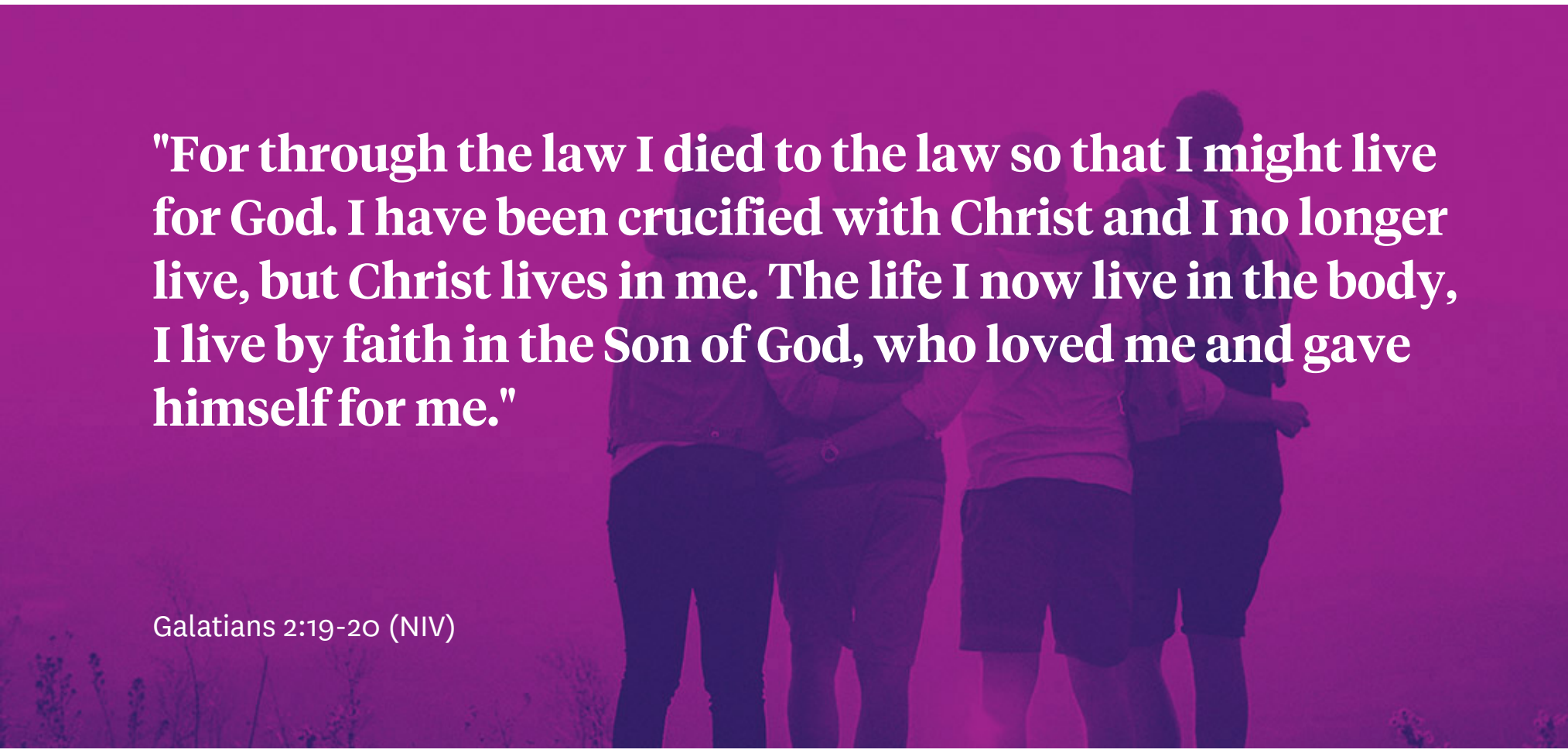
KorusConnect

Prayer Diary

FEBRUARY 2019



A Word from Our CEO

As I reflect on this passage from Galatians, the sage advice of a friend who loved singing the hymn 'Down In The Valley With My Saviour I Would Go' comes to mind. The chorus rings out with a strong call to discipleship: "Follow! Follow! I will follow Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on ... everywhere He leads me I will follow on!"

"It's simple," my friend would say, "if you want to be a disciple, then you must love God more than anyone or anything else. You must take up the cross, follow Jesus and die to yourself. Then, only then, will you experience true joy and an overflowing life."

These imparted words of wisdom about 'dying' and 'rising' taught me to live my Christian faith with more courage and conviction. From that moment on, I understood that Christ's crucifixion was the exchange of life - His life for mine. The cross for me has always symbolised the power of God's love in my life. I wear a crucifix around my neck for that purpose - it stands between me and the world, and between me and my ego. Indeed, I have nailed my personal ambitions to the wood of the cross through my commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

Through His grace, I have the confidence and courage to acknowledge my love for God. I find my strength in God, and am always ready when questioned to explain the joy of knowing God in my life. Dependence on Him is my Christian distinction, and I pray it can be witnessed anywhere and in every circumstance to a watching world. Out of this committed life, where I walk side by side with my Lord, may I be used as a blessing to others for the greater glory of His name.

My prayer is that you too can stand tall and walk in the confidence of your personal commitment throughout 2019 as you stay in step with Him. Thank you sincerely for your partnership in praying for Korus Connect. I also pray that this year brings you a renewed enthusiasm to embrace God's great plan for your life, so as to enjoy profound peace, joy and blessing upon you and your loved ones.

