

**A Prayer
for the
Safeguarding
of School Children
in Australia**

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The Structure of a Doctrinal Spiritual Warfare Prayer Patterned on the Lord's Prayer

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4	PETITION	<i>Give us today our daily bread.</i>	Bring relevant needs before God
5	CONFESS, REPENT and FORGIVE	<i>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.</i>	Confess sins of commission and omission, sins of identification etc., repent, ask for forgiveness and forgive others
6	DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS	<i>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.</i>	In the Name of Jesus, take authority over every work and deception of the enemy and make it obedient to Christ
7	GIVE GLORY	<i>For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen</i>	Declare God's Kingdom authority and give thanks for the victory

¹ Parts 1 to 6 are from Matthew 6:9-13 NIV and Part 7 is from a 1988 English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) version of the Lord's Prayer

² In this document, capitals are used for pronouns referring to God in the text and in the Scripture quoted.

WELCOME

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to this prayer for the safeguarding of school children in Australia – the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit!

It is written as a doctrinal spiritual warfare prayer. When Jesus prayed and fasted for forty days in the wilderness³, He quoted the written Word of God to counter the attacks of Satan. This prayer is an attempt to follow the example of Jesus.

As shown in the table on the previous page, it is patterned on the seven parts of the Lord's Prayer. All quotes from Scripture are taken from the New International Version (NIV). It is formatted so that it can be printed as an A5 booklet.

As it is a lengthy prayer it can be prayed through at different times. You can focus on different segments as you feel led. You may, for example, want to give more time to making petitions or you may feel a burden to pray for a particular stronghold.

Before praying this prayer I recommend that you ask for God's protection over yourself, family, friends, church fellowship and all you are doing for the Lord. You can refer to Scripture passages such as Psalm 18:1-3, Psalm 91:1-16, Romans 8:28-39, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Peter 5:6-11 and Revelation 12:10-12.

After praying you might like to sing songs of victory into the heavenly realms. Your feedback or suggestions on how to improve this prayer are very welcome.

So much is at stake for the future of our nation and our children. Please share this prayer with others. As we pray for the safeguarding of school children in Australia, let us declare with the apostle Paul, *"thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"*.⁴

Yours faithfully,

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³ Luke 4:1-13

⁴ 1 Corinthians 15:57

ADDRESS GOD

Eternal Father, Loving God, the Great I AM

WORSHIP

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour⁵.

You are the Most High God who dwells in eternity - there is none beside You.

You are faithful to all Your promises and loving toward all You have made⁶.

You do not want anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance⁷ through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ.

DECLARE

God in Heaven, today we bring before You the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia**, the **Building Respectful Relationships** and the **Start Early** programs with what seems to be a social engineering agenda to normalize homosexuality and gender fluidity in our society.

We therefore declare that in the beginning You created man in Your image as male and female.⁸ You created the first man from the dust of the earth and the first woman from the man's flesh and bone. In so doing, You showed us Your design for marriage saying "*they will become one flesh*".⁹ This we acknowledge is the mystical union of a man and a woman that is ordained by You. The two become one flesh in the intimacy and commitment of sexual union that is reserved only for marriage. You gave marriage as a gift and any sexual union outside the sacred bond of marriage is detestable in Your sight.

We are particularly grieved that the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia**, the **Building Respectful Relationships** and the **Start Early** programs seem set to achieve their aims through the indoctrination of our children through officially sanctioned programs in our schools.

We therefore declare that children are a gift from You¹⁰. As such parents have the primary responsibility to love, cherish, discipline and nurture their children. They have a sacred calling to bring their children to Jesus and "*to bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord*"¹¹. Your Word also admonishes children to

⁵ 1 Chronicles 29:11

⁶ Psalm 145:13

⁷ 2 Peter 3:9

⁸ Genesis 1:27

⁹ Genesis 2:24

¹⁰ Psalm 127:3

¹¹ Ephesians 6:4

honour their father and mother and obey their parents in the Lord¹²¹³ that it may go well with them. We therefore take heed of the severe warning of Jesus that *“if anyone causes one of these little ones to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck.”*¹⁴

PETITION

Righteous God, Your Word tells us that Satan, *“the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*¹⁵ And speaking to those who were ready to kill Him, Jesus said *“He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”*¹⁶

O God draw to Yourself¹⁷ our political, civic and religious leaders who support the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** program. For those who have not invited Your Son Jesus into their hearts bring them to repentance, faith and life in the Lord Jesus Christ. For those who are already believers reveal to them by Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, any matter where they have been misled or deceived. Have mercy on our leaders. Open their eyes and unblock their ears to the insidious and destructive dangers of the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** agenda. We bring before You -

- Simon Birmingham (the Liberal senator who is Minister for Education who has enacted changes to the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** program).
- Bill Shorten (Leader of the Opposition who denounces the changes).
- Penny Wong (the Labor senator who was its main architect in 2013).
- Sally Richardson (the national program director of **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** who works closely with the Department of Education).
- Roz Ward (the founder and co-ordinator of the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** who is a Marxist activist).
- Staff of **Deakin University** who designed the **Building Respectful Relationships** program
- Staff of **Early Childhood Australia** who designed the **Start Early** program.
- Principals and teachers in schools that have registered.
- (others as you feel led).

