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What is the most faithful prayer a person can pray?

Is it to pray for a miracle that everyone else tells you is impossible? When you are told that there is no possible solution, it takes great faith to believe that God can do the impossible. But I'm not sure that is the most faithful prayer a person can pray.

Is it to continue steadfastly in prayer and to never give up or lose faith? I know of some incredibly faithful Christian mothers who prayed continually every day, year after year for their children to come to Christ. I praise God for faithful mothers like that. But I'm not sure that is the most faithful prayer a person can pray.

So what is the most faithful prayer a person can pray? I want to suggest that it is a very brief prayer of just seven precious words. *"Not my will, but yours be done."*

This is the prayer our Lord Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Before him was the agony of the cross. He knew he was to bear the sin of the world. Jesus prayed to His Father, "Lord, is there any other way?" Jesus didn't want to die. The one who knew no sin didn't want to bear the sin of the world and experience separation from his Father. But yet Jesus prayed those seven words of faith, *"Not my will, but yours be done."*

Not only are they the most faithful words we can say, they are the most difficult words we can say. Do we really want God to have His way in us? Are we truly prepared to do whatever the Lord calls us to do? Are we really willing to set aside our will and fully surrender to His sovereign will? I do hope so, because then we will see God move in ways like we have never seen before.

ANDREW

Welcome

Welcome to church today. If you are a visitor we offer you a special welcome. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall following the morning service.

Today, Sunday 16th November

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Watch and Pray

Worship Leader

Joshua Cole

Communion Leader

Dennis Homfray

Reading

Mark 14: 27-42

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Watch and Pray

Worship Leader

Brendan Moritz

Next Week, 23rd November back in the Chapel

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

6.00 pm

His Passion

Worship Experience

Mark 14: 27-31

"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today - yes, tonight - before the cock crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."

But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * Please be in prayer for the Year 12 students who are sitting their end of year exams at the moment.
- * Please be in prayer for those who are unwell.
Pray for Norma Fechner who is in the Base Hospital.

ROSTERS

Carolyn will soon be working on the new rosters for next year. If you will be away during January, February or March could you please list your name on the absence form in the foyer. If you would like to participate on the roster, then please volunteer via the form also. Thank you.

"Apologetics"

Michael Waters is running a small group study on "Apologetics". This study goes for four weeks to begin with, and will be spending two weeks on each chapter of "On Guard", by William Lane Craig. A second group will be commencing soon on a Wednesday or Thursday. The On Guard books are available today or from the office at \$20 each. If you let Michael know you are interested, he will start up a new group next year.

F.A.F.F.S. FAMILY AND FRIENDS, FIFTIES - SIXTIES

Holiday Snaps

At Michael and Diane Morrall's
96 Chaffey Avenue

Dessert and Coffee Night
Starting at 7.00 pm



youth Update

Friday, November 28th - 30th

CAMP FUSION

Barmera - Lake Bonney
Fuel Youth's Annual Camp



Full registration by November 14th - \$70

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Those who would like to spend Christmas in fellowship with others who may be on their own or away from family, are invited to join us on Christmas Day for lunch at no cost. Please put your names on the sheet in the foyer. All those who would like to help can also put their names down on the sheet. Donations can be made towards the day, through the office or direct to Natalie Moritz.

New Ways to Serve

We as members can be of service in our church in so many different ways. Many are talented in leading in our worship services, others in teaching our young people.

With the opening of our new buildings comes a new way for you to serve. The Elders are asking each one of us to consider taking on the cleaning of individual parts of all our buildings. You don't need to be cleaning every room, just one area that you feel able to on a regular basis. You may even be able to have a friend work with you, or take it in turns to see that your allotted area is done.

Can you vacuum, mop, dust, sweep? We ask that you give this your prayerful consideration, and we will be asking you to commit to this important task in the new year.



This Week

Sunday	16th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	17th	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
		6.00 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	18th	12 noon	Admin. Meeting
		5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	21st	7.30 pm	Youth Group
Saturday	22nd	12.30 pm	Share Group
		7.00 pm	FAFFS



Adventure Club Cooking Roster

November 18th - Zena Stewart and Blue Team

W.I.G.S. Women In God's Service

**Monday, 17th November
Mildura Gateway Tavern**

Note the earlier time of 6.00pm
Our last night for the year will again be at the Gateway Tavern. This is a great night to finish our year without having to cook.

SHARE GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP Saturday, 22nd November at 12.30 pm

Let's make this the best meeting for the year
with every senior member attending.
Please put your name on the list in the hall foyer,
so we can plan catering.
There will be a cost to be advised.
Only six on the list so far!



C.W.F.

Ladies, please note: On Sunday, 23rd November, next Sunday, we are providing a morning tea after the service for a \$2 gold coin donation. We will also be having a stall. Please bring something for both. Proceeds will go to our mission support.

NEXT WEEK, 23rd November

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin	Prayer Leader W. Whitehead
Worship Leader		
Communion Leader		
Children's Church	J. Kelly, S. Ferguson	
Singers		
Band		
Projector/Sound	T. Eaton / J. Armstrong	
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson	
Welcome/Reception	M. King / J. Renfree	
Helpers	G. Beruldsen, M. Cox, P. Duscher, J. Barthelson, J. Wiffen, volunteer, J. Renfree (Reader), volunteer	
Crèche	M. Cox, I. Beasy	
Cuppa	M. Straub, J. Purcell, E. Phillips	
Communion Prep.	P. Midgley	
Grounds	G. Hughes, P. Booyesen	
<u>6.00 pm</u>		
Worship Leader		
Children's Church	No Children's Church	
Singers		
Band		
Project./Sound	J. Corrie / J. Armstrong	
Officer On Duty	R. Jackson	
Reception	J. Kelly	
Crèche	M. Whitehead	

You may be obsessing over your computer when...

- You turn off your computer and get an awful empty feeling as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.
- You start using 'smileys' in your snail mail.
- You can't correspond with your mother, since she doesn't have a computer.
- In real life conversations, you don't laugh, you just say, "LOL, LOL."
- You move into a new house and you decide to 'Netscape' before you land-scape.
- When your inbox shows 'no new messages' you feel really depressed.
- You wake up at four o'clock in the morning to go to the bathroom and stop to check your e-mails on the way back to bed.
- You don't know the gender of your three closest friends because they have nondescript screen names and you never bothered to ask.

