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OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR KINGDOM COME
08/08/08 –A NEW DAY FOR AUSTRALIA!
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Almighty and most merciful God, Thou art glorious in Holiness, fearful in praises, continually doing wonders. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; Thou canst not look on sin but with abhorrence. Do Thou pour out upon us this day the Spirit of Grace and supplication—the Spirit of humility and deep abasement.

In self-renouncing lowliness we desire to take the publican's place and cry out, "Unclean, unclean!—GOD be merciful to us sinners!"

Father! We have sinned against Heaven and in Thy sight, we are no more worthy to be called Thy children. Our sins have reached unto the clouds – they have been committed against many privileges, solemn warnings and innumerable mercies. Every day bears the same testimony of your unmerited patience, condescension and love:--and yet our hearts have been ungrateful and unthankful.

We have abused your mercies, ignored your warnings and left your providences unsanctified.

We acknowledge our sins as individuals.

Our hearts have been estranged from Thee:--we have been lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of GOD. Divine things have not been exercising a paramount influence over us. Our love has been cold—our faith weak---our services polluted; self and sin have mingled with our best attempts to glorify Thee. We have not been exercising a consistent holy watchfulness over ourselves . We have been guilty of envy and jealousy –we have harboured unkind suspicions of others—we have not had that love that hopeth all things, and believeth all things, and endureth all things.

We acknowledge our sins as families.

We have been exhibiting inconsistencies in our daily walk.

Thy Word has not been prized as it ought.

The flame of love and devotion has not burned brightly on the domestic altar as it should. The leaven of vital Godliness has not

been pervading, with its hallowed influences, our family engagements, occupations and duties .We have not done what we might have done for Thee in promoting Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men.

We confess our sins as Churches and as a Nation.

Lord GOD You have filled our cup with mercies. You have greatly blessed us as a nation and as a people but the awful truth is that we have abused many of our privileges. We mourn and blush to think of the vice, widespread immorality, intemperance, abortion and ungodliness which is rising up as a terrible memorial against our land

We mourn our deserted churches and unread Bibles .We mourn the eye service and lip service that we allow to take the place of heart and soul consecration –We mourn the little we have done, the much we have left undone to promote Your Kingdom in our world.

Father, forgive us these our many and awful offences—humble us

in the dust because of all our unworthiness.

Lord GOD we thank you for your great and wonderful promise that not only do you forgive us for our sins but you remember them no more, no more, no more!

Please give us grace, while we mourn the past, humbly but earnestly to live more devotedly to you in the future.

With our sins forgiven and not even remembered we launch forth this morning re-affirming and totally confident in the ‘great event’ foretold by the Prophet Daniel when he declared that Christ was coming to render His own Kingdom universal upon earth!

Almighty GOD, we beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy special blessing upon this 08/08/08 ‘Gathering’. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and for the true well being of the people of Australia--AMEN