Be with our Prime Minister and political leaders, newspaper columnists and church leaders as they speak out on the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia**, the **Building**

¹² Ephesians 6:1

¹³ Colossians 3:20

¹⁴ Mark 9:42

¹⁵ 2 Corinthians 4:4

¹⁶ John 8:47

¹⁷ John 6:44

Respectful Relationships and the **Start Early** programs. Give them (pray by name as you feel led) courage, wisdom and the right words to say.

Sovereign God, thank You that You use Christian ministries to bring awareness to the Body of Christ and to the general public. Give them Your strategies to address this flood of evil across our land. Enable them to spur us on to boldly pray and speak out against the redefinition of marriage. We bring before You these organisations, their leaders and workers -

- Australian Christian Lobby
- Australian Family Association
- Australian Marriage Forum
- Australian Prayer Network
- Canberra Declaration
- Christian Federation
- Culture Watch
- Endeavour Forum
- Family Voice Australia
- National Civic Council
- Salt Shakers
- (others as you feel led)

Give the Body of Christ the courage to speak fearlessly in unity and strength. The safeguarding of school children in Australia is pivotal to the future of our nation and our children.

CONFESS, REPENT and FORGIVE

Holy God, we now confess our part in not dealing with those things in our society that have made us vulnerable to the agenda of those who seek to indoctrinate our children with a godless radical sexual ideology. We bring before You our actions and lack of actions which have undermined the Judeo-Christian foundations of religious freedom, marriage and family and the sanctity of human life.

- We confess our part in **looking to the wisdom of man** and not *“humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God”* as set out in our Constitution. We are sorry for our ingratitude for all the blessings You have bestowed upon us. In our affluence we have vainly imagined that we do not need You. O God, forgive us.
- We confess our **prayerlessness in regard to the on-going effects of the Sexual Revolution of the 1960s**. This rebellion against You separated sex from procreation and sex and procreation from marriage. It now attempts to deconstruct the gender differences between men and women.

We are sorry for not resisting Satan, the instigator of the Sexual Revolution, as we ought. In our apathy we have let things spiral down. Please forgive us.

- We confess our **complacency with no-fault divorce** to the extent that the number of divorces have dramatically increased since the Sexual Revolution. We are sorry that the divorce rate amongst Christians is also high. This has left behind a legacy of fatherless or motherless homes. Many young children are living with undeserved rejection and disillusionment. Many are blaming themselves for the break-up of their parents. They have not been listened to and their lives have been permanently scarred. We have lacked real empathy. Have mercy on us.
- We confess our **silence in allowing legalised prostitution to go unchallenged**. This sends the message that sex outside a marriage relationship is wholly acceptable. Many do not know that sex is a sacred part of the mystical one flesh union of a married couple. Since the Sexual Revolution, sex has been reduced to a commodity that can be purchased in any registered brothel. We have not adequately confronted this evil. Please forgive us.
- We confess our **lack of outrage for the shedding of innocent blood of unborn babies through abortion**. This has wiped out, on the altar of convenience, a third of a whole generation since the Sexual Revolution. We are saddened that more and more children and young adults are realising that they are the 'survivors' that their parents' generation chose not to kill. This can only alienate the generations with a huge wedge of distrust between them. We mourn for the atrocious and deliberate killing of approximately 4 million unborn Australian babies. Our hearts cry out! O God, we are sorry. Have mercy on us.
- We confess our **indifference to the teaching of atheistic evolution in our schools**. This unproven worldview has convinced a whole generation since the Sexual Revolution that they are just another animal on the evolutionary ladder. We are sorry that we have allowed our schools to continue teaching that man is just a cosmic accident and that emotions such as love are just evolutionary mechanisms which help to ensure the survival of the fittest. Without You life is meaningless. Without You, there is no accountability for how we live and no right or wrong. In our dullness we have not spoken out. Please forgive us.
- We confess our part in **allowing the insidious pornification of our society**. This means that a whole generation since the Sexual Revolution cannot escape early and frequent exposure. Indeed our society has been so saturated with pornography that our collective attitude toward sex has been poisoned with perversion, violence and self-gratification. We are appalled at what goes into our children's minds through television, the internet and public advertising. Such things have hastened the sexualisation of our children and robbed them of their childhood. For too long we have been looking the other way. Have mercy on us.

