



Spirit filled living

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. — Galatians 5:22-23

No amount of Christian activity compensates for the failure to be an authentic Christian. Our authenticity (or lack thereof) is made evident by the fruit that our lives are bearing. If we're to be recognized as Christ's followers, as disciples, we need to be producing the fruit of His Holy Spirit.

Going to church or praying a prayer doesn't automatically result in the fruit of the Spirit being produced in our lives. Rather, the condition of our souls strongly influences the fruit that comes out of our lives. Quite simply, if there are areas of our souls that have been damaged in some way, we will inevitably produce bad fruit in those areas. And keep in mind that bad fruit doesn't necessarily point to a horrific past or abuse — it can simply mean that certain areas of the soul are still not Christ like (and we all have these).

We can identify these areas by examining our responses to the people and events in our lives. For example, when we hear that a coworker has received another promotion, do we exhibit the fruit of kindness and rejoicing, or do we talk about why someone else could do a better job?

If we want to bear good fruit, working on our soul muscle is imperative, regardless of whether or not our past looks like a train wreck (like mine). The goal for all of us is to develop the kind of prosperous soul from which flows the qualities Paul mentions in Galatians 5. This fruit cannot be manufactured or externally generated; it results only from soul transformation and an authentic relationship with Jesus.

Bible Passage for the week- Galatians 5: 13-26



Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice

Salvos will live, love and fight

Alongside others

To transform Australia one life at time

Time for you to Share

You have read responses from some members of the leadership team about what they have experienced during Covid-19 and where they have seen God in this time. **We want to hear from you about your experience and have some questions for you to answer.**

How has the lockdown impacted on me personally?

How has it changed my attitude to worship?

What have I found to be the most effective way to worship during this time?

What have I missed the most from not attending the 'meetings'?

When and where have I felt God's presence during this lockdown?

How has my 'engaging' with others changed?

You can email your responses to us or write them down and send them in the post. If you do not want your responses published in the newsletter please tell us

We have made it easier for you to share your answers to the questions. Go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VW8TKBG>

Pray it Forward

'Pray it Forward' is a national prayer initiative, to encourage us to call on God as we re-imagine and redefine the way we serve and engage in mission following the coronavirus pandemic.

'Pray It Forward' is a call out to every Salvationist across the country to enter into a period of intentional prayer and prophetic listening from **31 May – 21 June**. We are seeking God's wisdom to inform and shape the way we deliver mission into the future. You will find resources on our website under the heading **Spiritual Growth/Prayer**.

Over these days, we want you to focus on praying for The Salvation Army as a national movement and in your specific local context.

- Pray for the opportunity to reassess and evaluate the stewardship of our resources.
- Pray for new ways of delivering the God-given mission and ways to facilitate healthy Christian community.
- Ask God to lead us in new ways of encouraging people in discipleship and faith pathways. Seek God's guidance for how you will serve him and be part of his mission in your own family, neighbourhood and workplace.

Prayer station resources

NSW/ACT Division have put together some virtual prayer stations that you can access during the Pray it Forward period. These can be found at <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/nswactdivision/prayer-stations/>

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Don W., Marzley, Ruth, Countries in South America impacted by Covid-19, University students doing assessments and exams for the end of semester, 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 experiencing anxiety and mental health issues, Teachers and Children who returned to school. Douglas, Susan & Hayley, Michael, Rebekah & Thomas, Heidi, Col C., Estelle, Acacia, Adrian

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our weekly sermons and worship service is pre-recorded and available for viewing either from our Corps Facebook page or from our Corps website.

Links for Viewing

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneCityTemple>

Or you can follow the link on the

Homepage of the Corps Website: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/>

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

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

PENTECOST

Sunday May 31 is Pentecost – a time when we remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to be with us – to be in us. The Holy Spirit helps us in many ways, he comforts, teaches, helps us grow in our relationship with God and gives us strength to get rid of the bad habits in our lives. He also gives us power and helps us know when we've done something wrong. Of course, we need to want to grow, learn and change to be more like God for the Holy Spirit to really work with us. It is our prayer that we will each desire to live spirit filled lives – surrendering control of our hearts and will to God.

THREE BAGS UNPACKED

The Worship Arts team is putting on a virtual movie musical during the July school holidays. Three Bags Unpacked, is a modern re-telling of the Prodigal Son, written by members of the Worship Arts team. This project will involve singers, dancers, actors, instrumentalists and tech editors aged between 15 – 30. In isolation, everyone will learn lines, songs, dances or orchestra parts, record themselves, then a team will edit the musical into a short film. This virtual movie musical will be a unique way for our Youth and Young Adults to connect with old friends and make new ones whilst being part of this fantastic musical theatre experience. Worship, Bible studies, social and dinner nights will also be part of the online experience.

Further information and registration details are now available at <http://tinyurl.com/WA3BU>

Red Shield Appeal

Red Shield Appeal Challenge

The goal for our Corps zone is to raise **\$10 000** for the Red Shield Appeal. If you go to <https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/t/brisbane-city-salvos> you will see a few people have signed up as fundraisers. They have either asked people for donations or created a team to collect donations. It is a big task for a few people to raise \$10 000 so the challenge is being put out there to everyone in the Corps to sign up and become a fundraiser or create a team asking people you know outside of the Corps to donate. A large percentage of the goal is given back to the Corps for mission so we are keen to reach our goal so that we are able to fund mission opportunities in 2020/2021

Will you accept this challenge?

How do I create a digital Red Shield team?

Karen Green has shared what she did to create her team – you may find this helpful.

When I created my own team, I also added a small 'blurb' for that page and then invited others to either donate or be team members. I also added a small feature in the "blog" about one of the Army's area of assistance. I then went through my contacts and individually messaged friends with the blurb below. I either sent a message via 'fb messenger' or else by text or email. Either way – it was important to make every contact an individual one.

"Hi Friends,

You all know I'm a Salvo and this year's Red Shield Door Knock Appeal is all on line. Attached is a link to a fundraising page where you can assist me to raise funds for the Army's social work – so very important and even more demanding in these isolating and challenging days. You may not be aware that your financial contribution directly assists people suffering from homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, domestic violence and unemployment. The Army also provides food hampers, services for counselling, court and prison chaplaincy, support for emergency services..... the needs and opportunities go on. If you can click on the link and donate in any way, your contribution will be so wonderfully appreciated. God bless you.

<https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/t/teamkaren>

Red Shield Sponsor

Mia Bannister is the founder of Collective Tribe and she signed up as a sponsor for the Red Shield Appeal as she believes the mission work of The Salvation Army is important and necessary for the community. She attended Open House on Wednesday to assist with serving take away meals. You can read her story on the Red Shield page

<https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbane-city-salvos/posts/collective-tribe-signs-on-to-support-brisbane-city-salvos>

Do you know a company or a business that could become a sponsor?