

VISION FAMILY TESTIMONIES

THE WORD FOR TODAY

The Word for Today has consistently been my word since I discovered your email service last year. It seems the writers know how my day will go each day & they write me a letter to tell me God's view of what I am going through. It has been so for every single day. I introduced my husband to it & he has been blessed too. God is truly not hindered by distance. If he can reach me in South Africa, he can reach all parts of the world. **Jean**

RADIO

I am a taxi driver. I keep *Vision* on the radio at all times day & night. About 60 hours a week, 100+ different passengers. Many people are encouraged or challenged to know God more. It has given me strength to keep going in my own faith. **Gerrard**

PRAYER

Dearest in Christ, greetings in the name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. My family & I really very much grateful to you for your spiritually powerful prayers. He has listened to your prayers & by His mercy we have been able to recover our confiscated land. All the praises be to God! **Timothy**

STORE

I love Ken Legg's books! For me & my newly saved daughter. Praise God! **Rosita**

VISION180

Oh thank you so much my head is spinning... all I know is I have been guided to this... I have been lost for some time... but now I feel I have found the missing pieces. I have *Vision180* streaming now... I have found faith restoration in a new found station... thank you so much. **Belinda**

THE DISCIPLINE OF STILLNESS

'Very early in the morning, Jesus... went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.' Mark 1:35 ^{NIV}

One well-known Christian leader writes: 'I used to try to pray on the run, till it became obvious that the pace of my life outstripped my capacity to analyse it. It exhausted me to be constantly doing, rarely reflecting on what I did. At the end of the day I'd wonder if my work had any meaning at all. So I developed my own approach to stillness before God.'

It's called "*journaling*". It's one of the spiritual disciplines that's really worked for me, & I'm not tempted to abandon it because it's made my life so much richer. After I open my journal, reflect on the previous day, & write out my thoughts & prayers, my spirit is receptive. Then I sit quietly & simply say, "Lord, I invite You to speak to me." The moments that follow are the ones that really matter. I like my way of quieting my mind & preparing myself to hear God speak: it works well for me.

But I know it won't work for everyone. Some people can't stand writing anything, let alone journals & prayers; they prefer to talk quietly to God. Some are good at meditating without writing or saying a word. Some '*come before Him with joyful songs.*' (Psalm 100:2 NIV)

The important thing is not to follow a particular method, but to find a way that works for you. Custom design an approach that will still your racing mind, soften your heart, & enable you to hear God speaking to you!

From *The Word for Today* by Bob & Debby Gass
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PRAYER WATCHMAN CALENDAR

JANUARY 2017



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CONNECTING
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 NEW YEARS DAY

'Wake up... & Christ will shine on you. Pay careful attention to how you walk... redeeming the time.' (Ephesians 5:14-16 BSB) Pray 2017 will be a year of 'redeeming the time' for you & you can make the most of every opportunity.

Executive: Phil, Elizabeth, Iain

2 PROVISION

Praise Jehovah Jireh for His grace during 2016. Pray for His continued favour & provision in 2017 through the faithfulness & generosity of our supporters. Pray His blessing covers them all throughout this year.

Finance & Administration: Karin, Lianda, Stacey

3 PRAYER WATCHMEN

THANK YOU! Your prayers for our Vision family each month encourage us to press forward as we face challenges & discern opportunities. We pray you in turn will know His provision, grace, blessing & breakthrough.

Asia Pacific Outreach: Ian, Phil D, Steve M, Rudy

4 MEDIA CONTENT

Pray for the broadcast team as they work on summer programming & seek God-honouring content for 2017. Pray for God's wisdom, grace & discernment as they engage in social media.

5 VOLUNTEERS

Praise God for Vision's faithful volunteers—especially those helping pack *The Word for Today* & with *Vision Prayer*. Thanks too to advocates, tech friends & *Prayer* team across Australia. Pray for more to join the *Prayer* call centre.

6 STORE

Praise God for enormous interest across Australia & NZ in *Superbook*. Pray He directs our staff to find other God-honouring products & pray for more opportunities to spread His Gospel through the teaching resources.

IT: Nathan, Albert, Ben, Ivan, Munga

7 PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Praise God for the establishment of *UCB Inspirational*, a radio station to complement Laif FM in Wewak. Pray for reliable power, maintenance & repair solutions for off-air stations in PNG & Solomon Islands.

8 SALVATION

Praise God for those who have been given hope & meaning through *Vision*, as well as those who find (or return to) faith in Him. Pray the Lord's righteousness will shine forth as society increasingly tries to shut Christians out of public debate.

Communications: Grant, Annie, Dave, Haylie, Jes, Steve W, James

9 TECH (IT) TEAM

Praise God for our IT team as they maintain service for radio links & computers. Thank Him for His blessing of their expertise & dedication. Pray for wisdom as they upgrade devices & resolve security issues.

10 INNOVATION

Pray for us as we forge new partnerships & strengthen current ones within *Vision's* ministry. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide us as we explore media technology adaptations we must make in order to expand the reach & effectiveness of our ministry.

