

Prayer for Australia

Thank you, Lord for your healing work in our midst. Thank you for your presence with us, your compassion for us and your care of us.

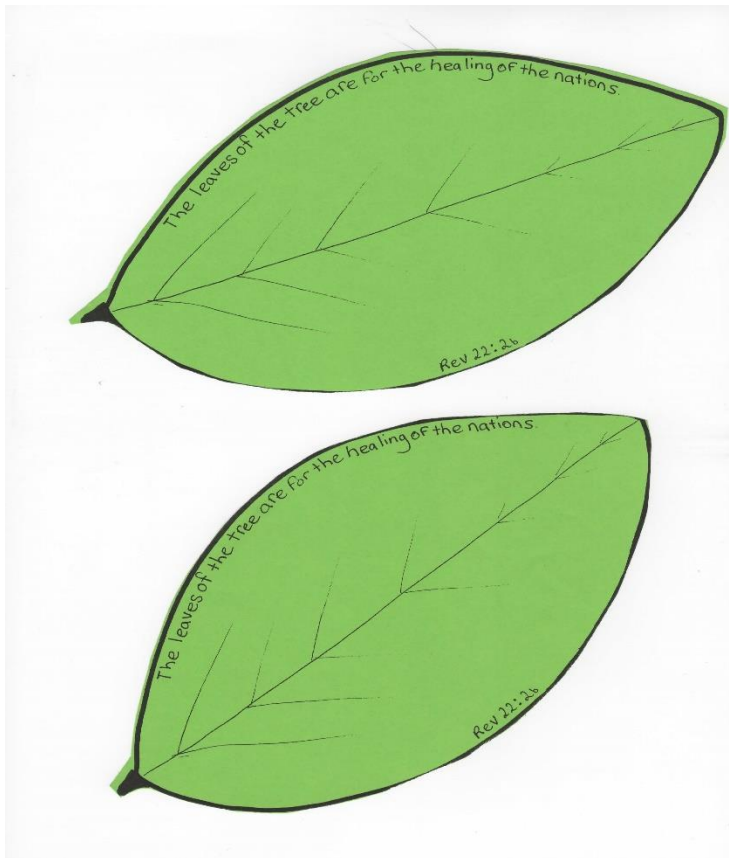
Thank you for the way you have helped the people of Australia to manage the COVID19 situation. For the unity of our nation's leaders in guiding this difficult task and for the knowledge and expertise of our medical professionals. And for the collaborative approach, and cooperative spirit, we have displayed in supporting one another.

Help us Lord, not to take these blessings for granted. Let us be thankful for all that is good and beneficial to our health and well-being and be appreciative of our overall positive situation in this land.

Guide us to continue being considerate and to prefer the needs of others, to be wise and careful in our interactions, and to be alert to how we might join in with you, Jesus, as you work constantly for good in our communities.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS



On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Rev 22:2

Draw a leaf and write on it the names of nations for which you feel called to pray. Write the Bible verse from Revelation 22:2 on it. Place it on your fridge to prompt your prayer for God's healing of the nations.

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD.

Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. (Hab 3:2).

Jesus, we are blown away by accounts of your teaching and miracles, and especially by the knowledge of your death and resurrection. Forgive us when we gain this knowledge by studying the facts and reading the stories but then try to leave you back there on the page, in the annals of history. Forgive us for forgetting you are still here and that your kingdom is among us now.

Help us to grasp that your resurrection power will not be contained in a book or packaged into tidy rituals. Equip us to know in our innermost being that you are indeed the risen and living Lord, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever, with grace and power to restore and heal.

Abolish our complacency Lord. Inspire us, Holy Spirit, and reveal afresh your work of changing and growing us, building God's kingdom as you transform lives. Remind us that this is real and for today as well as for yesterday and tomorrow. You are here, now, engaging in the lives of broken individuals in our homes, down the road, in the town, and across the whole world.

Come Lord Jesus and heal us now. Heal us here, in our own land, and heal the people of other lands. Heal us not only as individuals but as communities and nations of the world. Nations tending the sick and dying, ravaged by grief and fear, with livelihoods lost and societies hobbling on essential services, that can scarcely prop them up.

Open our hearts to the struggle of these other nations, taking us beyond the numbing statistics of 24/7 news. Bring us to our knees in compassion and prayer. In our sense of helplessness to act, let our cry be that you, Living God, would *stretch out **your** hand to heal* and again perform miraculous signs and wonders. We ask that you minister, even now, ***the leaves of the tree of life which are for the healing of the nations.***

Heal us Living God with your medicine and love for the nations. Bring remedy, protection, vaccination, comfort, and the wholeness of eternal life. Restore all societies with renewed hope for the future and a better way of living together. Jesus, lead us forward in your light.

And by your grace, Lord Jesus Christ, may your followers work as encouragers and ministers of your healing and restoration, for the life and well-being of all communities and nations. May your kingdom come, and your will be done **now on earth**, as in heaven. Amen