We now repent and turn from these sins. We ask You Father to have mercy on us and forgive us. Give us wisdom, discernment and strength to resist the continuation of these sins that have shaped a whole new generation since the Sexual Revolution. Burden our hearts in such a way that we take steps to overcome these evils. Help us to make restitution or restoration where these are needed. Please also move us to forgive and have compassion on those who are perpetrators of these things. In many cases they do not know what they are doing. Stir us to pray and fast for revival so that the Church and society will be transformed. Then schools and pre-schools in Australia can once again be places where our children can thrive because they are safeguarded from radical indoctrination.

DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS

Almighty God, though we are dismayed by all that is happening in the rolling out of the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia**, the **Building Respectful Relationships** and the **Early Start** programs in hundreds of schools across Australia, we now take our stand. Your Word says that *“our struggle is not against flesh and blood”*¹⁸ and that *“the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world”*¹⁹. Thank You that these weapons *“have divine power to demolish strongholds”*²⁰ and that we can *“demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*²¹ We now target, in the Name of Jesus, specific spiritual strongholds which argue and give pretence to the programs which seek to indoctrinate our children with a radical and dangerous sexual ideology.

We affirm that the shed blood of Jesus on the cross, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension has utterly defeated Satan, the enemy of our souls. Jesus declared that he is *“a murderer from the beginning”* and *“a liar and the father of all lies”*²². Now as Satan thrashes about in fury, causing as much damage as he can, *“because he knows his time is short”*²³ we affirm that Your Word tells us to *“resist the devil, and he will flee from you”*²⁴. We therefore humbly submit ourselves to You and appropriate and claim by faith the victory of the finished work of Jesus Christ. As we pray and demolish the strongholds of Satan we affirm our full authority and position of victory over Satan and his entire kingdom of darkness.

¹⁸ Ephesians 6:12

¹⁹ 2 Corinthians 10:3

²⁰ 2 Corinthians 10:4

²¹ 2 Corinthians 10:5

²² John 8:44

²³ Revelation 12:12

²⁴ James 4:7

Stronghold 1 - Masquerading as an Anti-Bullying Program

In the Name of Jesus, who used the Word of God against the subtle lies and temptations of Satan²⁵, we come against the clever deception used in promoting the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** program. Knowing that Satan “*masquerades as an angel of light*”²⁶, we pray that the hidden agenda of **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** will be exposed. As it does not address any of the main causes of bullying, we pray that You will blow away the smoke screen of its claim to be an anti-bullying program and expose it for what it is - a program of indoctrination of our children that promotes homosexuality and gender fluidity. We pray against the grave injustice that takes place when children who are not comfortable with the indoctrination are labelled as homophobic. Open the eyes of politicians, educators and parents to see the tragic reality of this reverse bullying and bring this injustice to an end.

Stronghold 2 – Promoting Gender Confusion

In the Name of Jesus, who welcomed children and held them close to Himself, we ask You to deliver boys and girls from the confusion that they were born into the wrong bodies and that they are not really a boy or girl but something else. And so for the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia**, who validate and encourage thoughts of gender fluidity and confusion in children, we pray that You will throw *them* into total confusion. Expose the lie that homosexuality is genetic and other falsehoods and inconsistencies of their teaching so that they will be totally discredited in the eyes of the Australian public.

Stronghold 3 – Usurping Parental Authority

In the Name of Jesus, who as a child came under the authority of his earthly parents, Joseph and Mary, we come against the deception of the architects of the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** program. Knowing that most parents would likely react to overt radical teaching on sexual and gender ideology **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** have kept parents in the dark. Parents have not been consulted because of their reasoning that “*students’ participation in the program does not require parental consent because it is not deemed to be sex education*”²⁷. The national program director stated that “*the teacher knows their class best and what is right for them*”²⁸. O God, bring an end to this blatant usurping of parental authority.

Stronghold 4– Actively Denying Heterosexuality as Normal

In the Name of Jesus, who affirmed that heterosexuality is what God ordained from the very beginning, we take authority over the enemy who is behind the work of the

²⁵ Luke 4:1-13

²⁶ 2 Corinthians 11:14

²⁷ The Weekend Australian, February 13-14 2016, Sexual politics in the Classroom, page 17

²⁸ The Weekend Australian, February 13-14 2016, Sexual Politics in the Classroom, page 17

Safe School Coalition Australia program to destroy and dismantle marriage. Quoting Your Word Jesus said *“a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate”*²⁹. Bring an end to their efforts to confuse children about the meaning of true marriage as You ordained.

