriving. We praise you that you are the source of all goodness. We are grateful for your grace, favour and forgiveness. We are especially grateful for your gift to us of Jesus, who came to demonstrate a perfect life and restore us to healthy relationship with you and with each other.

May your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless. (1 Thess. 5:23)

We praise and thank you, our Gracious God, for giving us clear instructions for life in your Holy Word. And we thank you that, as you tell us to, we can pray for your world in such disarray because of neglecting what you say. So instead of despair over the spread of lawlessness and evil, we can pray for governments and all in positions of authority. We pray for a greater awareness of your sovereignty and the accountability to you that we all have, and that one day every one of us will be judged by you. Thank you so much, Lord Jesus, that we don't have to face that judgement alone.

We pray for our educational institutions, particularly of higher education where the current narrative can appear to be that of erasing all traces of Christian civilisation. Heavenly Father, we would want all education to be that of finding out what is true for everyone, not just privileged minorities. We pray that truth rather than political activism would become the norm. We particularly pray for your protection from the current undermining of educational institutions that seek to honour you and what you say.

Our God of grace, we thank you for the gift of life, and we pray for the children you have blessed us with. Thank you for the NHA Kids' leaders. We pray that our children will grow up knowing your love and care. Bless them with good relationships with their parents, teachers and peers, and may they grow towards being responsible citizens who bless others.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have all wisdom and knowledge. We pray that as a fellowship you will keep us firmly trusting in you through the uncertainty about a place for meeting to worship. May we all grow in trust and obedience. Please guide our leaders in following your plans for us. Above all, help us all keep our eyes on Jesus as we seek to make disciples who follow him truly.

We praise you that you are always concerned to care for the weak, poor and suffering. So we confidently pray for your mercy and grace to give comfort, healing and peace to those who are elderly, sick, bereaved or suffering. We pray for Avril, Wendy, Greg, John, Louise, and Richard & Linda and others we know. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Northern Hope Anglican Church

26 February 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 Whereabouts** - at the moment (when this was written😊) we are allowed to meet here. We will keep you informed.
- † **NHA Directory** - please take the time to enter your details on the form on the rear table and then pop it in the box on the rear table. Having a NHA Directory will certainly make communication a lot easier!
- † **Home Group** - New one! Mondays, 2-3.30pm, please see Paul Fordyce.
- † **Women's Arvo Tea** - please see Sue Saggars if you'd like to join our women for an afternoon tea at Dundees, at the Cairns Aquarium. It is on Saturday 4th March, 2.00 – 4.00pm.
- † **SU School Chaplain (EHSS)** - Fundraiser - please see over the page.

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1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (NIV2011)

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

EDGE HILL STATE SCHOOL - SU SCHOOL CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

Christine Waters

HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

Saturday 18th March 2-4pm

Edge Hill State School

Digital Registration \$35

Please see Christine



Sermon Outline

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

THE LAST WORD

† *A pastor's heart - God's heart*

† *Our new life is grounded in the word of God*

† *We need to keep on flourishing, more and more so*

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