

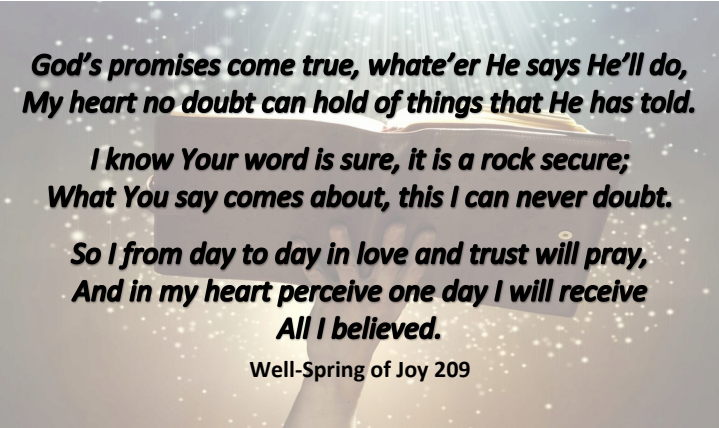
Canaan Prayer Points

September—November 2021

THE PRAYER OF FAITH

The first kind of prayer which God has promised to answer is “the prayer of faith”. Jesus shows us that the granting of a petition depends upon whether it is spoken in strong faith.

Matthew 9:29 says, “It shall be done for you according to your faith” (NASB). But, daring ventures of faith can only be undertaken in obedience to God. Abraham dared to step out in faith and emigrate to Canaan without knowing whether he would find a home there, because God had commanded him to do so. He believed in God’s guidance, and so he was obedient even in the face of uncertainties. God does not expect our faith to be vague or aimless. Our faith must be rooted in His Word. This is the strong anchor to which faith must be attached. The believer given a promise from God has an IOU in their hand which they can present to God over and over again: “Father, You have said, ‘Give, and it shall be given unto you’ (Luke 6:38 KJV) and that no one who trusts in You will ever be disgraced (Psalm 25:3).”



***God’s promises come true, whate’er He says He’ll do,
My heart no doubt can hold of things that He has told.***

***I know Your word is sure, it is a rock secure;
What You say comes about, this I can never doubt.***

***So I from day to day in love and trust will pray,
And in my heart perceive one day I will receive
All I believed.***

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With the prayer of faith it is especially important that we praise and thank and worship God, the Almighty One—indeed, that we sing out His praises even in a seemingly impossible situation, for in giving thanks we receive. Where we praise His almighty power, He lets His arm be moved; where His fatherly love is praised in song, His fatherly heart bends lovingly down to us.

When we look in faith to God, our present need can never overwhelm us. He is our loving and strong helper. Our Heavenly Father rejoices when we sing of the fact that He is our almighty and good helper. When we really count on Him, everything works out for the best. Oh, let us give Him more glory today by praying in faith.

Taken in part from Realities of Faith—M.Basilea Schlink

*Our aims of faith must shine and blaze
And not grow dim with passing days
But burn with zeal and ardour.
In faith we plead with God anew,
He always proves His word is true,
He will the earth enkindle.*

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For all your prayers, friendship and support
we send you our heartfelt thanks.
God bless you abundantly!

The Evangelical Sisters of Mary

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Good Shepherd Memorial Garden

- Please pray with us as we work towards creating a Good Shepherd Memorial Garden in acknowledgement of the Sisters who have been an important part of the Australian branch and have since returned to the Motherhouse—and are now with the Lord. To date: Sister Josefa, Sister Mechthild and Sister Gideona.



In Loving Memory of



Sister Gideona

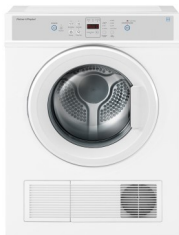
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*Home to God the Father goes the one we love,
Finding rest forever in God's peace above.
At last she is beholding Jesus face to face.
Glory now unending in that wondrous place!*

Mother Basilea Schlink

Laundry

- Please pray with us for the upgrading of our laundry. We have two washing machines that are no longer working and need replacing (front loaders preferably). We are also seeking to replace our two old dryers into more energy-efficient ones.



Motorstep

- Please pray with us for a motorstep, which is designed to help people with disabilities easily and effortlessly overcome a problem step. The person stands on the platform and using the conveniently located controls raises or lowers themselves to a height that will allow them to overcome a step.



JESUS IS VICTOR!

- Our hearts are very much with the people of Afghanistan. It's truly devastating not only for the Christians, but also for the many people—women and children, especially—who are facing severe suffering. Please join us in praying fervently for the people of Afghanistan:

Our Father in Heaven, we are comforted by the knowledge that in the darkest of times, the Light of Christ burns most brightly. We give thanks for the news that Christians fleeing Afghanistan remain strong in their faith. We thank you that some have reported Jesus appearing to them and giving explicit guidance about the route to safety.

