



THE FRIEND

11AM | 17 AUGUST 2025

Hello! We are glad you could join us for today's worship service at Lygon Street Christian Chapel. We are a friendly, evangelical church in the city of Melbourne. As those seeking to love and follow Jesus Christ, we welcome people from all walks of life and all parts of the world.

In this bulletin, you will find our vision statement, the order of today's service, and other information you may find helpful. It is our prayer that you are blessed worshipping with us today. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the leadership (or anyone who looks like they would know).



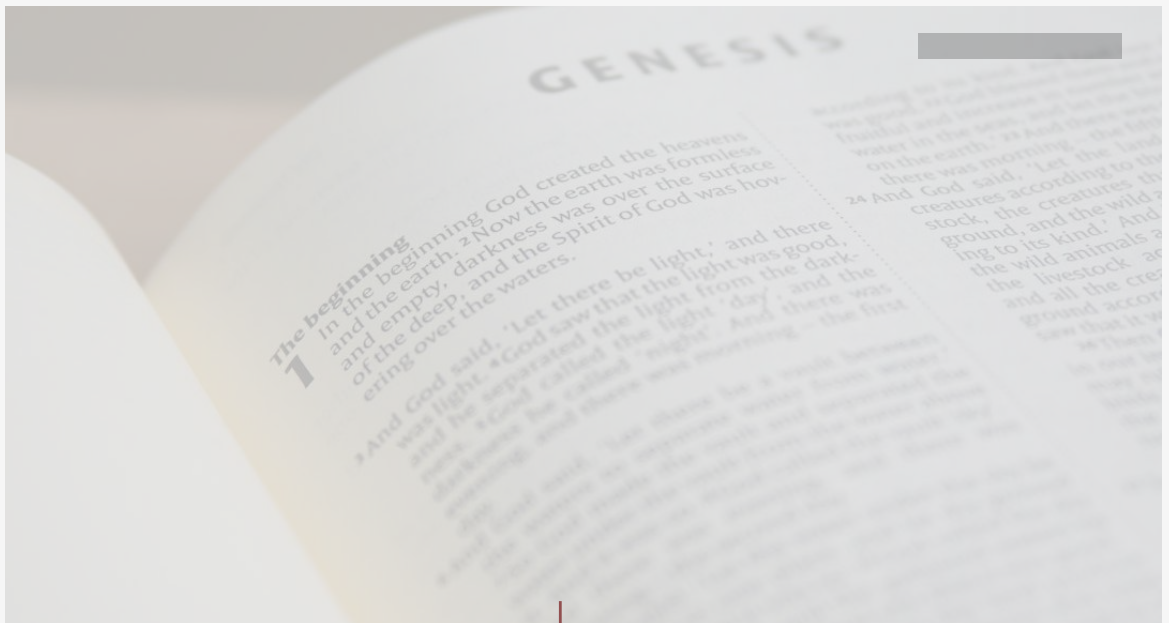
OUR VISION & MISSION

We are a Bible-centered church that exists to bring glory to God.

We believe what the Bible says – that it is God’s perfect word to us.

We seek to teach from His Word faithfully so that every member will build a deep and lasting personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and be equipped to share the Good News of God’s free salvation to everyone.

It is our mission to love one another passionately, serve selflessly and reach out lovingly so that those who are far away from God may find new life in Jesus.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

— 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer

Offering

Bible reading: Ephesians 3: 1-21

Sermon: Given God's Message

Closing song: Hymn of Heaven

Closing

CONNECT

Hello! If you are joining for us for the first time, we welcome you to Lygon Street Christian Chapel. Here are some ways you can connect with us!

For newcomers:

[CONNECT FORM](#)

To view our Sunday service online:

[VIEW LSCC
LIVESTREAM](#)

Subscribe to our mailing list for important updates and announcements:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mission partnership with Yoke Ling Wong

Dear member of LSCC,

The Board of Management would like to inform the church that we will be ceasing our financial support for Yoke Ling effective from this financial year. Yoke Ling has been a dear sister in Christ to us and our church has been very privileged to be in partnership with her as one of our missionaries for over a decade. Many of us have also been tremendously blessed by her years of friendship and words of encouragement.

This cessation of financial support was requested by Yoke Ling, and was approved by the Board of Management following due consideration.

While LSCC will be stopping our financial support, we encourage everyone to keep Yoke Ling and her ministry work in prayer.

LSCC Board of Management

Sunday School Bible Book Week Parade

Sunday school will be doing a Bible Book Week Parade! All families with kids, young children or babies are welcome to join. Parents, teachers and helpers are also welcome to dress up for the parade, if you wish to do so.

