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Chelsea Community
Church of Christ and
Careworks Inc.

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“ OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE—GOD”

A BALANCED DIET OF PRAYER

Just as we cannot eat a 7 course meal every day, the breadth of the Christian tradition provides far too many kinds of prayers to offer daily. But like food, you can have a healthy prayer life drawing from a variety of forms over time.

Prayers that Remember: The nature of prayer is a conversation with God. God always has the first word, so our prayers are a response to what God has already spoken. Prayer therefore is linked to God’s word which is our primary source of revelation. This is remembrance of God’s work and who He is.

Prayers that Confess, Lament and Intercede: We must firstly bring our confessions before God, owning our sins, seek forgiveness, ask for help to change and thanking God for His grace.

We lament when we recognise what others have done against God’s will and ask for God’s justice.

Intercessory prayers ask God to heal, restore and reconcile what is broken. This can be difficult at times as we may struggle to find the words, however the Holy Spirit prays on our behalf.

Prayers that Give thanks: Many of us forget to show gratitude to God for His love, grace and care for us. We must start with thanksgiving to God for Christ’s own suffering and death; the gift of the Holy Spirit and the work of the Trinity. Then we can move to being grateful for answers to prayer and His never-ending love for us.

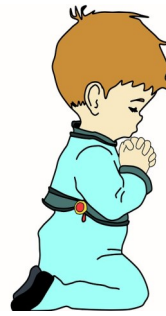
As Christians, living in a fallen world we need to “up our game” when it comes to prayer. There is so much power in prayer but most of us do not use prayer as God wishes.

Our prayers need to be formally crafted and specific, rather than just “praying on the run” and telling God what we want Him to do for us. rather than asking God what we can do for Him to live out His commands.

We need to set up a banquet table for our prayer life—learning how to pray, what type of prayer we will pray and pray every day—as many times as we need. This helps us to dine on a daily basis when we go to God in prayer.

Pantry Items:

Please continue to bring along at least one pantry item (within date) each Sunday to ensure our cupboards are not bare



Prayer Points: Please pray for all families who will struggle even more with the State budget responses, reducing necessary funding to such important social issues.

CCVT SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

A number of us attended the annual conference which was worthwhile. We ensured we attended different workshops and “reported back” over a cuppa and snack afterwards. The speaker Pastor Joel was stimulating, moving and generous in his words and care for us. Judi, as Minister was moved to tears as many Minister’s were “ministered to” – which does not happen very often.

Kay attended the Governance workshop and, as reported last Sunday, was excited to see how our small Church ticked all of the required boxes.

GRANT FUNDING. We are pleased to announce further funding received of \$8000 to complete urgent works on the roof of the Annexe—replace the rest of the galvanised iron sheets, spouting and insulation.



Pray for our success with grant funding as funds are rapidly growing smaller and, as a Church, we do not wish to close this extremely important outreach program, especially as pressure builds for us all to survive.

Mondays: Pastoral care/prayer support by appointment with Pastor Judi

Wednesdays: Food Pantry 7am to 11.30am;

Big Breakfast 7am to 10am and

Orange Sky Laundry 7am to 8.30am.

Fridays: Women’s Bible Study 10:30–11:45am

Sundays: Worship service 10am followed by a cuppa and a chat.

Individual Prayer time: Sundays—
Pastor’s Office 9–9.30am before Church and
Fridays 9–9.45am Pastor’s office.



SERMON SERIES:

Month of June we will be unpacking the Lord’s Prayer as well as understanding the Power of Prayer.

Month of July will “Lift the lid on Mental Health”.

Are you valued or ostracised?
Are you understood or addicted?
Are you listened to or anxious?
Are you cared for or depressed ?
Are you beloved or broken?

