



### Love that makes all things new

We all like new stuff. New shoes, new clothes, new games, a new phone. New stuff is just the best!

Have you ever wished that you could have a new life? Whether it is the reality of your present circumstances, the ghosts of your past, or the uncertainty of your future, sometimes it's appealing to wish that you could wake up tomorrow with a brand new life. All of today's problems gone and a future full of promises.

Do you know that when God sees you, he sees new? When God looks at you after you've accepted Jesus as your Saviour He sees a new creature. He doesn't see who you were before you knew Jesus. He doesn't see your shortcomings, failures and all the stuff that you've done wrong. He sees someone who is fresh and new.

This new life is a completely new nature which is given to each believer as a free gift of God's grace. This new nature is not a patching-up of the old sin nature nor a re-training of the old self, but something entirely new; something different; something wonderful.

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!***

***-2 Corinthians 5:17***

Thank You Father that in Christ all things are made new. Help me to understand that this truth is not only something for the future but something that took place the moment I believed in Jesus as my Saviour. I pray that I may come to a deeper understanding of what being a new creation in Christ really means. AMEN.

## A GOD MOMENT!

As take away meals were being handed out at the front door on Wednesday a delivery truck pulled up right outside. The driver asked some questions about what was happening and then asked if it was okay if he prayed. In these days of isolation and in the new way of doing things, **God is showing us that He is present and that there are opportunities for the gospel to be shared and for us to be encouraged in the ministry opportunities we have.**

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Have you thought about how you can continue to give your tithes and offerings during this time where you are not able to physically place them in the offering bag? This is what somebody from our Corps shared during the week**

*I think churches will be closed for services for some time so I think making my offering each fortnight online using my bank account will be best even though I love the feel of the envelope. Times are a-changing - methods are a-changing. I have never been in want since I began to tithe. Giving is a discipline and I think perhaps, that discipline flows through your everyday decision making.*

**You can make a direct deposit into the Corps Account.**

**Bank Account details are:**

***NAME: The Salvation Army BCT BSB Number: 034 004***

***Account Number: 810612***

**We have an awesome opportunity to pray for each other during the week:**

Meena & Angel, People who have lost jobs due to closing business, people working on the frontline dealing with Corona Virus, People who have lost family members, People who are most vulnerable during this time.

**Continued prayer also for:** Edna, Tom, Howard, Margaret S., Rodney S., Kevin S., Norm & Evelyn

# Spiritual Growth

On our website there is a section on spiritual growth. In there you will find bible study material, some spiritual disciplines/ exercises you can do and a bible reading plan you can follow using the S.O.A.P. method.

These are resources that you may find helpful in this time of isolation to encourage you in your spiritual growth.

If you cannot access the web, then let Scott and Sharon know and they can be posted to you.

Elizabeth has recorded a number of songs on the piano which you can listen to.

You will find them at <https://soundcloud.com/user-479311118>



# Music



GENERAL Brian Peddle has called the international Salvation Army to pray on Sunday 19 April 2020 for the effects that the coronavirus pandemic is having around the world.

Setting aside the day for intentional focused prayer, The Salvation Army's international leader shares a clear message which you can view on our website The Salvation Army Brisbane City Temple. <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/>

A resource to aid times of prayer (individually or for use in prayer groups and video worship times) before, during and after the Day of Prayer has been made available on the International Headquarters website, at [sar.my/covid19prayer](http://sar.my/covid19prayer). The virtual prayer room includes creative activities, reflection on Bible passages and prompts for prayer.



**Living the 167...**

**Streaming from April 26**

### **Do you have one?**

We are looking for a large wall clock to use in some visuals for the next sermon series. If you have one and you are happy for it to be photographed, please let Scott and Sharon know. It will be returned to you as soon as possible.

### **Calling all Creatives!**

As part of the next sermon series we are looking for creative ways to display the number 167.

If you would like to contribute to this then take a photo and send it to Scott either via Facebook messenger, email or post.

**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.**

**Isiah 41:10 NIV**



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To transform Australia one life at time

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