11 BROADCAST OPS

Give thanks for the safety of the tech team who've travelled tens of thousands of kms in 2016 to do installs & maintenance. Pray for continued safety, swift repairs to equipment & wisdom in finding new sites.

Partnership Services: Sharon, Aimee, Anita, Heather G, Joy, Margaret, Michele, Noelene, Ramona, Tori & volunteers

12 NEW RELAY STATIONS

As we approach 700 relay stations across Australia (now at 683), pray each new station will be supplied with local advocates, full funding, a smooth licencing process, the optimum site & all levels of government approval.

13 VISION FAMILY

Praise God for our many supporters who have given money, time & talents as well as remembered us in prayer in the last year. Pray that God will show them His favour & bless them abundantly in 2017.

14 BOUGAINVILLE

Praise God for the enthusiasm of the people of Bougainville to establish 1 or 2 new radio stations there. Pray His Holy Spirit will sweep away all difficulties & use Christian radio to heal the wounds of this nation.

15 ADVOCATES

Pray for God's blessing on our advocates as they inform their church, community & friends about *Vision*. Pray we can find willing & God-appointed advocates in all areas where new stations are proposed.

Content Development & News: Allan, Anne, Henry, Janene, Jess, Mike, Tracy

16 STAFFING

Pray that, as *Vision* grows, God will quickly bring to us the right staff with the right talents & skillset. People who have a heart after Him & can fill the expanding needs of *Vision's* ministry.

17 COMMUNICATIONS

Pray for discernment & direction for the upcoming mail outs including: *Vision Today*, *The Word for Today* & *Vision180*. Pray we can motivate more people to be actively involved in *Vision's* ministry & sharing the Gospel.

18 VISION180

Praise God for the listeners to *Vision180* online who are tuning in far longer than average radio listeners in their age group. Pray they will draw nearer to God & that the devotional will expand its reach to new audiences.

Radio Programming: Elmo, Becci, Dan, Greg, Jimmy, John, Lauren, Mandy, Neil, Robbo, Steve Mck

19 ONLINE STRATEGY

Pray for the spread of the Gospel via *Vision's* online presence. Pray for wise choices as new strategies are formulated & implemented to increase our effectiveness. Pray for new opportunities to reach more people.

20 CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

Pray for our team as we seek to give all Christians apologetic & evangelistic tools through high quality content (radio shows, podcasts, web articles, blogs & videos) to engage people with love & grace.

21 ASIA PACIFIC

Pray for safety & security of all personnel, plus the spread of the Gospel through radio & *The Word for Today* in the following places: Nepal, PNG & Bougainville, Cook Islands, Solomons, Timor Lesté, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji.

22 PROTECTION

Pray for protection & safe travel for all staff, volunteers, advocates & their loved ones. Pray for refreshment, healing, wise choices & safety in all aspects of their work, both physical & spiritual.

Broadcast Operations: Danny, Bruce, Jean, Kimberly, Matthew, Mike, Richard, Ross, Simon, & contractors

23 EXTRA MILE PARTNERS

Give thanks for these faithful donors whose gifts help ensure financial stability & enable us to take advantage of opportunities for growth as they arise. Pray God's abundant blessing on all donors & their loved ones.

24 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Praise God for the timely way He touches so many lives through these devotionals. Pray demand increases & they continue to draw readers closer to God & into a habit of daily Bible reading.

25 NEWS

Pray for our News team as they prepare news bulletins 7 days a week. Pray for sourcing of Christian perspective news outside the mainstream media. Praise God for the expansion of *Vision Christian News*.

26 AUSTRALIA DAY

Pray the Good News of Jesus Christ will reach all Australians with truth, love & grace & that our nation's Christian legacy will be strengthened, not diminished. Pray for Godly values in all levels of government.

27 LIVES CHANGED

Praise & thank God for the listeners & readers touched by all aspects of *Vision's* ministry. Pray their faith is strengthened, their hope renewed & they are encouraged to boldly stand for Jesus.

28 UNITY

Pray for unity within our team at *Vision Christian Media*, *UCB International* & for our partnerships with the wider Body of Christ. Pray we all work together to advance His Kingdom on earth as we present the Gospel faithfully with truth, love & grace.

Store: Christine, Graeme, Heather S, Melanie, Susan

Prayer: Ruth, Rob & volunteers

29 ISRAEL

'Pray for peace in Jerusalem & all Israel.' *Psalm 122:6* Pray for wisdom for their leadership as they broker peace deals & pray too for the people of Israel to receive their Jewish Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus).

30 FINANCES

Pray our finance team continues to use Godly wisdom when advising our Board & Executive so His will for new opportunities which arise can be rightly discerned. Pray God continues to provide so His Word reaches more Aussies.

31 EXECUTIVE & BOARD

Praise God for going before us as our strong ally. Pray He leads us to wise decisions enabling us to reach more people with the Gospel in 2017. Pray also for health, safety & discernment for our Board & Executive.

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