



2020 Queensland Baptists Prayer Week Daily Prayer Guide June 1-7

Since 2012 Queensland Baptists have been setting aside the first week of June each year for prayer for Queensland and that God might bring revival to our state. The week has always included Queensland Day (June 6) and began with a heart and desire to see our state transformed and redeemed by the power of the gospel. One of our key values as Queensland Baptists is **faith-filled prayer**. God offers us an important role in the spiritual battles on the front line of God's growing kingdom. We believe that God wants us to ask him for even greater things than what we have seen so far. (John 14:12-14)

This prayer guide can be used individually and/or corporately by all those who are prepared to commit themselves to pray for powerful work of God in our state and lives. The challenges of the current COVID-19 health crisis only bring greater urgency for us to pray for our state and its future.

Monday June 1

God is Still in Control

Nehemiah 8:10b Do not grieve for the joy of the LORD is my strength

- Acknowledge God is Lord of all and sovereign over all the earth.
- The COVID-19 Crisis has not caught God by surprise. Pray that that God will use this season to bring the realisation that we all need to reach out to God during these times.
- Pray for forgiveness when we individually and corporately seek to usurp his kingship by going our own way.
- Pray for leaders in our churches, and in our wider society that they will be led to recognise the sovereignty of God and make decisions in line with his will.
- Pray prayers of worship and adoration extolling the character and greatness of our God.

Tuesday June 2

Showing the Compassion of Christ in our Needy World

Matthew 14:14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

- Pray for a willingness to allow God through his spirit to shape and mould us all to become more and more like Jesus.
- Pray for our political and community leaders that they will have God's wisdom as they lead us through the current health crisis and into the new future.
- Pray for those who have experienced sorrow and grief through the loss of loved ones, health, financial security and emotional unsettledness this year.
- Pray that each follower of Jesus will allow God to model and speak the gospel through their words and actions, bringing hope to our community.

Wednesday June 3

Pray for the Harvest

Luke 10:2 The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.

- Ask God to open our eyes individually and corporately to where God is working and inviting us to join in with him.
- Thank God for the many new ways of connecting and sharing the gospel that have emerged as churches have sought to connect meaningfully with the wider community during the period of restrictions on public meetings.
- Take time to pray by name for people who don't know Jesus yet.
- Pray for ministries in your church that provide opportunities for people to hear and respond to the gospel.
- Ask God to give us a passion for those who don't know Jesus and ask him how we personally can be part of the workforce he sends into the harvest field.

Thursday June 4

That God will penetrate our community with His transforming power

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

- Pray for all those who have heard the good news of Jesus for the first time, through online services and ministries at this time, may it be a step in their journey towards God.
- Ask God to help us reach out to the many ethnic and refugee groups who are part of our Queensland Community.
- Pray for the different areas and sub-groups that make up Queensland including ministry to children, young people, men, women, elderly, rural, coastal, urban, regional etc.
- Pray for those who hold to other religions or non-Christian world views, that there would be opportunities to engage them in talking and thinking about the gospel.

Friday June 5

Pray that Many will come to Faith in Christ

Colossians 1: 13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin.

- Praise God for those who have been coming to faith in Christ in recent times.
- Pray that we will all have stories of God at work in our life that we can share with family, neighbours, friends, and colleagues.
- Pray for those who have come to faith from difficult backgrounds, that they will grow and be nurtured in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for those who have lost the material things they trusted in that they will find security in trusting God.
- Pray for those you know who are still living under the dominion of darkness in their lives.

Saturday June 6

Ask God to unify us as we collaborate together to show God's love

John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.

- Pray for the Queensland Baptist as a movement in this new season of ministry.
- Pray for the new structures and new appointments which have been made to encourage God's work amongst us.
- Pray that the outworking of our core values: Biblical Authority, Faith-filled Prayer, Collaborative Autonomy, Servant Leadership, Intentional Discipleship and Effective Mission will provide a powerful testimony to the person and mission of Christ.
- Pray for our pastors and local church leaders during this time of challenge and opportunity.
- Pray for all of the initiatives in local churches and at a wider Queensland Baptist level that are seeking to connect to promote God's kingdom.

Sunday June 7

We pray for revival

2 Chronicles 7: 14 If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

- Let us humble ourselves and repent of things which may restrict God working through us.
- Praise God for accounts where God is already blessing and moving through his people to touch the wider community.
- Cry out to God asking him to send a revival and be prepared to let it begin in us.
- Pray that the brokenness and pain of the COVID-19 crisis will provide fertile ground for the sharing of the gospel and that God may reap a great harvest.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3: 20-21