

Desmond Higgs Prayer at the Cross at 2.45 pm on 080808 before Shofar blow....
[TO BE PRESENTED OUTSIDE THE PARLIAMENT ON THE LAWNS](#)

SPEAK

We are here to stand in the gap to pray on behalf of the fathers and grandfathers in this nation. The Malachi prophecy was that Elijah would come to “turn and reconcile the hearts of the estranged fathers to the ungodly children, and the hearts of the rebellious children to the piety of their fathers ... by repentance of the ungodly ... lest I come and **smite the land with a curse ...**”

PRAY

Our great God and Father on this significant land and at this cross we are assembled to ask You to have mercy upon us for the ways that we have neglected to love and honour You our heavenly Father. Forgive us for withholding love from our earthly fathers and mothers and our children.

AMEN

SPEAK

- God is a covenant keeping God. He has made promises to us, promises which He keeps as we obey His word and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. “Behold I establish My covenant or pledge with you and with your descendants”. See Gen 9:9

PRAY

- You are a Father who cares for us your children.
- You have asked us earthly fathers and mothers to represent Your character and to teach our children and children’s children about who You are, about Your word and Your ways, but we have been preoccupied with selfish pursuits.
- We have turned to idols of materialism.
- We have starved our spouses and our children of deserved love.
- We have dishonoured our fathers and mothers.
- We have dishonoured marriage and families.

We fathers have been deceived. We have allowed harmful influences to enter and take hold of this land through the pride of man and the evil one.

Curses have multiplied over this land as relationships between fathers and mothers and their children have broken down.

- AMEN

SPEAK

In Deuteronomy God says “Only take heed, and guard your life diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen and lest they depart from your mind and heart all the days of your life. Teach them to your **children and your children’s children**. ... that they may learn reverently to fear Me all the days they live ... and that **they may teach their children**.”

PRAY

We have not taught our children to Honour You or to honour parents or to honour all Your appointed authorities.
We have not modelled well Your Father heart of love.
We have allowed social culture to diminish the value of parents and grandparents.
We have believed lies of convenience;
oppressed the transient and stranger in our land;
neglected the fatherless and widows;
shed innocent blood by judicial murders;
gone after other gods;
allowed our children to pursue other gods;
stolen people’s good names;
committed adultery;
sworn deceitfully;
offered incense to Baal;
discharged religious formality while continuing with wickedness;
allowed injustice to persist.

We come, therefore, boldly to the throne of grace where we may, first of all, obtain mercy then find grace to help in time of need.

AMEN

SPEAK

Our God is a good God who desires to bless and protect his children. He expects us to obey His laws and follow His ways. Jesus Christ has purchased victory for us on the cross by his shed blood. He was victorious over all the powers of sin and death. We are praying for His resurrection life to prevail over the curses of evil that have come over this land because of the sins and negligence of the Fathers.

- When God sent his son Jesus to save the world He broke the curse of sin and death.
- He made a way through the cross for us to repent and believe, to be forgiven of our sins and to enter into eternal life....
- We confess our sins and turn to Jesus in our time of need, and we trust in God's word.
- We stand in the authority of Jesus' name, and believe that Jesus at the cross has already broken the power of sin and death and the curses of evil over our land, our nation and our families.
- Therefore we can proclaim through the blood of Jesus that this curse, which is spoken of in Malachi, is broken, and that Christ's Victory prevails over the land of Australia.
- Jesus died that the wall of hostility and dishonour between generations could be broken down.
- Here is the good news that the consequences of the generational sins and curses of shame passed down to the third and fourth generation can be broken this day 080808 in Jesus name.
- Now the land is healed. Individual hearts are healed. Relationships are healed.
- Honour and justice can now be restored to our social system through the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY

We NOW ask You Father for Your Holy Spirit to come with revelation about the state of our hearts. Be pleased to grant us the spirit of repentance as we stand in the gap for the generations that have gone before us.

Turn the hearts of the Fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers, and all back to You our heavenly Father, to restore to us a spirit of honour and respect for God and for one another. We ask Jesus to bring healing, salvation and restoration to family relationships. Pour out Your blessing of love and life in this New day for Australia.

AMEN