

**Introduction and Prayer for 'Your Kingdom Come' -08.08.08-
A New Day for Australia Prayer Gathering**

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- Proclamation of 1 Chron 29:10-13; Blowing of Shofars
- Welcome
- Sharing of the 080808 Your Kingdom Come Vision,
- Sharing on the significance of this day that bears the number of 888 that is of Jesus Christ, a day of covenant and celebration with our Bride groom, for who He is. The Hebrew symbol for 8 is the Gate, the way through to new beginnings and a New Day for Australia and in the Lord's purposes.
- Importance of spirit of honouring in our day, honouring God and following His word and ways to honour others, including those in authority in the land.
- Prayer for the Prime Minister and all those in positions of authority in this nation, in governments, institutions, families and workplaces

Lead in Prayer of repentance on 080808 in the Parliament

Lord we are overwhelmed by your compassion and love that you have called and invited us to come and be here with you, on 080808, the eighth day of August 2008, on your special Day, the day that bears the number of your name 888; here in this special place, the seat of government of this wonderful nation that you have blessed us with so much. We come before you today as we stand at the gate of this New Day, and we acknowledge the

supremacy of your name above every other name. We don't know how to pray but we come in faith because you have called and invited us to come and draw near to you, to come and worship and love you, to come and receive your truth and mercy. We thank you for your Amazing grace to us your people, that despite our unfaithfulness you are a faithful covenant keeping God. We acknowledge Father that we are not our own, but that we are yours, that you have bought us at the costly price of the shedding of Christ's precious blood.

We come this day to acknowledge your glory, to magnify your name. We recognise and stand on the truth of your word, that as we confess our sins to you, you hear us and you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to purify us of all unrighteousness. We proclaim the power of your resurrection life to save, to redeem and restore all that has been lost, and that according to your word, nothing is too hard for you, nothing is impossible for you. We decree through the Victory you have already accomplished at Calvary, that you Jesus Christ are enthroned in the highest place above all names in this Parliament, city and nation, and that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, that you are mighty to redeem and to save.

We declare that you are Almighty God, the triune God, the Father, Son and holy Spirit. You are our loving heavenly Father, who passionately desires to have relationship with us your children, as in the story of the prodigal's father. Jesus, you are the adoring obedient sacrificing Son of God, the Bridegroom who Hosea spoke of, whose love never ends, who sought out his unfaithful wife, forgave and brought her back to himself. You are the comforting Holy Spirit, who teaches us, leads us and brings us into all truth. God, you are beautiful and altogether wonderful, you are compassionate and merciful.

Lord, through Hosea, your cry to your people, was ‘Oh that you would Know, Honour and acknowledge me as God, and be merciful.’ This day on Lord, and in this place we desire to do these things, and we pray that you would come now by your Holy Spirit and touch and change our hearts, that Lord you would place with in us your life giving spirit and you would revive us again. Give us a fresh hunger and desire to know you and become like you, the true God of love and mercy and enable us to receive and then share your love with others who do not yet know you and who are plunging daily into a Christless eternity.

Corporate Confession:

We confess this day Almighty God, that many of us have known you Lord, especially when you have rescued us in miraculous ways, but we so soon have let our love and gratitude evaporate like the morning dew. We have broken covenant with you and grieved and quenched your Holy Spirit in so many many ways. So often we have not thanked you or worshipped you in our hearts.

As our Lord of Lords and King of Kings, we have not sought your will first, in all things, nor your Kingdom or your righteousness. We have not believed in your atoning sacrifice at the cross, in the power of your forgiveness that has already been granted, nor your ability to restore and redeem and to make all things new. We have not understood that your atoning sacrifice was, and is all sufficient for all humanity, for all governments, and for all time. We have denied the healing, resurrection power and total victory, over hell and death, of the cross and the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have not acknowledged our desperate and total need and dependence upon you for our very lives, nor recognised our bankrupt religious state without receiving and being empowered by your Holy Spirit. Nor have we acknowledged the reality of the Spirit of God living with in us, giving us our very breath and strength and life. We have not thought it possible to become like

you Jesus, being so preoccupied with our own humanity desires and problems. We have been so deeply deceived and held captive by the lies and temptations of the devil, and yielded so often the generational bondages of our flesh. We have had such a distorted view of you, oh God, and have allowed the sin in our hearts to distract us from focusing on worshipping you.

We have not sought you with all our hearts or we would have known you, as your word promises, or else we would have discovered your love and life revealed in your living word by the Holy Spirit. So often we haven't thought to yield to, or receive your wisdom and mercy in our times of need, and we have been blind to your revelation about who you are and what your heart desires..