Date: 24th August 2025

Parade Time: Immediately after service. (12.30pm)

Kids to get ready to line up: 12.20pm

For more information, contact Lois 0425 658 446.

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Sunday 24th August 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE BOOK WEEK PARADE

Parents and families with toddlers and babies are welcome to join in the fun too! Parade starts at the end of service.

Moses & The 10 Commandments
Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus
David & Goliath
David Playing the Harp
Roman Centurion
Peter denies Jesus (rooster)
Shadrach Meshach & Abednego
Jonah in the Whale
Boy in Five Loaves & 2 Fishes
Jesus Turns Water into Wine
Daniel & the Lion's Den
God Provides Manna
Joseph & the Colourful Coat
The Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil

Shepherd
King Herod
Samsom
Cain & Abel
Good Samaritan
Noah's Ark/Rainbow
Angel / Angle Gabriel
Pharisees
Lazarus
Prodigal Son
Three Wisemen
Twelve Disciples
Adam & Eve
Rebekah

Woman at the Well
Ruth the Moabite
Mary Magdalene
Queen Esther
Egyptian Princess
Miram & Moses in a Basket
Miram & the Tambourine
Queen of Sheba
Rahab's Rope in Jericho
Mary Washes Jesus Feet
Parable of the 10 virgins
Deborah
Martha
Elizabeth



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Women's Ministry Events

1. Parenting workshop - How do I bring my child up in the Lord (panel, including Sharon Catchpoole). Saturday 4th October 2025, 9.30am to 12.00pm, at LSCC Church. Please put in your questions for the panel by next Sunday 17 August:

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2. Workshop on 'Loving Tweens, Teens and Twenties' run by Sharon Catchpoole - Saturday 13th September 2025, 9.30am to 3.00pm, Scots Church, Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street, Melbourne. Please register directly at:

<https://www.wmv.org.au/conferences>. Price is for an all-day conference 'One God, One Love, One Story' (\$35 admission, or \$50 with lunch and morning tea included). Main topic guest speaker is Jenny Salt, other workshops are: Fruit of the Spirit (Joy Arundell), Delighting in Doctrine (Kathryn Gatt), Biblical Theology (Ben Johnson).

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Women's Ministry

LSCC Women's Ministry

Pilates class

SATURDAY 23rd August
10am - 12:30pm
LSCC back hall

\$10 pp
Includes morning tea &
group prayer

Suitable for
beginners and
ALL ages

Register here
For further enquiries contact Stephani or Jill

Bring your
own mat

Please sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0c2ap5EXvt4yFiB66P9eszNdxFwgM5S7VXm4GSeInn7oRgg/viewform>

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International China Concern (ICC):

Walk the Wall Walkathon

Date: **13th September**

Time: **9.00 am**

Location: **Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster.**

Walk the Wall is one of ICC's annual global events — a fundraising walkathon dedicated to supporting children with disabilities and their families in China. Individuals and groups commit to walking a set distance to raise funds and awareness for this vulnerable community.

It's a fun and meaningful way to walk together for a great cause!

Please use the following website below to sign up:

<https://walkthewall.org.au/en>

Carpark Announcement:

We would like to gently remind everyone who uses our carpark on Sunday to ensure that you move your vehicles out of the carpark by 3 pm. This will allow our brothers and sisters from the EBC church to start using the carpark space uninterrupted from 3 pm onwards. We thank you for your understanding and kind consideration in this matter.

PRAYER MEETING

Our weekly Prayer Meeting is on every Wednesday, at 8:00 PM - 9 PM. We gather on Zoom to pray, support one another and learn to rest in God's goodness.. If you'd like to join, please contact Melvin, and he will send you the Zoom link. Let's come together in prayer and encourage one another.

