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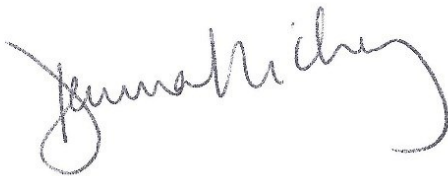
A QUIET TIME TOOL FOR WBC

Welcome to the Quiet Time Tool (QTT) for Werribee Baptist Church! As a faith community, we believe it's important to spend time with Jesus and each other as we learn and grow together. That's why our mission statement is "**Striving to be a Loving Community Seeking, Serving, and Sharing Jesus!**" One of the ways we believe this happens is by spending time reading the Bible. The QTT helps us do that as a collective, allowing God to speak to us both individually and as a unified group.

If you are new to the QTT, there are some basic things you should know:

- 1) We've kept it simple! What that means is while the passages and focus will change month to month, the format remains the same.
- 2) We try to keep the passages relatively short when we can, followed by two reflective questions. The first question, "*What is the writer saying?*" is designed to help you process a key summary or thought from the verses in your own words. The second question, "*How can I apply this to my life?*" is designed to help you think through a takeaway truth, principle, or observation that is meaningful for your life.
- 3) We've included a section for "*Prayer*". It's up to you how you use this—you may want to write down specific things you are praying for, answers to prayer, or even a prayer of application from the day's reading.

May the Lord bless you as you seek to know Him more!



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As we continue our journey through the Song of Songs, a.k.a. Solomon's Greatest Hit, we are challenged by the beautifully poetic picture of God's love exemplified in the earthly union of marriage. While it may not seem connected at first, as we move forward to the book of Ephesians, we will once again see the parallel of God's unifying love for His people as being fully realised through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ and exemplified in the marriage relationship.

Ephesians is one of Paul's letters (prison epistles) written while he was imprisoned in Rome. It focuses on the identity of the Church and her relationship with God in His plan of redemption for humanity. The Church is God's masterpiece designed to showcase His mercy, love and grace. With Christ at the head, the Church is a unified "Body" and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We will read of peace and fullness of life as we utilise our spiritual gifts in all our relationships. The outcome will be lives which reflect Jesus as we grow into maturity—healthy and full of love! Satan won't like this, so we will need to put on our spiritual armour and prayerfully stand in the power of the Holy Spirit. Speaking of prayer, we have incorporated the 21-days of Prayer Guide to help us as we "Strive to be a Loving Community, Seeking, Serving and Sharing Jesus!"

Did you know?

Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday, you can catch a <60 second devotional thought from that day's reading on Instagram or Facebook to help keep you going as we *Seek Jesus Together!*

READING PLAN

Sunday	1	September	Song of Songs 3:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	2	September	Song of Songs 3:6-11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	3	September	Song of Songs 4:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	4	September	Song of Songs 4:8-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	5	September	Song of Songs 5:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	6	September	Song of Songs 5:9-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	7	September	Song of Songs 6:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday	8	September	Song of Songs 7:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	9	September	Song of Songs 7:6-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	10	September	Song of Songs 8:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	11	September	Song of Songs 8:8-14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	12	September	Ephesians 1:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	13	September	Ephesians 1:11-23	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	14	September	Ephesians 2:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday	15	September	Ephesians 2:11-18	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	16	September	Ephesians 2:19-22	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	17	September	Ephesians 3:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	18	September	Ephesians 3:8-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	19	September	Ephesians 3:14-21	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	20	September	Ephesians 4:1-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	21	September	Ephesians 4:7-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday	22	September	Ephesians 4:17-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	23	September	Ephesians 4:25-32	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	24	September	Ephesians 5:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	25	September	Ephesians 5:8-14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	26	September	Ephesians 5:15-21	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	27	September	Ephesians 5:22-33	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	28	September	Ephesians 6:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday	29	September	Ephesians 6:10-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	30	September	Ephesians 6:18-24	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 September - Song of Songs 3:1-5

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Praise God for his faithfulness over WBC and thank Him for the community we serve

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2 September - Song of Songs 3:6-11

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the wisdom and discernment of WBC leaders and for God to move in our overseas mission fields

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3 September - Song of Songs 4:1-7

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for clarity on upcoming WBC decision-making and for the local council and future planning.

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4 September - Song of Songs 4:8-16

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for unity amongst the body of Christ at WBC and for people globally to live in peace together

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5 September - Song of Songs 5:1-8

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the health and well-being of WBC people and for health system improvements in Wyndham

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6 September - Song of Songs 5:9-16

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the development of authentic relationships and for those who are homeless and vulnerable in our community

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7 September - Song of Songs 6:1-13

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the care of vulnerable people at WBC and for the Emergency and community services in Wyndham

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8 September - Song of Songs 7:1-5

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the spiritual growth of the next generations and ask for protection and guidance of local children

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9 September - Song of Songs 7:6-13

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the growth and multiplication of Life Groups and for the challenges of Wyndham population growth

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10 September - Song of Songs 8:1-7

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the safety and work of our overseas missionaries and for affordable housing and work for unemployed

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11 September - Song of Songs 8:8-14

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the effectiveness of
WBC outreach programs
and for local churches
serving their communities

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12 September - Ephesians 1:1-10

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the provision of
volunteers for WBC ministry
and for development of
needed community services

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13 September - Ephesians 1:11-23

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the raising and equipping of new leaders and for Governments and their representatives

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14 September - Ephesians 2:1-10

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for an increase in our stewardship at WBC and for increase of people serving those in need

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15 September - Ephesians 2:11-18

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for God's blessing upon WBC finances and for the impact of local Wyndham businesses

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16 September - Ephesians 2:19-22

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for ways to disciple faith seekers at WBC and for lost souls in the community to find Jesus

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17 September - Ephesians 3:1-7

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for God to move and empower WBC for mission and for people to be open to faith dialogue

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18 September - Ephesians 3:8-13

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for spiritual discernment of the WBC community and pray for peace and the spiritual wellbeing of all

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19 September - Ephesians 3:14-21

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the ongoing changes and transition at WBC and for local transport and infrastructure needs

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20 September - Ephesians 4:1-6

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for joy of worship and celebration of life at WBC and for unity within Wyndham's cultural diversity

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21 September - Ephesians 4:7-16

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for outpouring of the Holy Spirit over His church and for renewal and breakthrough in Wyndham

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22 September - Ephesians 4:17-24

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Today is Big Step Sunday. Pray for those taking next steps for salvation and baptism today.

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23 September - Ephesians 4:25-32

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the Church Life Gathering to consider the adoption of Bacchus Marsh Baptist Church as a campus of WBC and pray for unity in following God's plan.

24 September - Ephesians 5:1-7

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for unity and acceptance of the Bacchus Marsh voting outcome

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25 September - Ephesians 5:8-14

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for Pastor John as he continues as interim pastor at Bacchus Marsh with BUV providing supportive leadership through this season.

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26 September - Ephesians 5:15-21

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for WBC as we contemplate a potential name change to merge with Bacchus Marsh giving us a step towards unifying under one name.

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27 September - Ephesians 5:22-33

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the people in the community of Bacchus Marsh be curious about changes to the church and drawn by God to check it out.

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28 September - Ephesians 6:1-9

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray that God will provide for the expansion of ministry into a new community with both people and finances.

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29 September - Ephesians 6:10-17

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for guidance in our master planning for both church campuses to help us achieve God's vision for His people

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30 September - Ephesians 6:18-24

What is the writer saying?

How can I apply this to my life?

PRAYER

Pray for the Christmas preparations taking place and the people who we hope to reach during the holiday season

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