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24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 7 - 13 August 2023

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Harbour cities
Praying for harbour cities in Oceania

As we pray for women in these two weeks we will focus on the character of Martha and Mary in their friendship with Jesus. Martha showed her affection by serving others, while Mary chose to sit at the feet of Jesus.

The account in the Bible of Mary wholeheartedly sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to His Word provides the guidelines for prayer this week.

MONDAY: 7 AUGUST 2023

DEVOTED TO JESUS

*And she had a sister called Mary, who also **sat** at Jesus' feet and heard His word. (Luke 10:39).*

Write down a list of activities that occupy your schedule daily and prayerfully decide how to free up some time to spend with Jesus alone.

Let us pray:

Pray for moms who also have full-time jobs to take time daily to behold the beauty of Jesus. Also, pray that they will instill this practice in their children's lives.

Ask for the salvation of women of other religions; so that they too can get to know Jesus, the Desire of the nations.

AUSTRALIA – PORT OF HEDLAND

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-9).

Australia's real gross domestic product (GDP) is projected to grow by 1.8% in 2023. The Port of Hedland is the biggest container port in all of Australia as well as all of Oceania. Located on the Western coast of Australia, the port of Hedland is responsible for handling about 452 million tons of cargo each year. The port links with several other ports within Oceania, ranking it at a Maritime Security Level 1. They are also known for their advanced infrastructure and cyclone tracking and forecast technology. Praise the Lord the Living God for the projected economic growth in Australia. Sexual harassment and violence against women are one of Australia's pressing human rights issues, with one in three Australian women experiencing violence in an intimate relationship, and one in five facing sexual violence. Pray for the salvation of all husbands in Australia and for them to lead their wives to the Lord Jesus too. Pray for married couples to serve the Lord wholeheartedly and to be faithful to each other, both physically, emotionally and mentally.

TUESDAY: 8 AUGUST 2023
OBEY THE WRITTEN WORD

*And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and **heard His word.** (Luke 10:39).*

Listen to the book of John on the audio Bible or read it as often as you can. Focus on the words Jesus has spoken and pay careful attention to them as if you hear them for the first time. Consider sharing the verse(s) that has stirred your heart with someone else.

Let us pray:

Pray for women who are serving as missionaries to daily spend time in the Word of God. Ask for them to see *wondrous things from the Law* and share the revelation with the people they are ministering to (Psalm 119:18).

NEW ZEALAND – PORT OF TAURANGA

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9).

New Zealand's economy advanced by 2.2% from a year earlier in the first quarter of 2023. Port of Tauranga is New Zealand's largest, fastest growing and most efficient port. It is an international freight gateway for the country's imports and exports, and the only New Zealand port able to accommodate the largest container vessels. The port has a total of 15 berths, of which 12 are located on the Mount Maunganui side of the harbour while another 3 are located at the Tauranga Container Terminal at Sulphur Point on the Tauranga side. Give thanks to the Lord the Alpha and the Omega for the economic growth in New Zealand. Government-subsidised healthcare means no out-of-pocket expenses for doctor's visits and the quality of care is extremely high in New Zealand. Pray for the salvation of all New Zealanders and to put their trust in God and not in man. Ask for breakthroughs in their spiritual lives, health and marriages so many will see that God is faithful and put their trust in Him.

WEDNESDAY: 9 AUGUST 2023

FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS, THE WORD

*And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and **heard His word.** (Luke 10:39).*

Make a choice daily to quiet your inner being and wait on Jesus in prayer. Write down what He speaks to your heart.

Let us pray:

Pray for teenage girls and young women, to be disciplined in their times of devotion to listen to the voice of Jesus.

Call on God on behalf of girls and women whose living conditions are not conducive to finding a quiet room or space to be alone with Jesus. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to them in a supernatural way.

FIGI ISLANDS – PORT OF SUVA

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "AND DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR THREATS, NOR BE TROUBLED." (1 Peter 3:14).

Economic growth in the South Pacific economy of Fiji is projected to reach 6.3% in 2023. Port of Suva is Fiji's largest and busiest international port which provides its services to passenger, container, general cargo, tanker and diplomatic vessels. The port is equipped with 24-7 Pilotage facilities, stream anchorage, deep berths, shore cranes, and warehouses. The border control agencies, Customs and Bio Security are also located inside the port facility and provide their services to the port users. Give thanks to the Lord the All-Sufficient One for the economic growth in Figi. While the Indian community is the leader of commercial activity, they are denied nearly all rights of land ownership. This tension continues to destabilise the economy and hinder future growth. Pray for the salvation of all people in the Indian community in Figi. Pray for their healing from racial tensions. Ask for Christians in Figi to openly confess their faith in Christ and that they will live righteous lives amongst the Indian community.

THURSDAY: 10 AUGUST 2023
TRANSFORMED BY THE WORD

*And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and **heard His word**. (Luke 10:39).*

As you spend time with the Word today, ask the Lord to show you the condition of your heart. Align your emotions and thoughts with the Word. Write down your prayers of confession and repentance, as it serves as testimony in the future of how the Lord has transformed you.

Let us pray:

Lift up in prayer new women converts to remain obedient to God's Word and yield to the working of the Holy Spirit to produce spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Pray for women who are caught up in destructive habits like prostitution or substance abuse to hear the gospel, accept the truth of the message and be transformed by the Word of His power (Hebrews 1:3).