NEXT SERMON SERIES

GOD'S BIG PLAN FOR CHRIST'S NEW PEOPLE

EPHESIANS

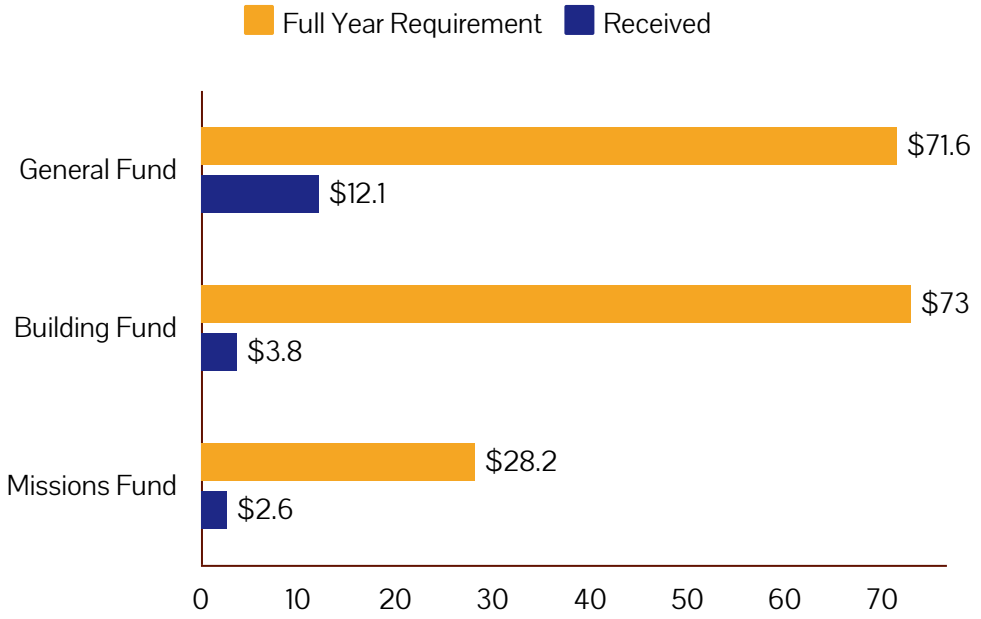
- 13.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 1-14/ BLESSED IN CHRIST
- 20.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 3-14/ SAVED BY GOD
- 27.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 15-23/ EYES OPENED BY THE SPIRIT
- 03.08./2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 1-10/ RAISED IN CHRIST
- 10.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 11-22/ UNITED WITH CHRIST
- 17.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 3/ GIVEN GOD'S MESSAGE
- 24.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 4: 1-16/ GROWING IN CHRIST
- 31.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 4:17 - 5:17/ CLOTHED WITH NEW LIFE
- 07.09.2025/ EPHESIANS 5: 18- 6:9/ FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT
- 14.09.2025/ EPHESIANS 6: 10-24/ READY FOR BATTLE



Lygon Street Christian Church
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC 3053
11AM service
LIVE Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

FY2025 Budget vs Actuals ('000) YTD 15 August 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2025 to 15 August 2025

	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,377	\$1,835	\$9,048	\$12,058	\$3,010
Building Fund	\$1,404	\$583	\$9,225	\$3,830	(\$5,395)
Missions Fund	\$542	\$391	\$3,564	\$2,570	(\$994)

GIVING

There are a number of ways in which you can give financially to the work of the church. We have resumed the passing of offering bags during our church services. You may also continue to make your offering online. If you would like to contribute using online banking, transfers can be made directly to LSCC using the following account details:

General Fund – For all our day-to-day ministry & administration costs.

Account Name: LSCC General Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593302

Mission Fund – For mission partners, engaging in evangelism, discipleship, compassion, etc

Account Name: LSCC Missions Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593310

Building Fund – For all our building-related costs.

Account Name: LSCC Building Fund

BSB: 033-009

Account Number: 805316

*Givings to the Building fund are considered as tax-deductible donations and donors will be issued with a tax receipt for each donation. We kindly ask that you keep the Building Fund contributions to a minimum of \$50. This will allow our team to better manage the administrative requirements for issuing tax receipts. For all first-time donors, please kindly email lsc54@gmail.com with your full name and amount contributed.

GETTING INVOLVED

SENIORS' MINISTRY

They meet every first Sunday of the month and third Thursday evening of each month on Zoom for Bible study.

For more information: Contact Fay Trevethick on 0412 444 131

CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

University (local and international), post grad, fresh graduates meets every Friday 7 pm at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel:

54 Lygon Street, Carlton.

For more information, you can follow us on:

<https://lsc.org.au/about-us/university-students/>

<https://www.facebook.com/carltongf>

GROWTH GROUP

Men and women of all ages from different walks in life meet in different areas during the week to study the Bible.

For more information about the groups and the ministry please contact Melvin at melvinwylo@gmail.com or 0402 227506

YOUTH GROUP

Year 7 to Year 12 high schoolers meet fortnightly at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel on Friday evenings for singing, Bible discussions, and activities.

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information, contact Swee Yue Tan at sweeyuetan@gmail.com or Godfrey Ong at jinwen.ong@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

There is a Children's ministry and program every Sunday at 11 AM.

