

# Whare Karakia

## Home prayers

3 October 2021

Joshua 6:1- 21

# HEARING GOD

## Opening Prayer

Thankyou God for opportunity.  
Here is a new day, and we have drawn  
aside to meet with you.  
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O most  
high; to declare your steadfast love in  
the morning and your faithfulness by  
night.

For you Lord have made me glad by your  
work; at the works of your hands I sing  
for joy. Thankyou God. Lord Jesus meet  
us here.  
Amen

## Confession

God of all power and healing,  
God of strength and wholeness,  
we offer to you this day, our sins, our failings, our brokenness and the times we forget  
that you are Almighty God.

*Let us take a moment to bring to mind those things that we have said and done that  
have saddened us and God.*

## Absolution

The God of love brings us back to himself,  
forgives us our sins,  
and assures us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Song

Amazing grace, how sweet  
the sound,  
that saved a wretch like  
me.  
I once was lost but now  
am found,  
was blind but now I see.

Twass grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears  
relieved.  
How precious did that  
grace appear,  
the hour I first  
believed.

My chains are gone,  
I've been set free.  
My God my saviour has  
ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy  
rains,  
unending love,  
amazing grace.

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## Reflection: From Val

Have you ever been let into a secret about the future, or known about something before it happened? Joshua did! The Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands." (Josh 6 v2) God was going to give Joshua a miraculous victory in an impossible situation and announces it as 'a done deal' a week before it happens. When the Lord says "See", there was actually nothing to see, except a locked up Jericho, secured by two very thick, very tall walls, and so God is inviting Joshua to see with spiritual eyes something that was not yet an actuality.

What a wonderful thing it is that our Lord shares knowledge, wisdom and insight with us. Of course there are often times that God says, "You don't need to know what is going to happen, you just need to follow me a step at a time", but how spine-tingling it is when the Lord reveals something of his vision and plans. What, then, is required of us? Faith, like Joshua, to believe that God will do as he has promised, and willingness to action the steps he gives us to take.

Living in a pandemic has a sense of battle about it. When will it end? How will we get through it? This could be a time for God's people to seek the Lord's wisdom, and invite God to speak into our situation, for fresh perspective and a plan for days to come.

## Questions

1. What is it like for you in your bubble just now? Try writing down some of your thoughts and feelings.
2. Ask the Lord to give you a specific 'word' for right now, as well as an insight for future days.

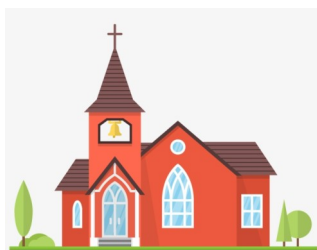
*Hebrews 12 v.1-2 "Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Champion who initiates and perfects our faith."  
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## Intercessions

In our prayers today, we put all our thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. You may like to hold your own hands in front of you as you pray. Create your own prayers for each of the headings below:



The World



The Church



Communities



Sickness

## Closing Prayer

God, you never change, you are always here. When we are lonely or scared or helpless you watch over us and hear us when we cry out to you. Help us to always depend on your faithfulness and stand firm when things get tough. In Jesus name we pray. Amen