Yours in Christ,

DAWN PENNEY & THE KORUS CONNECT TEAM

Prayer Items

FEBRUARY 01

Pray for our School Chaplains as they return to their schools. May they be refreshed and look forward with keen expectation to the new year ahead. We trust that God will continue to work mightily through them, providing for their work in school communities.

FEBRUARY 02-03

Give thanks for our SRI Instructors and their faithful service in this area. Pray that they may be encouraged in their work, and be motivated to continue serving diligently for the benefit of young people in their communities.

FEBRUARY 04

Pray for new School Chaplains commencing in their roles. We ask that they may settle in well with their school communities, staff, parents and students. May they be able to smoothly transition into their schools, and more importantly, learn to rely on God each and every day.

FEBRUARY 05

Give thanks for God's provision for the Community Connector initiative. As the seeds for this initiative are planted in other areas, may we trust in God's ability to grow it for His glory and for the good of communities across Victoria.

FEBRUARY 06

Pray for the Korus Solutions initiative and for the development work happening around it. May we be patient as the model unfolds and diligent in serving those who have engaged with it. May it be an effective vehicle to release NFPs to operate unburdened for the good of community.

FEBRUARY 07

Give thanks for a successful pilot of the Board Internship initiative. We pray for wisdom in continuing to develop this initiative. May it provide valuable opportunities for young people and organisations. We continue to trust in God's provision to sustain this initiative.

FEBRUARY 08

Pray for new School Principals starting in schools. Throughout this year, may they come to understand and appreciate the value School Chaplains and SRI Instructors bring to their school communities, and be open to supporting these initiatives for the benefit of students.

FEBRUARY 09-10

Pray for the SRI initiative in 2019. We ask that schools may come to see its value and decide to take up Christian SRI. We pray for Instructors as they approach schools about offering SRI this year, and thank God for their faithfulness in serving and being willing to ask, seek and knock.

FEBRUARY 11

Pray for those school vacancies which have gone unfilled for some time. We trust in God's provision and wait upon Him, knowing that He meets our needs according to His perfect will and His perfect timing. We ask for wisdom and patience in not rushing to fill these positions.

FEBRUARY 12

Pray for our School Chaplains as they confront emotionally demanding situations journeying with students on a daily basis. Pray that they may know God's peace and strength in this time, and that they may find rest and restoration in Him. We give thanks for the work they do in schools.

FEBRUARY 13

Give thanks for the many generous individuals and organisations who faithfully support the work of Korus Connect. Pray that God may continue to speak into the hearts of those He moves to give, and that we may have faith in His financial provision.

FEBRUARY 14

Pray for the work being done to prepare for the WHOLE Conference in June. May God be at the centre of the conference and the preparation leading up to it. May we not lose sight of Him in the logistics and planning. We ask that God may work powerfully through the conference to speak to others.

Prayer Items

FEBRUARY 15

Give thanks for those SRI Instructors who are retiring. We pray every blessing and favour upon them in this new season. May they know that their service has been seen and will not return void.

FEBRUARY 16-17

Give thanks for the work our School Chaplains do each day. May they be encouraged by the fruits of their work, and sustained by the God who sees their faithful service. We ask for continued motivation as they continue to sow into school communities.

FEBRUARY 18

Give thanks for the Finance Team and for the diligent work they have done in preparation for the external end of year audit. We pray for them during this busy period of balancing their everyday work and attending to auditor enquiries. We ask for clear communication and for a smooth audit.

FEBRUARY 19

Give thanks for our Support Groups and their faithful service throughout communities. We pray for sustenance and provision as they continue to support the work being done in communities, and ask that they may continue to be effective vehicles of community engagement.

FEBRUARY 20

Give thanks for our Board and those who serve faithfully on it. We thank God for their participation in this area and pray that, as they meet today, they may look to God for wisdom and discernment in making the best decisions for Korus Connect.

FEBRUARY 21

Pray for our Community Connectors and for the local communities they seek to serve (specifically Greensborough, Box Hill, Chirnside Park and Colac). May God continue to sustain them and provide for their needs that they may effectively support the people in their communities.

FEBRUARY 22

Commit our stewardship plans for 2019 into God's hands. Whether in times of plenty or in want, may we recognise that all we have comes from God and be thankful. And may we look to His faithful provision in years past, trusting that He will open doors and meet our needs according to His will.

FEBRUARY 23-24

Pray for the Korus Coffee initiative as we continue to flesh out its strategy. We ask for a spirit of creativity and innovation in building it up, but also that we may seek to honour God in these efforts. May we be open to where God might be leading us through this initiative.

FEBRUARY 25

Give thanks for what we have and what God has blessed us with. May we be wise, generous and faithful stewards of the talents He has bestowed upon us, and the resources He has provided. May we never forget that He is the one who provides.

FEBRUARY 26

Pray for wisdom and discernment as we plan and develop new initiatives that seek to fulfil our mission. Pray that we may keep our eyes fixed on God and honour Him with the work of our hands this year. As we explore opportunities to partner with others, may unity be evident.

FEBRUARY 27

Give thanks for this year ahead. We trust that God will provide for the exciting work to be done through our community initiatives and collaborations with others. Pray that we may walk closely with Him, remaining prayerful and patient throughout the thick and thin of life.

FEBRUARY 28

Pray that God may give each of us a servant heart, that our work may be carried out with Christ-like love and attentiveness to the needs of others. May we live life through a lens of honouring God through all that we do, in response to all that He has done - and continues to do - for us.