

The events of 2020 should ... cause God's people to examine our wealth

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Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:8-15 and Matthew 6:19-24

1. God's people need to _____ (verses 19-21)

2. God's people need to _____ (verses 22-23)

3. God's people need to _____ (verse 24)

Church Family Prayers

All glory to him who alone is God, our Saviour through Jesus our Lord. (Jude 25)

You, O Lord, are our Shepherd, with you we shall not want. For you make us lie down in green pastures and lead us beside quiet waters. You, loving God, have provided for us so abundantly through this crisis; thank you. You restore our soul, guide us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Thank you for feeding us with your spiritual word through online church, Home Groups, Youth Group, and various other ministries. Even though we experience hardships and dark valleys, we fear no evil, for you are with us, comforting us. We know that your goodness and love follow us each and every day. Praise be to you!

I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. (Job 42:2)

Gracious Heavenly Father, we praise you for life and health, and safety. We live such abundant lives here in Cairns. Thank you. But today, we especially praise you for mothers, and those who have been like mothers to us. In your wonderful design, you have provided caring and nurturing women who care for us, shape us and help us grow. Just as Jesus had many women following him and caring for his needs, in your church you bless us with many women that we want to honour today that care for and nurture us. Thank you that your promise is true, that anyone who leaves home or mother or sister or brother or children, for the sake of the gospel, will receive a hundred times as much in this present age, and in the age to come, eternal life (Mark 10:29-31).

Lord, in praying the following, we can't help but feel the brokenness of this world. For we know there are many who are suffering because they have been abandoned by mothers, abused, or their mother has passed away. Lord, you are our rock and our refuge. May those who are hurting come to you and find peace, rest and comfort from their emotional pain. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, thank you for the healing and ongoing healing of Janet, Fay and John. And thank you for the promise of a day when there will be no more pain or suffering in the new creation. Thank you for making it possible, through the pain and sacrifice of your one and only Son, of your glory and of our good.

Lord God Almighty, please give comfort, and healing to those amongst us who are not well. We pray for David, Stephen, Gloria, Helen, Aldo, Deeann and others known to us. We especially pray for Lana this week. Please heal them and help them to recover, resting in you as their fortress and refuge. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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