We ask that You would continue to lead many to safety. We pray that this exodus may be a repetition of the first-century church: that Christians scattered by persecution will be filled with You, Holy Spirit, and spread the Gospel through the Middle East. O Lord, may You grant all Christians in Afghanistan the spiritual gift of faith to overcome fear. Cover them under Your wings that they will find refuge there; and may Your faithfulness be their shield and rampart (Psalm 91:4).

Dear Lord, we pray that You, who gave sight to the blind, will blind the sight of Taliban hunting for Christians, and keep them from abusing and enslaving women. We pray that You will be a restraining force to prevent cruelty and the expected reign of terror.

Dear Lord, please deliver divine justice. Please reveal Yourself in dreams and visions to the Taliban and deliver them from evil.

Lord, we pray that communications with Afghani Christians—those who remain and those who flee—will remain open. May all funds that are being raised to provide urgently needed food and water, medicines, shelter and—where necessary—to facilitate escape and resettlement, will reach Your people.

We pray, Lord, that You will guide the efforts of dedicated Christian and secular humanitarian organisations. We give thanks that many are working together to ensure that compassionate goals are achieved. We give You thanks for the ministry of Christian Faith and Freedom, and for all who are contributing so generously to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ, in Afghanistan.

We pray in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Adapted from Christian Faith & Freedom—Elizabeth Kendal

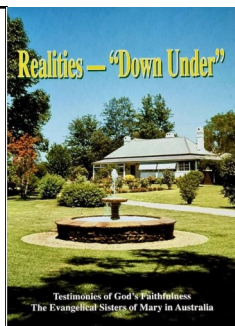
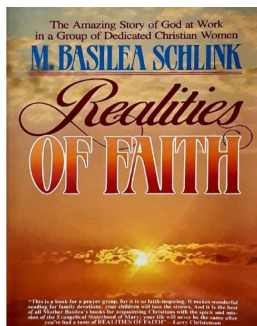
Faith into Practice

- Please pray that when we open up, the Lord will call those He wants to participate in the “Faith into Practice” volunteer programme at Canaan.
- Please pray for volunteers from a variety of countries, so that there is a good multicultural balance in the group.
- We are happy that many young people from overseas have previously taken part in our “Faith into Practice” volunteer programme. Please pray for the former participants, that the Lord would continue to bless them in their spiritual walk and make them a blessing for many others.
- For those former helpers who are praying about their future pathways, please pray that they will discern God’s guidance.

Outreach

- Please pray that the Lord continues to provide innovative ideas for outreach in the wider community during these Covid-19 times.
- Please pray that the Lord would continue to show us new ideas for outreach through our website and other social media avenues.
- We would be grateful if you would support us in prayer for our ongoing ministry of love and reconciliation—especially to the Jewish community, Aboriginals, and the various ethnic communities in the Sydney area.
- Please pray for the e-mailings, literature and DVDs being sent out from Canaan, that God will use them to bring much blessing to people.

- Pray that people will ask for the Canaan publications at their local Christian bookshops, as this helps to make the literature more widely known. Some of the things that Mother Basilea wrote prophetically more than 50 years ago have been dramatically fulfilled in the meantime, and friends are often “re-discovering” the books and finding them so relevant for today. Pray that God will continue to use Canaan’s legacy to change lives, and to help prepare the Bride of Christ.
- Please remember our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in many of the countries we serve. We thank the Lord that our internet ministry enables us to have contact with many of them. They are so grateful for the contact, prayer support and literature when it can be sent safely or read online.
- Pray for all of us here at Canaan as we seek to put the Lord first and to be obedient to His leadings. Since our time and strength are limited, pray that we will always know what God wants us to take on and what He would have us say no to, especially moving forward when restrictions lift.
- Pray for continuing protection, strength, wisdom, and unity for everyone at Canaan, and also for the wider fellowship groups of Canaan.
- Please continue to pray for Sister Theophania, who is living in residential care off Canaan.
- Most of all, we pray that as Sisters and Friends of Canaan we will all love our Lord Jesus more day by day, helping to extend His kingdom and prepare His Bride.



GOD HEARS BELIEVING PRAYER

God seeks those who will pray.

In our times God, as a true Father, will show us His help and His wonders as never before—if we call out to Him in deepest need, trust Him, and in prayer *actually reckon upon His help*. For He stands ready to help those who believe in His love, who truly reckon upon His Almighty power, who truly reckon that He still works miracles today.

A whole complex of buildings on the grounds of the Canaan stands today as a testimony to how real God's help was in our business affairs, how literally He answered prayer. These buildings cost great sums of money. We had no savings, nor did we receive any subsidy from official sources. They were built and paid for only through prayer and belief in God's help.

PRAYER:

in faith to set
foot in the enemy's
territory,
there to set up
the Cross, the sign
of victory.

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