



HEALTHCARE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA

“Lengthen your cord, Strengthen your stakes, Expand His Kingdom.”

PRAYER NOTE

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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Isaiah 36: 1-2a. “In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah’s reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. Then the king of Assyria sent his field commander with a large army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem.”

At the time of God’s prophet, Isaiah, Assyria was the dominant power in the ancient Near East. Assyria’s King Sennacherib had captured a large part of Judah and was ready to besiege Jerusalem. He taunted Judah’s King Hezekiah and his people, and blasphemed God.

Then other countries became involved.

Isaiah 37: 8-9. “When the field commander heard that the king of Assyria had left Lachish, he withdrew and found the king fighting against Libnah. Now Sennacherib received a report that Tirhakah, the Cushite king of Egypt was marching out to fight against him.”

As I write, the USA and Israel are at war with Iran. Other countries in the region of Iran are under attack or retaliating because they are seen to be complicit or have come under fire. There is also a war of words between the leaders of the USA, Israel, and Iran- threats of more attacks, deadlines being given and taunting each other. Countries all over the world are affected by the war.

There are many similarities between the passages of history in Isaiah and the present-day events.

What happened in the days of Isaiah?

Isaiah 37: 1-2 “When king Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and went into the temple of the Lord. He sent Eliakim, the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and the leading priests, all wearing sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.”

Hezekiah humbled himself and sought the Lord through prayer. Then read what happened?

Isaiah 37: 6-7. “Isaiah said to them, “Tell your master, “This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard- those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Listen! I am going to...”

Isaiah 37: 15 “And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord.”

The Lord heard their prayers and was ready with a plan to destroy the enemy of his people.

The present-day war in the Middle East makes the passage in Isaiah more real. It is a good reminder to us that wars, threats, and taunting words are not new in the world today.

But as in Isaiah’s day, God is our defender. Seek him who loves us, trust him that he knows what is happening and he has all things in hand. God is our hope amid uncertainty. Will he who gave us his own son Jesus, not also help us in times of need? Thankyou God.

Prayer points

Australia

1. Thank God for relative peace in Australia and pray that we do not take it for granted.
Our leaders will be touched by the true and living God in a time like this.
2. Pray for God’s help to promote and maintain peace and every Australian will live by the values and principles of this great south land.
“Blessed are the peace makers.” Hymn “Make me a channel of your peace.”
3. Pray for Australian military personnel serving in areas of war.

HCF Australia

1. Pray that we will be mindful of patients who have recently been through war.
2. Pray for hospital and health services to honour and implement systems to align with Christ centred values. The staff and patients will find inner healing and joy and purpose Jesus Christ freely offers.
3. Pray for greater sense of accountability and peace in our hospitals and workplaces.

The world today

1. Pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and other countries at war.
2. Pray for Christians in war zones and conflict, that they will pray and trust in God our defender. Also, for the Christians in persecuted countries.
4. Pray that many will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

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