

## CWCI Mission Statement

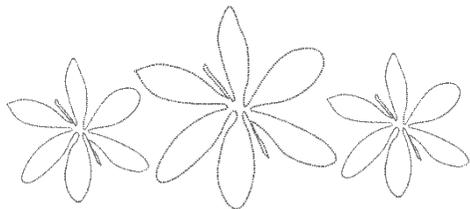
To deepen and enrich the spiritual lives of women and build them up in the Christian faith through Bible based teaching.

To bring women to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

To equip women for life in their homes, work and communities.

To enable women to be effective in their churches and in their service for the Lord.

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celebrating in 2021  
*50 Years of Safaris*

## Prayer for the Nation 2021



## Rejoice in Hope

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

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Every May, CWCI Australia encourages you to spend time praying specifically for our nation. Of course you can pray individually, but how good it is if you can meet with others in the CWCI family – such as your KYB group or local committee – and pray together. Our Prayer for the Nation program is designed to guide your praying.

### Opening Sentence

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you. *Psalms 33:22*

### Sing

Rejoice the Lord is King; 10,000 Reasons; Ancient of Days (CityAight); Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor (Getty Music); or a song of your choosing

## Be joyful in hope

### Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-7

*You may like to share briefly some thoughts on this reading then...*

### Rejoice together in praise

- Spend some time turning 1 Peter 1:3-7 into prayers of praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us a living hope.
- Praise God that for the past 50 years CWCI Safari Teams have gone to rural and isolated areas of Australia bringing messages of hope and encouragement from God's Word. Praise God that this ministry is still continuing, even as we adapt to changed circumstances.

## Be patient in affliction

### Bible Reading: Psalm 47

*This past year has been marked by natural disasters and the suffering and restrictions of Covid-19. Yet God has not abandoned us. He is still on the throne.*

### Pray together

- Thank God that he reigns over the nations; he is in control of all the earth.
- Pray that we, and those around us, will be patient in times of affliction.
- Pray for those who are suffering physically and mentally at this time.
- Give thanks and pray for health care workers and those who provide other emergency services and care.
- Pray for those who have suffered much loss due to Covid-19 restrictions or natural disasters.
- Pray for patience as our nation rebuilds and our economy recovers.
- Pray that recent events will not cause people in Australia to despair, but that many will turn to Christ and find their security and hope in him.

## Be faithful in prayer

### Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

*How important it is that we pray as often as we can for people of influence at every level in our society.*

- Pray that those who are elected to federal, state and local governments:
  - would make laws based on true justice, freedom and fairness for all;
  - would depend upon God for insight, wisdom and courage to do what is good and right in every situation;
  - would act with honour, dignity and trustworthiness.
- Pray that high profile Christian leaders would live according to God's standards and be able to bring biblical thinking and values to public debate.
- Pray for Christians in other positions of influence within our nation: teachers; doctors; health care workers; judges; social workers; sports men and women and those in the arts. May they uphold godly standards in all they do.
- Pray that those in the media will aim for honest, reliable and accurate journalism and programming. Pray that people of integrity, who are committed to truth and fairness, will find careers in this field.

### Bible Reading: Psalm 96:1-3

*Let us seek to share the hope we have in Jesus with those around us.*

- Give thanks that we still have opportunities in Australia to teach the Bible to our young people; pray that seeds we sow will continue to grow and bear fruit.
- Pray for Christian parents as they seek to teach their children to know, love and follow the Lord Jesus in a secular society.
- Pray that indigenous Christians will share the gospel effectively in their communities.
- Pray that each one of us would live lives that consistently honour Christ and reflect his love to a world that desperately needs to know Jesus.
- Pray we would share the gospel message whenever and wherever we can. Give thanks that during the past year many of us have been able to adapt to new technologies and use them creatively to share God's Word.

### Sing

Yet not I but through Christ in me (City Aight); What a Friend We Have in Jesus; In Christ Alone; Solid Rock (My Hope is Built); or a song of your choosing

### Close with a blessing of hope

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

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