



# A week of prayer & fasting

Day #3

## Thursday 27th October

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*Daily Scripture Reading*

- Jeremiah 29:7 -

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**Reflection:** Many people will be able to recite Jeremiah 29:11 by heart, with its beautiful promise, but I reckon the call of verse 7 also deserves our attention! In 587 BC, Jerusalem fell to the Babylonian army and God's people were dragged away from Judah as captives. It was then that God spoke these words through Jeremiah. Today, experiencing a different kind of exile with Christian faith pushed towards society's fringes, we need to hear this reading afresh.

So what does God say? The key word in Hebrew is *shalom*, translated here as "well-being" and "thrive" (or "welfare," "peace" and "prosperity" in other translations). *Shalom* is about wholeness, where all parts are united and arranged in their right order and life can flourish. God's people are to work for *shalom* in the places in which they live. Faithful, humble Jesus-followers are a vital ingredient in God's recipe for nourishing our community; he has placed us here to bring out the 'God-flavours' and 'God-colours' in the world (to quote Eugene Peterson). And as we do so, we too will enjoy God's *shalom*!

Today, let's pray for the Neighbourhood Parties coming up this Sunday and Monday, that they would be such spaces for all who join in.

### **Communal Prayer at 15 Reserva Cres at 7pm-8pm**

Hosted by Andie

Prayer focus: Neighbourhood Parties on 30th and 31st October (Formally the light party)

- For relationships to be strengthened across families in these neighbourhoods.
- For those needing help to recognise the church as a place of support.
- For those helping to be gracious and loving to all they meet.
- For the party to be a place of healing, where people can enjoy themselves despite the hardship going on in their lives.
- For Jesus to be present and stir hearts!



#### Communal Prayer Times for the week:

- Thursday 27th: 7–8pm at 15 Reserva Cres (Andie)
- Friday 28th: 2–3pm at 128 Worrall Rd (Rose)
- Saturday 29th: TBC
- Sunday 30th: 9.15–9.45am at Huapai School (Murray)
- Monday 31st: TBC

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