



Canaan Prayer Points
February—April 2022

GOD DOES MIRACLES!

God lives and works today! Yes, today too. He is at work in our world. He still manifests Himself as the God who can melt mountains and accomplish the impossible. How blessed we are! We have a God who does miracles! And, as His children in Jesus Christ, we can expect that He will perform miracles in our lives today too.

A little child may often ask the impossible of his parents simply because his trust knows no limit. A child counts on the fact that his parents can do everything. They have all resources and possibilities! Yes, to a child, parents are people who can do miracles.

But, shouldn't we behave like true children towards our Heavenly Father? Then, even in view of great impossibilities we will come to Him in childlike trust, praying for and expecting a miracle. Only when we pray with such childlike trust will we be able to experience God's miracles.

However, God doesn't perform miracles like a magician. He is a Father and responds as a God of love. And love can only manifest itself where it finds open hearts that ask and anticipate. Only that which we anticipate in our prayers, which we believe, will happen – no more and no less.

We have experienced this time and again within our Sisterhood life. We have been praying for many years now that the Lord would provide the finances for the pathways to be renewed because many were becoming a trip hazard. Our prayers seemed to go unanswered for more than 10 years!

The Lord kept showing us that He wanted us to continue to believe for the renewed pathways, but there was something hindering Him from answering our prayers – our relationships with one another!

As we allowed the Lord to do a deep work in our hearts towards one another and continued to believe for the renewal of the pathways, suddenly the finances were provided by our Heavenly Father!

A deposit was made to our bank account for just the amount that was needed to renew our pathways. With the money deposit came the Bible verse from Psalm 119:105 (TPT) *"Truth's shining light guides me in my choices and decisions; the revelation of your Word makes my pathway clear."*

As long as we were holding onto things in our hearts, the Lord could not answer our prayers. Only in the moment when we began to let God truly work on our hearts and to count on a God who truly performs miracles, did we experience the fulfilment He gave for the renewal of our pathways here at Canaan. Only when we continued to believe in true faith over all the impossibilities, did God intervene. Only when we spoke aloud the promises God had given us, claiming them in the difficult situations each one of us was facing, and praising God for His intervention and help, did our situation change. The finances arrived as hearts were moved and relationships were transformed. Again in answer to prayer the right contractors came to undertake the pathway work at Canaan.

So we pray this will be an encouragement to you – to believe and really count upon the might of your Heavenly Father. As you do so, you will experience His help and His intervention. You will experience fulfilment to the promises He has given you!

"A sign of a needy child is that he always goes to his father with his requests. A sign of a true father is the joy he feels when seeing the confidence his child has in him. This is what marks a true father-child relationship. God longs to have this relationship with us. Assume the status of a child, and you will experience an abundance of fatherly love, fatherly help and fatherly gifts. Be a genuine child towards God. Then the kingdom of heaven with all its treasures will be yours."

TAKEN FROM FATHER OF COMFORT BY M.BASILEA SCHLINK

*Thank you for your prayers, friendship and support.
May God bless each one of you abundantly!*
The Evangelical Sisters of Mary



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Trees Needing to be Cut Down

- Please pray with us for 6 palm trees, as well as two other big trees at Canaan that need to be cut down and removed. Pray that we can find the right “affordable” company to help us undertake this work.

Vehicle Repairs

- Please pray with us for mechanical & repair work that needs to be done on our vehicles.

Air Conditioner Unit

- Please pray with us that we can find and purchase a suitable replacement air conditioning unit for the one in ‘Jesus Joy’ - our guest house.



Easter Outreach

- The Easter season is a key time of year for outreach and ministry. Please pray that the Lord would give us the ideas and inspiration for our Canaan outreach through our E-mailings, and on social media such as Facebook and our Website.

Humanitarian Situation in Tonga

- Please pray for Tonga, that is still reeling from the impact of the eruption of Tonga-Hunga Ha’apai volcano and ensuing tsunami. They now face another potential crisis that is looming with the first recorded community transmissions of COVID-19.

THANK POINT

Mobility Bus

- We previously gave thanks that the Lord had provided the finances for us to purchase a used fleet mobility van that could take two wheelchairs, so that Sister Theophania could continue to visit Canaan during the day and that would meet our long-term needs.

We are happy to share that thanks to the excellent advice of good friends we were able to find the perfect used mobility van that had only had one owner and was fully certified to be used here in Australia. This has come at the very right time to meet our ongoing needs here at Canaan! It can take two wheelchairs and sits a further seven people. Below is a picture of the actual mobility van the Lord provided us with.



Pray for Ukraine



By stepping up its military presence along the Ukrainian border, Russian President Vladimir Putin hopes that Ukraine and the West will make concessions and Ukraine will realign itself back to Moscow. But nothing has alienated Ukraine more than Kremlin policy over the past eight years, particularly Russia's military seizure of Crimea in 2014 and its role in the Donbas conflict that claimed more than 13,000 lives.

How likely is it that Putin will start a war with Ukraine? The Kremlin undoubtedly hopes that just the threat of a new attack on Ukraine will prompt Kyiv [the Ukrainian capital city] and the West to make concessions.

The costs to Russia of attacking Ukraine would significantly outweigh the benefits. However, Putin seems to operate on a different logic, and officials in Washington and European capitals have expressed real alarm about the prospect of Russian military action. Western officials are trying to be wise to assume the worst and do everything they can to try to dissuade the Kremlin from war.

Ideally, Putin wants Kyiv to abandon its Western course and turn back to Moscow.

However, nothing has done more to push Ukraine away from Russia and toward the West than Russian policy. As a result, more and more Ukrainians see membership in institutions such as the European Union and NATO as necessary for their security.

Western leaders have stepped up military preparations and made plans to shield Europe from a potential energy supply shock if Russia invades Ukraine. Written by Melissa De Witte, Stanford News, 6 January 2022

- Pray for the various world leaders involved in diplomacy over Ukraine.
- Ask God to redeem this situation by drawing many people to Himself. May Ukrainians and Russians discover that Jesus is the only true source of peace, safety, comfort, truth and freedom.
- Pray for a culture in which political disagreements don't lead to hatred or violence.
- Fears stemming from the conflict come up frequently in conversation. Pray that missionaries and other believers will have many opportunities to explain to their neighbours and friends the reason for the hope within them, even in this time of trial.

"It is even more scandalous that those who suffer most from conflicts are not those who decide whether or not to start them."

Archbishop Paul Gallagher

**JESUS
IS VICTOR!**

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.

PRAYER:

to bring before the
father in love all the
needs of our nearest,
of our neighbourhood,
of our nation, yea,
of the whole world,
and to continue in
faith till help and
salvation come.

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