SOLOMON ISLANDS – HONIARA PORT AND PORT NORO

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. (Ephesians 4:29).

Real GDP for the Solomon Islands is forecast to grow by 2.5% in 2023. Port activity in the Solomon Islands is heavily concentrated in two ports, the Honiara port (main imports port) and Port Noro (main exports port), both managed by the Solomon Islands Port Authority. Give thanks to the Lord the Most High God for the economic growth in the Solomon Islands. Solomon Islands has one of the highest rates of family and sexual violence in the world, with 64% of women aged 15–49 having reported physical and/or sexual abuse by a partner. Pray for the salvation of all men living in the Solomon Islands. Ask the Lord to teach all men and to provide them with wisdom to correct when things are not right in their relationships. Pray for couples who experience frustration and confusion, and even when they feel powerless and afraid, that the Lord, their Counsellor, will give them His peace and support them with His mighty and victorious right hand.

FRIDAY: 11 AUGUST 2023

ONE THING IS NEEDED

*But **one thing** is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:42).*

Write down one thing in your journal or on your phone that you would like to change in your life that will contribute to having a more intimate relationship with Jesus. Set the next week apart to actively work on the 'one thing' you have chosen.

Let us pray:

Pray for Christian women to continually pursue spending time with Jesus so that they will not fall prey to performing religious acts and doing good works; lacking the spiritual vitality that is produced by abiding in Jesus, the Vine (John 15:4).

SOMOA – THE APIA INTERNATIONAL PORT

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given. (Proverbs 19:17).

The real GDP of Samoa is projected to increase by 5.0% in 2023. The Apia International Port is located at Matautu; a village to the east of the capital of Apia and it's the main seaport gateway for Samoa accounting for nearly 100% of international freight movements. The port has a total length of 302m. The Samoan economy is dependent on developmental aid, agriculture, and fishing. Agriculture makes up 90% of exports and employs 70% of the population. Thank the Lord our Sustainer for the economic growth in Samoa. The Church in Samoa suffers because of nominalism, and the various denominations are plagued by rivalry, pride and conflict, leading to division and weakening of human relations. Pray for the salvation of Samoans and across all denominations to embrace one another in love. Pray for jobs to become available for the unemployed in rural areas. Ask for local churches to start feeding programmes to provide for families' basic needs.

SATURDAY: 12 AUGUST 2023

WISE CHOICES

*But one thing is needed, and Mary has **chosen** that good part, which will not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:42).*

In the presence of the Lord, weigh up some of the choices that you have made over the last while. Speak to the Lord about it and be honest about the reasons for your choice. Is it because of Jesus or to fit in with social and religious rules?

Let us pray:

Call on God, the Source of all wisdom, to guide women to make choices that lead to the fullness of life that Jesus provides.

Pray for young adults who stand at crossroads in their lives concerning marriage, career choices, or even those who need to forsake their families and culture for the sake of following Jesus. Ask that they will hear the Lord's voice saying, *"This is the way, walk in it."* (Isaiah 30:21).

TONGA - NUKU'ALOFA HARBOUR

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. (Luke 18:1).

The real GDP forecast for Tonga is that it will grow by 5.2%. Nuku'alofa harbour is the only deep-water harbour on the island. It is the central hub for boats to the outer islands. Most of the international trade is containerised. Tonga has a small gateway container market connected with its key trading partners. The seven shipping lines with regular services at Nuku'alofa are connected mainly (for 77.6% of the total volume) with the Far East, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Give thanks to the Lord our Provider for the economic growth in Tonga. About 88% of Tonga's population lives in rural areas of the country, which experience the highest rates of poverty and harshest living conditions. Pray for the salvation of especially the youth and for hope and eternal purpose for them because they turn to crime and drugs as solutions to boredom. Ask that they will find good jobs and be willing and able to work for an income.

SUNDAY: 13 AUGUST 2023
TIME WITH JESUS IS PRECIOUS

*But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which **will not be taken away from her.*** (Luke 10:42).

Choose the good part of spending time with Jesus, for it produces spiritual results that will not be taken away. Redeem seemingly insignificant moments of your day for **purposeful** time with the Lord.

Let us pray:

Ask for women in your local church to remain steadfast in their faith in every season of their lives; that nothing will distract them from purposefully investing in their spiritual growth (spending time in the Word and prayer).

Earnestly call on God to protect women against the harmful works of the enemy in the form of trafficking, abuse, violence, etc. Pray that they will come to know Jesus as Deliverer and Refuge.

KIRIBATI – THE PORT OF TARAWA ATOLL

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. (1 Peter 3:15).

Kiribati's GDP growth is expected at 2.3% in 2023. The port of Tarawa Atoll is a very small port in Kiribati. Praise God for the economic growth in Kiribati. Almost all the people (98.5%) identify as Christians, but nominalism and syncretism prevent many from true communion with God. Overpopulation and unemployment became a dangerous combination and led to an increase in alcohol abuse, especially among the youth. A significant number of children in Kiribati do not attend school because the parents feel that if the children beg for money or at least have a job it will be more financially beneficial for the family. Pray for the salvation of families in Kiribati. Pray for revival among the youth who are increasingly dependent on alcohol and drugs and for them to live wholesome lives with a godly purpose. Pray that the Church will be a living witness that will rise from shrinking Christian congregations.