Stronghold 5 – Actively Encouraging Sexual Experimentation

In the Name of Jesus, who is *“the image of the invisible God”*³⁰, we ask that you rebuke Satan who wants to destroy mankind because men, women and children are made in Your image. We stand against the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** program that instructs 11-year-old boys and girls to role-play gay teenagers, teaches chest-binding for girls who feel they are boys and penis-tucking for boys who feel they are girls - despite potential injury.

We tear down all of Satan’s strategies to further sexualise, mar and tarnish Your image in them through the defilement of sexual experimentation. In the Name of Jesus, we ask that you rebuke Satan and all his powers of darkness and forbid them to work.

Stronghold 6 – The Promulgation of Queer Theory

In the Name of Jesus, who said *“at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female’”*, we pray that You would invalidate Queer Theory with its propositions that there are 51 gender categories and growing. We pray that You would expose this for what it is – an outrageous and gross distortion of truth. We pray that You will bring to an end to this imposition of radical godless sexual ideology on our children.

Stronghold 7 – The Influence of Atheistic Marxism

In the Name of Jesus, who came *“to destroy the devil’s work”*³¹, we pray that You would nullify any influence the belief system of atheistic Marxism has had on the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** program. For Marxism *“holds that belief in God obstructs people from shaping their own lives and determining their own destinies”*³². We therefore plead Your compassionate mercy on Roz Ward, the founder of the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia** who is a Marxist activist. We demolish any hidden Marxist campaign aiming to turn traditional Australian society away from its Judeo-Christian foundations.

²⁹ Mark 10:6-9

³⁰ Colossians 1:15

³¹ 1 John 3:8

³² Lion Handbook of Christian Belief article on ‘Christianity and Marxism’ p. 199

Stronghold 8 – The Imposition of Comprehensive Sexuality Education

In the Name of Jesus, who is *“the King of kings and the Lord of lords”*³³ we come against Satan *“the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient”*³⁴. We recognise that Satan is orchestrating much of the UN agenda including the imposition of various population control initiatives around the world. We therefore cut off in the Name of Jesus the imposition of the **United Nation’s Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)** program on Australia. Flowing out of the 17 new UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which Australia signed into last year, it appears to be a Safe Schools Coalition Australia program on a global scale! Similar to the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program Comprehensive Sexuality Education indoctrinates children with a new gender ideology, encourages sexual experimentation and undermines parental authority. Comprehensive Sexuality Education also comes in the guise as different programs including anti-bullying. It is designed to raise up the next generation to demand their “sexual rights.” In the mighty Name of Jesus we come against the **International Planned Parenthood Federation** as one of the largest purveyors of Comprehensive Sexuality Education programs in the world. As Your people we resist the unscrupulous pressure and intimidation that the UN has been exerting on other smaller nations to conform. In the Name of Jesus we demolish any plans of the United Nations to impose Comprehensive Sexuality Education on Australia.

Sovereign God, we are grieved that the **Safe Schools Coalition Australia**, the **Building Respectful Relationships** and the **Early Start** programs are a massive open assault of Satan against the Judeo-Christian foundations that has made Australia a great place to live. In the mighty Name of Jesus, who You sent *“to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed”*³⁵ we demolish, tear down, smash and destroy every satanic stronghold active in these programs to indoctrinate our children which targets our society through our most tender and vulnerable citizens – our children.

GIVE GLORY

We give glory to You the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

Thank You that You are the Sovereign God whose kingdom rules over all³⁶. Your eternal plans and purposes cannot be thwarted.

Thank You that You have blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ³⁷ and that You have chosen us for Yourself.

³³ 1 Timothy 6:15, Revelation 19:16

³⁴ Ephesians 2:2

³⁵ Luke 4:18

³⁶ Psalm 103:19

³⁷ Ephesians 1:3

We delight in the privilege You have given us as Your sons and daughters in sharing Your love in the power of the Holy Spirit to a lost and dying world.

Help us to follow in the footsteps³⁸ of Your Son, Jesus, as we wait and pray for the day of His return.

Thank You for hearing this prayer. Grant us by Your Holy Sprit the grace to be persistent and faithful in fighting the good fight.

May You be glorified through a great deliverance.

In the most precious and glorious Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

³⁸ 1 Peter 2:21