



Sydney Prayer Breakfast

Sydney Prayer Breakfast 2021 Prayer for the Business Community by Shermara Fernando

Father God, each morning we hear the sounds of life in our city. Cars rush past, commuters fill trains, businesses open their doors and we are reminded of your goodness to us.

Your goodness in creation, your endless wisdom, your grace flowing into our lives and city. We thank you for gifting us with diverse skills and abilities that we use daily to steward resources, make decisions, and actively seek the welfare of this city.

We thank you, our Creator, for graciously enabling us to use our knowledge and talents to build, grow and cultivate, for the good of others and for your glory.

Lord, we confess we don't always see things in this light. Too easily we fall into patterns of believing this all surpassing power is from us, we lean heavily on ourselves, we pursue false hopes and seek gain in temporary things. We fail to see our true, lasting gain is in our relationship with you.

We know from your Word, that in Jesus, we have the privilege of bringing our sin to you. We have a certain assurance of forgiveness. So we ask, by your Spirit, to make us people who have a deep, anchored dependence on you.

Lord, we bring our business community to you today. We ask for wisdom and insight for leaders making difficult and complex decisions in this COVID environment, for comfort for those facing loss and financial burdens, for perseverance in these times of rapid change and seemingly relentless uncertainty.

Help us to live out our faith, with authenticity and responsiveness to the real needs of people in our workplaces, businesses and communities. Always with the lens of the gospel and the hope that Jesus offers.

May we be a salt and light in our business community, showing to our world - the difference the Lordship of Jesus makes in our hearts and lives, for we ask it in his precious name. Amen.