

Sydney Prayer Breakfast 4 June 2010

Our loving Father in heaven, we approach you together; with confidence in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; with hearts full of thankfulness for your gracious kindness.

We also come to you with our hearts full of concern and compassion for those in our city who are weighed down by difficulties that life has presented.

As we consider those who live within our city we see:

- loneliness in the faces of those sitting on park benches
- anxiety in the faces of those unemployed
- pain in the faces of the sick and injured in hospital beds, emergency departments and waiting rooms
- confusion in the faces of those newly arrived in a strange city
- resignation in the faces of those sleeping rough and those who are homeless
- concern in the faces of those who find it hard to make ends meet
- weariness and anger in the faces of those who have been excluded from participating in our society

We pray for all these people. We bring them before you Lord Jesus.

May those organisations within our city who work tirelessly to meet the needs of people find inspiration from the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and be strengthened to carry on the great work of caring for the disadvantaged among us.

We pray particularly for those who offer leadership in Sydney that sound judgment and wisdom will prevail in decision making processes. May all those with authority within our city lead with strength, clarity and humility.

We ask that your blessing will be upon our city. We pray that those who claim the Name of Christ will live their faith with boldness and share the love of Jesus with grace and sensitivity.

Hear these prayers today as we offer them in the wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Ewen Crouch

Chairman, Allens Arthur Robinson and Mission Australia