

Media and The Arts

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A prayer for media .. the arts.. and culture, in our city and society.

Our father God, we thank and praise you - that you are a CREATIVE God - and a communicating God - - that you've been so lavishly generous to US - in gifting so many of your image bearers - to wonderfully enrich our world - with culture.. communication.. and the arts.

We marvel - at the rich diversity and vibrancy of cultures - - and the array of artistic endeavour in our world - - that you have NOT left us - in a grey, sterile world.

We also marvel - thanks to modern media - at the vast and varied opportunities for communication and connection today. That you have not left us alone in the world.. AND that in so many ways - YOU SPEAK to us.. and enable US to connect with you..

We pray for the flourishing of culture and art - that lifts our lives and spirits. May they enhance community.. strengthen society.. and draw out for us - the good life - that you intend for us.

We pray for MEDIA in our city and society.. in all ITS diversity.. reach.. and power. Please intervene - to use this - more and more FOR 'good'.. for the building up of individuals.. institutions.. and public life.

As more and more people are given a voice to the world - in new media and social media - raise up MANY - who'll give voice - AND personal witness - TO this good life - - and especially - the hope.. joy.. security.. certainty.. and ultimately salvation - of authentic Christian faith.

Father, for those IN the Christian community who are - our artists - and those who shape our culture... for those in media..

Please strengthen them.. encourage and inspire them in their endeavours.

Give them the confidence... the courage... the character.. resilience.. integrity... and wisdom - to not just survive - but to thrive.

May they - in HOW they do their job, alongside colleagues - shine your light - in what are often such needy workplaces..

And more broadly - may they shine the light of Christ - BRIGHTLY into our community - by WHAT they say, but also - HOW they speak.

We also pray - that you may reveal your purposes for these arenas - of 'creativity and communication' - to the Christian community at large - so they may recognise their importance.. and support and encourage your people, in the midst of it all.

Please enable the media .. the arts.. and culture - and those who work in them - to lift our gaze - - to instil in us, and our community - the fruits of your Spirit

-- love -- joy -- peace -- forbearance -- kindness -- goodness -- faithfulness
-- gentleness and self-control - -fruit that ultimately - point to our Lord Jesus
Christ - to whom ALONE - is given ALL authority - - in heaven and on earth..
In His Name we pray - - Amen.