For more information: Contact our Children and Youth worker: Vut Wong at vut.wong@gmail.com or 0425 299 804.

CHURCH LUNCH MINISTRY

The church lunch usually starts in March and held on the first Sunday of every month after the 11 AM service. It is a vital ministry that brings the church together. The team always has room for more cooks, helpers in setting and cleaning up. For more details, please contact our coordinator: Jason Lau at greatnessjason@gmail.com or 0423 475 560.

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CROSS CULTURE - Mission Partners

Janet Chan / International China Concern

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- Pray that the event would draw a strong interest and serve it's purpose of raising financial support and awareness for the vulnerable community that ICC is working with.
- Praise God for his gracious work through ICC in caring for those who are vulnerable and marginalized by the society.
- Pray that many would come to see Jesus' love for them and respond to him as his Saviour.



David & Cathy Walter / AFES

Dear Friends,

The last couple of months have been dominated by conferences for both of us

(Apprentice Conference, Senior Staff

conference, and RMIT/ Deakin Summit), as well as the search for the next AFES National Director for me, and various preaching opportunities for David. We've also had some 'stay cation' days, visits from friends, and some special family times.

We're currently in New Caledonia and head to Vanuatu tomorrow - checking in with staff & building key partnerships.

Please pray:

- Giving thanks for David's preaching - especially on the Word of God at Summit - pray it will have lasting impact.
- For clarity & wisdom for the AFES Board as they seek to appoint the next National Director.
- For our time in New Caledonia & Vanuatu - for health and safety, and that we might be a blessing to all we meet.



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Bruce & Judith Grayden; Chiwayan / Wycliff Bible Translators

“Chiwayan and his ministry team send their thanks, together with love and prayer for you all, and an update on their ministry activities during the past couple of months.

Chiwayan preaches twice each month, while Peter and Lalaine usually preach at one service each per month.

Chiwayan is involved in many community activities, which have included devotions and prayer on several Monday mornings at the municipal council offices, the invocation message at the local school, Bible studies at the Lubuagan police HQ and also sharing the Word of God during other special occasions. He's also shared the gospel with the families of village folk who have died, disciplined some church members, and prayed for everyone who calls him to their home to pray for them.

The church's young people are active in serving the Lord, led by Chiwayan & Ampayao's daughter Edith. Edith and her co-youth are involved in an outreach program to the local police, and with the leadership of Peter they also minister to children in remote areas of the language group. They say that even though those children are far from them, they enjoy their ministry.” –

Bruce & Judith Grayden



Kelvin & Yen Ping Loo / PIONEERS

Thank God that Kelvin and Yen Ping have reached Thailand safely and would be resuming their work.

- Pray that they will hit the ground running and that our Lord would lead them.
- Thank God for the break they had in Melbourne and pray that they will return to the field rejuvenated, refreshed and ready for the work God is entrusting into their care.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

The Sunday School Ministry would be holding their Bible Book Week Parade on the 24th August, encouraging children, parents to come dress up as a bible character.

- Pray that God would use the occasion as an opportunity to be reminded of God's character and his faithfulness through the various characters that are represented.
- Praise God for the opportunity to invite family with children to share in the event. Pray that it would draw a strong interest.
- Please continue to pray for all the teachers, helpers and parents that they would remain steadfast in living a faithful, thankful lives to Jesus Christ and so be as wonderful testimony for him before the children.
- Pray that the children will grow up loving Jesus Christ as their Lord and they will grasp his love for them.
- Pray for the protection of each child that against influences that seek to draw them away from our loving God.

WOMAN'S MINISTRY: Pilates

- We continue to thank God for the formation of the Woman's Ministry and pray that the committees would persevere on in being Christ centred.
- Pray for the upcoming activity that it would draw an encouraging interest in the 'Pilates Class.'
- Pray that the woman's relationships with one another would be strengthened and they would use it to build the wider church in LSCC.
- Pray that many would come to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour through the friendship with the women in our church.

Parenting workshop:

How do I bring my child up in the Lord (panel, including Sharon Catchpoole). Saturday 4th October 2025, 9.30am to 12.00pm, at LSCC Church.

Please put in your questions for the panel by next Sunday 17 August:

- Praise God for the opportunity to parents to be equipped and encouraged through this workshop.
- Pray for Sharon and her team to be faithful and clear.
- Pray for encouraging interest in the workshop.
- Praise God for the organising committee that and pray that they would be strengthened for the work.

