

PRAYER REQUEST  
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Pray for Rain to stop fires in Australia

# Prayer Request

*For Christian Witness Ministries  
and many others in Australia*

## ***FLOODS and FLAMES "down-under" - CWM Report - Friday February 13 - 2009***

Dear friends of Chris Lawson ([SRN](#)), Philip Powell ([CWM Ministries](#) in Australia), and Jacob Prasch's [Moriel](#) ministry in Australia,

**My home and ministry office almost burned down last year and as such I fully understand the gravity of this prayer request!**

I just received this from Philip Powell who is the director of [Christian Witness Ministries in Australia](#). Here is a brief excerpt from Philip's prayer request and I have posted Philips entire prayer request down below with his permission.

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In response to national comments and international inquiries the following is being circulated to all on my email list.

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I am so sorry for the lack of earlier report about our welfare in Australia which is facing the consequence of several disasters - DROUGHT (in parts) followed by FIRE in the south and FLOODS in the north. We are grateful to the Lord that all associated with our immediate families, CWM and MORIEL and our two associated ministries, are safe - PTL.

Our oldest son, Stephen, wife Brook and three year old Lewis had to leave their home six days ago. Stephen drove along fire lined roads to rescue their dogs and then drove with Brook and Lewis to the safety of friends about an hour's drive down on the Peninsular, where they are now based. Maureen and the O'Brien family were informed that the roads in and out of Loch Sport where our

CWM Resource Centre is based would be cut off. However they and most in that small community decided not to evacuate as the threat was not very serious, though the heat was severe.

Today (Friday Feb 13) Stephen was to have returned for a second time to survey the house scene, but due to further threat of fire he postponed the trip. Last Tuesday he managed to enter the house and take a few additional items back to safety. At that stage the surrounding properties remained under threat and we hear that the big challenge to the fire fighters who have moved into their immediate (Healesville) area will be another predicted hot wind from the north, next week. The fires came within 400 metres of our son's home. Today the threat is that an unusual easterly wind has sprung up. We have heard that the Metropolitan fire brigade and members of the army have moved into Healesville to respond to any on going challenge. The situation remains serious. The appropriate prayer would be regarding the weather. Easterly but especially the predicted wind from the north could fan the flame and wipe out Healesville and surrounding towns and properties. Soaking rain would be a God send. At this stage over 180 lives have been lost and more than 7,000 people rendered homeless. It is anticipated that some 300 may well be the final death count from the fires to date.

The country has responded marvellously to the disaster in an effort to help those who have suffered loss of property. Even the flood ravaged north of Queensland residents have contributed goods and finance. As far as we know none closely linked to our families and ministries have been unduly affected in the flooded areas. Their plight in the north has been largely lost in the greater disaster from the fires in the south.

On the spiritual front in respect of these things, very sadly the man and Pentecostal Church that we have many times issued warning about, Danny Nalliah and Catch-the-Fire (what's in a name!) Ministries, have issued a public statement claiming that the fires are the result of the Judgment of God upon Victoria for adopting some pro-abortion legislation. Danny Nalliah claims that God showed him this would happen in a dream. Apart from his insensitivity and plain stupidity he of course overlooks what our Lord had to say about disasters during the time of His earthly sojourn:

LUKE 13: 1-5

*There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. "Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."*

Our Lord's call to "Repent" comes to us all, including Danny Nalliah who wrongly honoured a known paedophile, despite several warnings and falsely prophesied the return of the Howard Government and the appointment of Peter Costello as the Prime Minister following the last Australian election and later supported the false so called Healing Outpouring under the phoney Todd Bentley who is now disgraced for immorality. Peter Costello has rebuked Danny Nalliah in The Australian national newspaper. The article dubbed Catch-the-Fire a "Christian cult" which is an apt description. In addition to The Australian article there is a derisive statement from an Australian Radio host plus a number of aggressive comments that you can read @

[http://blogs.brisbanetimes.com.au/yoursay/archives/2009/02/pastor\\_danny\\_na.html?page=fullpage#comments](http://blogs.brisbanetimes.com.au/yoursay/archives/2009/02/pastor_danny_na.html?page=fullpage#comments)

Sadly this will reflect on Christians in general. We support Pastor Bob Cotton who as you will see from the above link, has distanced himself from CTFM and Danny Nalliah and recommended that people withhold payment to their cause. Long ago CWM issued warnings that DN would do the Christian cause great harm with his grandstanding and his grandiose ideas about himself.

With typical opportunism AoG - repackaged as Australian Christian Churches (ACC) - officials have distanced themselves from Danny Nalliah and Catch the Fire Ministries. In response to an inquiry the ACC national Office issued an email stating that DN with his comments relating the bush fires to the abortion laws does not represent the ACC. They admit that Danny held a specialised ministries certificate with AoG but claim that he no longer holds that certificate. One can only wonder if he has been "disciplined" on account of the recent events.

As I am ending this email we are investigating the situation with an elderly Missionary lady associated with WEC - Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade -, who is reported missing and what has happened to their property which was situated in Marysville which was almost totally wiped out.

At our own CWM-Fellowship last Wednesday night the Management Team determined to send \$2,000 and to invite further contributions from the congregation over the next two Sundays to help those who have suffered. We will investigate the best channel through which to make the donation to avoid administrative etc deductions.

Above all else - PLEASE PRAY.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

Philip L. POWELL.

<http://www.christian-witness.org/blog>

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For those in Australia, New Zealand, the U.K., Canada, the USA, and elsewhere around the globe, please take a moment to also view [Christian Witness Ministries](#) (CWM) website. CWM has many very valuable resources to help you in your Christian walk and to help you avoid the deception that many false teachers are bringing into the Church in our age.

Sincerely in Christ,

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