

Weekly Liturgy

January 30, 2022

# Church at Your Place

**GATEWAY  
CHURCH**

Summer Series '22

# strengthening ourselves in the Lord.

**KEY SCRIPTURE:**  
**Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

## reflection

This week, we continue our Summer Series, 'Strengthening Ourselves In The Lord' by looking at the Biblical call to renew our minds. Very often some of the most difficult battles to fight, struggles to overcome are ones we can't even see or touch because they are in our mind!

But the daily battle of our mind is one we all face and so important to understand as it affects every aspect of our lives, how we think, even how we do relationships.

Here, Paul is urging us to be transformed from the inside out. Specifically, he writes that we must be changed in how we think, to have our minds renewed so that we can begin to understand God's will for our lives.

## discussion

1. What do you understand by the phrase, "be transformed by the renewing of your minds"?
2. Does this call 'renew our minds' look the same for everyone? If not, why not?
3. Do the things we watch and listen to impact our thinking? If so, how?
4. Do you think as Christians, we talk enough about the fact we have an enemy that is against us?

## response

What does it look like to renew your mind this week?

What are the practical things that the Holy Spirit is wanting to bring to mind for you to do this week to pursue the practice of renewing your mind?

*\*Opportunity to voice those things aloud and step into accountability to check-in next week on how/if those things were followed through*

## prayer

### 1. UKRAINE:

- Pray that God will redeem the situation in the Ukraine and draw people to Himself. Deliver the nation from all evil and have mercy and heal this land. May He give Ukraine peace and the chance to develop as a nation that values truth, justice and freedom, all rooted in the goodness of God.

- Pray that Ukrainians ultimate hope would not be in governments, armies, elections or diplomacy but in Jesus.

- Pray for the Church, that it would rise up, united and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the hands and feet of Jesus for their communities and nation. Pray for their protection and safety against fear and persecution.

### 2. RED TRAFFIC LIGHT SETTING:

- Pray for New Zealand and our community as we find ourselves in the Red setting. Pray for individuals, aged, families and our wider communities as this will bring its own unique challenges for everyone.

### 3. GATEWAY LEADERS

- Pray for our Gateway leaders that they would be empowered by the Holy Spirit with grace and wisdom as they continue to navigate and lead us in this season.

## praise reports

As a community, our desire is to be resilient disciples of Jesus who celebrate and continually give thanks to God for what He is doing in our midst.

Sharing what God is doing, retelling stories of His faithfulness builds faith and encourages us in our journeys - and this is what we want to do!

So if you or anyone in your group has a praise report or testimony, we would love to hear about it and share those stories (with permission) with our wider community!

Email Megan at [megan@gatewaychurch.org.nz](mailto:megan@gatewaychurch.org.nz) and she'll be in touch.

## pastoral care

We have a Pastoral Team at Gateway who walk alongside people in our community who may be going through tough times, need support or prayer.

Please phone 021 318 663 to let us know if anyone in your group (with their permission) needs our assistance.

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**Thanks for hosting church  
at your place this Sunday!  
It's our prayer that this  
time together is a blessing  
to all gathered.**

**Have any feedback/ideas  
to make this even better?**

**Let us know!**  
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