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CGF - CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

- Praise God that despite the wet weather last Saturday, the CGFer's outing was able to go ahead and held a game/activities afternoon in the church hall.
- Pray that the newcomers would continue to be able to integrate well into the life of CGF and the church.
- Pray that our Lord would continue to grant the leaders energy in following up on the newcomers.
- Praise God for all the upcoming programs that it will be organised well and it would help the new and older students get to know each other better.
- Pray for those looking for employment opportunities that our Lord would open doors for them.
- Pray that CGF would see many being won into Jesus' kingdom.
- Pray that there will be continuing spiritual and numerical growth in the fellowship.
- Pray for Jesse Sam that as she visits Malaysia for a couple of days to attend a wedding that our Lord would provide her with a blessed time and safety in traveling.
- Pray for safety in travel for all the students returning from overseas after their semester break.

SUNDAY SERVICE

LSCC is currently thinking through the letter to the Ephesians under the theme **'God's Big Plan for Christ's New People'**.

- Please pray that we as a church would grow in our contentment in Jesus and thankfulness to God for his goodness to us in giving us His Son.
- The coming Sunday, 10th August, Melvin Lo would walk with us through Ephesians 2:11-22. Pray that we will grasp what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ. Please pray that our hearts would be humble and responsive to his word.
- Pray for the rest of the other service helpers such as the song leaders, service leaders, PA-tech teams would all work well harmoniously and that they would be strengthened to serve our Lord with joy.
- Pray that all aspects of the service would bring glory and honour to the name of our Lord.
- Please pray that and ask that our Lord would continue to watch over LSCC and protect us from the evil one who is always looking for opportunities to destroy the church. Pray that our eyes would always fix on Jesus alone.
- Pray that LSCC would grow in the quality of our discipleship and many more to come to know our Lord Jesus as their loving Saviour.

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SENIORS CORNER:

- **Praise God** for the Seniors in LSCC's desire to study God's Word. As they started on studying from Ephesians, pray that they would realise in greater depth of Jesus' love for them. Pray that the seniors would grow in their sufficiency in our Lord Jesus.
- **Pray** for Don McCall, Min Thong Lee, Emma Tan who helps organises events and leads the bible study that they would prepare well for the studies. Praise God for their faithfulness and pray that our Lord would enable them to serve him with joy. We also **thank God** for their perseverance in Jesus and for being a model to the younger saints in LSCC on what it means to be faithful to Christ.
- Please continue to pray for **Don McCall's** sister, **Wendy** and her husband **Tom**. From Don, "I am with Tom and Wendy Tom is doing very well he just needs patience as he is unable to do much as he recuperates it is hard for him to slow down and allow his body to recover. They are relatively happy with his pacemaker but they would like to have a consultant cardiologist to work with.'
- Pray for **Neil Hawthorn** as he experiences vertigo from time to time that our Lord would watch over him and provide him with relief. Pray as the doctors, surgeons are preparing for his upcoming surgery that our Lord would help them. Pray that the surgery would be successful and addressing Neil's epilepsy. Pray for our Lord's comfort, protection and provision upon Neil especially in the moments when he's experiencing seizure.
- Pray for **Joseph Bautista** and others who wrestle with blood complications that our Lord would bring healing. Pray that as they undergo their regular medical procedures our Lord would use it to bring them relief.
- Pray for **Edwin Tai** as he undergoes regular dialysis that our Lord too would continue to help him draw upon our Lord's unlimited grace. Pray for **Emily Tai** too that our Lord would continue to watch over her.
- Praise God for the safe arrival of **Alice Bond's** grandniece, Zara.
- Pray for **Qing** who is away in Malaysia that our Lord would provide her with a good time in catching up with family and friends. Pray for **John and Kim Wong** who is away visiting love ones in East Malaysia that they would enjoy a fruitful time in their family reunions.
- Pray that our seniors would continue to grow in Christ and in love for one another.

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EXPANSION OF PASTORAL STAFF

- With Alethea stepping down from her role last year due to ill health, the eldership and board is the search for the suitable person to join the staff to serve alongside Melvin. Please pray that our Lord would provide the right person.
- Pray that the advertising would draw the right interest.
- Pray for wisdom upon the eldership in the entire employment process that they will choose and recommend well.

BIBLE READING

EPHESIANS 3: 1-21

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- **2** Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. **4** In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, **5** which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. **6** This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. **7** I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. **8** Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. **10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, **11** according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. **12** In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. **13** I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. **14** For this reason I kneel before the Father, **15** from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. **16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ

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may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18**may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19**and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **20**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.