

What Are You Praying For Australia? (Or Your Home Country?) - Peter Adam

A prominent Australian pastor and theologian was asked to write a thousand-word prayer on what he is praying for Australia. It's a great prayer that we could use to pray for Australia and for our home countries.

I am praying that God will convert many Australians to Christ including many atheists, secularists, poor people, rich people, indigenous people, new arrivals, people of other religious, people of no religion, 'unconvertible' people, people with a Christian background, people in prison, people in need, the educated and the uneducated, young people, children, students, university students, workers, the unemployed, middle-aged people, old people, people in nursing homes, and people on the streets.

- I am praying that Australian Christians would stop pursuing trivial happiness, and instead start pursuing holiness.
- I am praying that Australian Christians would start dying to sin every day and living to righteousness.
- I am praying that Australian Christians would stop being consumers, and start being contributors in their churches and ministries.

I am praying that God will revive and reform existing churches, and plant new churches, and bring the members of those churches and those churches themselves to maturity in Christ, holiness of life, and usefulness in service.

I am praying that new converts will be quick to repent of their sins, quick to join a church, and quick to witness to their friends.

I am praying for a new spirit of cooperation, mutual encouragement and mutual engagement in a common gospel mission between churches, church plants, chaplaincies, and Christian ministries and Christian schools.

I am praying that God will raise up a mighty army of gospel workers from our churches and ministries, who will be godly in life, resilient in ministry, servant-hearted in attitude, Biblical in life, thought, and ministry, able to minister effectively in different and changing contexts, cooperative with others, humble, wise, prayerful, reflective, and energetic and effective!

I am praying that this army will be willing to serve anyone, anywhere, at any time, throughout Australia, and throughout the world.

- I am praying that people in gospel ministry in Australia would pray.
- I am praying that people in gospel ministry would use the Bible and so let people hear God's word directly: in their sermons, training, counselling, evangelising, and mentoring.

(For the full prayer, go to <https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/peter-adam-praying-for-australia/>)



Welcome, we're glad you're here!

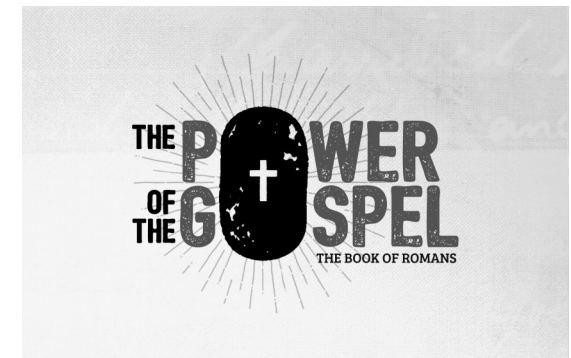
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This Week: Can We Trust God to Keep His Promise?

Romans tells us the amazing good news that it's by faith alone in Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven, not our works! But can we trust God to keep his promise to save us? That's the question Paul is answering in Romans 9. Paul answers by showing that God's track record in saving people throughout history is consistent—He elects or chooses who to have mercy on.

by Gabe Tan

Next Week: Romans 10



Today's Service

Welcome and Singing	Blessed Be Your Name How Great Thou Art The Lord is My Salvation
Holy Communion	
Offering	
Community News	
Bible Reading	Romans 9
Sermon	By Gabe Tan
Song of Response	Have Mercy On Me

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$3,937.50
Weekly Required	\$5,589.00
Shortfall 2018	\$1,645.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name:	SLE Church
Bank:	National Australia Bank
BSB:	084-424
A/C No:	396558544

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Prayer Points

THANK GOD FOR THE RECENT MVV SERMON SERIES. Pray that it would give our church the clarity we need to keep pressing on in doing God's mission together as a church. Pray for God's grace to enable us to serve Him faithfully and fruitfully. Pray for God to ease the fears we may have and stir us up from the complacency we may be suffering from.

PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING VISIONING AFTERNOON. Pray that it will be a joyful and encouraging time of making decisions and plans for the future of our church.

THANK GOD FOR THE BOOK OF ROMANS. Pray for our church as we continue and finish off this sermon series in the coming weeks. Pray that we would humble ourselves before God and His Word.

THANK GOD FOR THE PRAYERS IN SCRIPTURE and prayers written by godly believers such as the one in the Pastor's Desk today. Pray through these prayer points throughout the week.

PRAY FOR SISTER ANNA WHO IS FIGHTING PANCREATIC CANCER. Pray for God's assurance, comfort and peace in facing this painful struggle. Pray for physical and mental strength to deal with the side effects of chemo and the unbearable pain. Pray for her husband Hien, her carer, who needs God's strength, patience and good health.

PRAY FOR THE SUNDAY YF RETREAT happening this weekend that God may be at work to change and impact lives of the attendees with the gospel truth.

Community News

13 MAY MEMBERS' LUNCH AND VISIONING AFTERNOON
12:30PM-3:15PM
On Sunday 13 May, we will hit another significant milestone in our Mission Values and Vision (MVV) process. This is when we will be having our Visioning Afternoon.

During this Visioning Afternoon, we will be finalising the VALUES we most hold dear as a church and we will begin discussions on possible vision elements that will make up our final VISION (slated for finalisation on 10 June).

All members are highly encouraged to attend and participate in this process. As part of our Visioning Afternoon, we will be having lunch together.

Members lunch: 12:30pm

Visioning session: 1:30-3:15pm

Location: North Hall

Childminding WILL be provided.

Please RSVP at the Facebook Event page or via email to info@slechurch.org.au

SLE CHURCH, SLDB & CCCB INC AGM | Sunday 3 June at North Hall

SLE members, please note the above AGMs will be held on Sunday 3 June in the North Hall. Members are expected to attend either in person or by proxy.

Agenda items, such as finance statement, notice of issue to be vote on, and proxy forms will be available from this coming week by email or post.

SLE AGM : 1:15pm-1:45pm
SLDB AGM : 1:45pm-2:15pm
CCCB Inc AGM 2:15pm-2:30pm

Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Mervin	Josh
Preach	Gabe	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Boon Cheng <i>Jessica</i>	Chi <i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	YF Fri/Sat YF Fri/Sat	YF Fri/Sat YF Fri/Sat
Wash Up	YF Fri/Sat	YF Fri/Sat
Welcome	Philip Mee Lan Meng Yin <i>Wei-En</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Leya</i> <i>Andrew</i>	Philip Mee Lan Meng Yin <i>Wei-En</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Leya</i> <i>Andrew</i>
Stewards	TBA TBA <i>DT</i> <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Yong Seng</i>	TBA TBA <i>Aaron</i> <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Yong Seng</i>
Piano	Sylvia	Joanna
Guitar	Dom	Ryan
Bass	Kevin	Ethan
Drums	Marcus	
Vocal	Joachim	Sharne
PA	William <i>Chris</i>	Matt <i>Jowin</i>

Can We Trust God to Keep His Promise? Romans 9:1-29

Introduction & Context

1. Paul's Grief at Israel's Unbelief (v1-5)

QUESTION: Has God broken his word to his people, Israel?

ANSWER: NO! Not all Israel are really God's people. God has always saved by election

2. The Doctrine of Election: How do you become God's people? (v6-18)

A. Not by birth (v7-9)

B. Not by works (v10-13)

C. But by God's choice alone (v14-18)

3. The Purpose of Election: To reveal the riches of God's mercy (v19-24)

4. The Consistency of God's Election: Even the Old Testament said God will choose many Gentiles and few Jews (v25-29)

What Does This Mean For Us?