#### HEALTHCARE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA



#### **PRAYER NOTE**

## **DECEMBER 2023**

# Dear Prayer Warriors,

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore, they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

I John 4:1-11 NKJV

I have shared this lengthy scripture with you. As we approach Christmas this passage captures the reason and the divine purpose and the relevance of the birth of Jesus Christ in human flesh. Let us reflect on **God's love** for us revealed in sending His Son: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 NKJV

Then we see the love and **compassion of God** for the lost and those deceived by the lies of the devil and every anti-Christ spirit .

The **life through Him**. His Son as the propitiation for our sins.

Jesus challenges us to take this good news to the world. It is time to pray for the salvation of the souls searching for hope and light and new meaning. Then let our lives shine for the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Saviour to be heard and seen through our lives.

Every act of celebration this Christmas season may reflect the true meaning of Christmas – God's love came down, God's compassion in action, God's free offer of new life through this Jesus Christ of Christmas.

Let our message to our colleagues, patients, friends, family, and neighbours be this. Our conversations be anointed by His Holy Spirit that truth and life be spoken to all those around us. Also , each one of us take time for ourselves to reflect, rest and refresh in God's love. Praise Him and worship him as he has brought us through challenges and struggles and victories to the end of another year.

### 1. HCFA members and focus

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." Colossians 3:23

Thank the Lord that we had work to do in 2023.

Thank the Lord that we had opportunities to serve and be the light and salt.

Ask for forgiveness for the missed opportunities. That we will learn from that and grow into closer and deeper commitment and love in serving our fellow humans and the Lord.

We will always remember that It is not who we serve but whom we serve is the heart of our service.

Pray for the vision of serving the Lord in healthcare in Australia will be shared widely in every state and territory.

"I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen want was sick." Ezekiel 34:16

The Lord to ignite a passion in health workers to respond to the call in 2024. Pray as Ezekiel prophesied for Israel. We will be driven to seek the lost, broken (physically and spiritually), bind, and strengthen through His power among colleagues and patients.

Pray for our streams and for God's leading as we plan for 2024.

### 2. Year 2023 and Christmas 2023

"The Son of Man has come to SEEK and to SAVE that which was lost!" Luke 19:10

Remind our selves the Lord came seeking for us, the lost. We who have found him will continue his loving work until HE returns.

The Spirit of God will help us identify the "lost" in our workplaces and community. Have the grace and courage to share that the "Saviour" is for all of us.

He is with us, "Emanuel" what ever we go through He will walk with us and

strengthen us.

Pray that the awe and wonder of the first Christmas will not be compromised for the worldly performances and pleasures.

# 3. War in Israel and other parts of the world.

Pray for God's mercy and protection and inner peace over the people in those affected countries and communities.

In times of war, it is the duty of the children of God around the world to pray and intercede for His intervention. War is cruel and inhumane.

Pray for each of HCF Global family members and HCFA members who could possibly be directly affected or their loved ones affected by the evil and violent events happening in the world.

Pray for the many who during this season will be suffering without the basic needs such as food, water, shelter, and safety. Above all without hope! May we play our part to reach out to them. May the Lord's grace reach out to them somehow.

Pray for one another.

Please write to us (<u>contact@hcfaustralia.org</u>) with your testimonies to encourage the faith community through this letter and other ways.

Have a blessed and Christ centred Christmas and a New Year filled with grace and truth of the living God guiding our steps into His purposes and not ours.

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