

Blackall Range Uniting Church Week of Prayer 2023

Saturday April 1 to Wednesday April 3

Introduction

This year's daily reflections for week of prayer are based on material used in South Africa earlier this year prepared by the Andrew Murray Centre for Spirituality. The full text of this is titled "Week of Prayer 2023" and is uploaded under "Resources" if a deeper exploration is sought.

The five part series looks to provide a fresh approach to silent, meditative, contemplative prayer. Each day looks at a "verb for prayer", each of which represents a "prayer opportunity". These are...

Theme 1 – Come – "Everyone who comes to me"

Theme 2 – Look – "Come and look!"

Theme 3 – Wait – "Invited to wait"

Theme 4 – Yearn – "Yearning for more of God (longing)"

Theme 5 – Stay (dwell, remain, linger) – "Stay in me"

Each day there will be two items to explore ...

- Material with an introduction, scripture readings and a reflection from a member of the congregation on the "Verb" of that day
- A further experience to draw us deeper into the theme of the day – video, photos or poem – again, provided by congregation members.

Note that the full version of the South African series from which these themes are taken is available in the "Resources" section.

I would like to sincerely thank all our contributors – Bruce Johnson, Ruth Potter, Alison Spencer, Kay and Tony Nixon, Murray and Robyn Robertson and Colin Harding.

I would like to warmly invite you to join with us each day at the Maleny church from 5-6 pm to further explore and pray together.

May we each be enriched and inspired in our prayer lives as we join together throughout this week of prayer.

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