

Intercessory Prayer      30/12/2007

Lord this morning we remember the source of who we are.

As sure as the tide lapped high at midnight and the sun rose in the East over Tauranga we know that you are with us this day. We remember Lord our ancestors

The tide rolled in and then the sun rose on the City of Gisbourne.

We ask your oversight over the people of that city so damaged by the earthquake.

May they seek solace in the knowledge that you are with us every step of the way.

Be with those who need you at this time in that place and in other parts of our land New Zealand.

The tide rolls in and then the sun rises on the coast of Asia.

The lands of some of our ancestors.

A continent troubled by inequality in a struggle of religions against opposing ideology.

We pray especially for the peoples of Pakistan who are trying to make sense of the bombing and slaying of people supporting their choice of leader.

The tide will roll in and then the sun will rise on the coast of Africa.

The lands of some of our ancestors.

A continent in constant struggle with itself, its climate and tribal differences.

We pray especially for those fighting an impossible struggle against the spread of Aids and poverty.

The tide will roll in and then the sun will rise on the coastline of Europe and the islands of Great Britain.

The lands of some of our ancestors.

A part of the world with its own difficulties of ethnic conflict and yet sense of collective European Union hope.

We pray for those struggling to keep up with changes in ideology in the Eastern former communist states. Especially the elder of the citizens trying to make changes to lives that seemed to be doing so well on a different track just a couple of decades ago.

The tide will roll in and then the sun will rise on the coast of The Americas.

The lands of some of our ancestors.

Two continents joined at the Panama Canal on a line that seems to divide the haves with those who in some places have very little.

We pray for the peoples of these lands as diverse as any on the Earth. May they find their God amongst all the difficulties life brings be it peer pressure in the North or abject poverty in the South.

The tide will roll in and then the sun will rise at the end of this day on the coasts of the many islands of the Pacific.

The lands of some of our ancestors.

We pray for these close neighbours of ours who have difficulties and issues as wide as weather and global warming and liberty/corruption and poverty.

Lastly O Lord we pray for ourselves and our immediate family and friends at this time and place. Be with our parents, children, grandchildren and our life partners this week we pray. Be near and dear to those near and dear to us as they reflect on this last year and make dreams and plan for the year ahead. Give them hope O Lord of our fathers, give them hope O Lord of our mothers we pray.

AMEN