We have not known how to respond to your empowering love and Holy Spirit that would have enabled us to walk in your holiness and authority, in order to resist temptation. We have not lived for the cause of Christ or for the sake of those who need to find you as their Lord and Saviour, through our witness and love. Too often we've desired to separate ourselves from pain and grief, and the quiet desperation of so many caught up in this broken world. We have not prioritised others needs for salvation and redemption.

Like rebellious children we have turned away from you as our God, we have not honoured your authority as our heavenly father, we have not put you in the first place that you deserve, or been devoted to you as our beloved Bridegroom, and we have not been willing to surrender our wills or yield our time, relationships, job prospects or finances, in order to follow you and radically obey your calling and your word. We have not been prepared to make the personal sacrifice though your love to go the 'extra mile' for another....

We haven't sought your presence or desired in our hearts to spend the time it takes to respond to your Spirit's leading, to develop a

deep and intimate love relationship with you Jesus, or known how to trust you or allow you to come close and comfort us; we've been caught up in our own self-sufficiency. So often we've rejected your word and held you and your wisdom and your ways in contempt in our hearts, not responding in obedience to your commands, but instead, either dismissing them with indifference or frustration, or else compromising them for our own advantage.

We confess that we have not loved and Honoured you well, we have not loved you with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength, and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves, we have not trusted you with all our hearts, and too often we have leaned on our own understanding. We have not acknowledged you in all our ways, whether in our personal lives, or in our marriages, families, workplaces or places of Government, where we are gathered today. We've paid you lip service but our hearts have been far from you. We've talked about you, but we haven't known or trusted your ways.

Because of the state of our hearts, we've put you in a box and distanced you, imposing upon you our own fallen perspectives. In our deceived state, ignorance and pride we haven't understood your truth and wisdom, or your love and tenderness. Oh Lord as a people, we really haven't known who you are, that we are created in your image an likeness or who you have intended for us to be or become. We have been as orphans and not known to whom we belong, We've resisted spending the time of learning how to respond to your Spirit, we've been like a reluctant or else an adulterous bride, not giving you our full allegiance and love, rather giving our hearts and attention to idols.

We have hoped that we can please you through our works, not believing in your Word by faith, not believing that you really are who you say you are, or that you are faithful and will fulfil the promises that you have made as we proclaim them back to you.

We have grumbled and complained against you, and about you, we have criticised ourselves and others in your body and taken offense....there has been so much of our flesh and so little of your Spirit within us; we have not acknowledged you as the one and only true God, our Lord and Saviour, the maker of Heaven and earth, the creator of all things, the Lord and King of Australia.

On this day 08.08.08, Father we humbly come before you at this time crisis in our nation and of the nations of the world, and we pray and seek your mercy, grace and forgiveness on behalf of ourselves and the people of Australia. Father we ask in your name; take us deep into your heart as your word says that:
Blessed are those who are poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven (Mat 5:3)

Therefore we pray:

Create in us a pure heart oh God, and renew a steadfast spirit with in us.

Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us,

Restore to us the joy of your Salvation, and grant us a willing, spirit to sustain us.

Then we will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

Save us from blood guilt, Oh God, the God who saves us, and our tongues will sing of your righteousness...oh Lord open our mouths with praise.....

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, and a contrite heart, oh God, you will not despise. (From Ps 51:10-15,17)

Let us now pray and acknowledge together:

LORD JESUS

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY NEED OF YOU AND ACCEPT YOU AS MY SAVIOUR,

**MY REDEEMER, MY LORD, MY DELIVERER and BRIDEGROOM
I INWTE YOU NOW TO BE THE LORD OF THE WHOLE OF MY LIFE:-
LORD of my mind and all my attitudes
LORD of my body and my physical health
LORD of my spirit and all my worship
LORD of my family and all of my relationships
LORD of my sexuality and its expression
LORD of all my work and service for you
LORD of all my finances
LORD of all my material goods and needs
LORD of all my emotions and all of my reactions
LORD of my will and all of my decisions
LORD of the time and manner of my death
THANK YOU THAT YOUR BLOOD WAS SHED THAT I MIGHT BE SET
FREE.
Amen**

Bring us to the deep place of intimacy and blessing In your heart
we pray.

Conform us into your image and likeness, and empower us to
understand and desire to pray to you, our Father in heaven, and
Jesus Christ our Bridegroom

We proclaim that Holy and all glorious is your Name.

Lord, let Your Kingdom Come and Your Will be done here on
earth as it is in heaven, even here in Australia on this day of
080808.

Let your redemptive purposes for this nation be revealed and
outworked in our generation that we may reflect your glory to the
nations.

Turn our hearts back to you for the blessing of this generation, the
next generation and the generations to come, that they might be
saved, in Jesus Name,

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and
ever, Amen