Dear friends in Christ

## Welcome to our first message to pray for our Australian Politicians.

We continue to uphold our Government in prayer. This year our focus is on the Government by each Portfolio, let us embark again this year with our God and ask Him to give us wisdom, strength, power, motivation, all energies to continue our mission to pray for our leaders.

Let me start with this attached prayer (Prayer of Agreement)

Here is the verse where this powerful piece of revelation is being given to us by the Lord:

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:19)

Jesus Himself will actually be in the midst of us believers who are praying in agreement and in union with one another to God the Father, this also means Jesus is hearing our prayers loud and clear. And because Jesus is hearing this loud and clear, then those of us believers will have a very good chance on getting our prayer answered by God the Father.

"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" (Eph 3:10).

What is a portfolio? <u>http://www.australia.gov.au/directories/australian-government-directories/government-by-portfolio</u>

A portfolio is a minister's area of responsibility as a member of Cabinet. As a general rule, there is one department in each portfolio.

The Governor-General appoints ministers, establishes departments of state and allocates responsibility among ministers through an Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO) <u>http://www.dpmc.gov.au/pmc/parliamentary-information</u>

Each government department has its own departmental website with ministers and parliamentary secretaries often having their own websites as well. Within each portfolio there are also numerous agency and program websites.

## **Portfolios**

- 1. Commonwealth Parliament
- 2. Agriculture
- 3. Attorney-General's
- 4. Communications
- 5. Defence
- 6. Education and Training
- 7. Employment
- 8. Environment

- 9. Finance
- 10. Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 11. Health
- 12. Immigration and Border Protection
- 13. Industry and Science
- 14. Infrastructure and Regional Development
- 15. Prime Minister and Cabinet
- 16. Social Services
- 17. Treasury
- 18. Courts
- 19. Council of Australian Governments

Let us pray together as a team and ask God to send the Holy Spirit to be with us in this journey. I will be sending a message on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Feb to start praying for these 2 portfolios

- 1. Commonwealth Parliament
- 2. Agriculture

Should you wish not to continue with us this year please let me know and I will remove you from our prayer list.

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