

## Rev Maile Molitika - Minister's Message

### Six Leadership Principles to learn from an Eagle

- 1. Eagles fly alone and at high altitudes** - They don't fly with sparrows, ravens, and other small birds. **MEANING** - Stay away from narrow-minded people, those that bring you down. Eagle flies with Eagles. Keep good company.
- 2. Eagles have an Accurate Vision** - They have the ability to focus on something as far as 5km away. No matter the obstacles, the eagle will not move his focus from the prey until he grabs it. **MEANING** - Have a vision and remain focused no matter what the obstacles and you will succeed.
- 3. Eagles do not Eat Dead things** - They Feed only on Fresh Prey. **MEANING** - Do not rely on your past success, keep looking for new frontiers to conquer. Leave your past where it belongs, in the past.
- 4. Eagles Love the Storm** - When clouds gather, the eagle gets excited, the eagle uses the storm's wind to lift itself higher. Once it finds the wind of the storm, the eagle uses the raging storm to lift itself above the clouds. This gives the eagle an opportunity to glide and rest its wings. In the meantime, all the other birds hide in the branches and leaves of the tree. **MEANING** - Face your challenges head on knowing that these will make you emerge stronger and better than you were. We can use the storms of life to rise to greater heights. Achievers are not afraid to rise to greater heights. Achievers are not afraid of challenges, rather they relish them and use them profitably.
- 5. Eagles Prepare for Training** - They remove the feathers and soft grass in the nest so that the young ones get uncomfortable in preparation for flying and eventually flies/ when it becomes unbearable to stay in the nest. **MEANING** - Leave your Comfort Zone, there is No Growth there.
- 6. When the Eagle Grows Old** - The feathers becomes weak and cannot take him as fast and as high as it should. This makes him weak and could make him die, retiring to a place far away in the mountains. While there, he plucks out the weak feathers on his body and breaks its beaks and claws against the rocks until he is completely bare; a very bloody and painful process. Then he stays in this hiding place until he has grown new feathers, new beak, and claws and then he comes out flying higher than before. **MEANING** - We occasionally need to shed off old habits no matter how difficult, things that burden us or add no value to our lives should be let go.



# LEARNING TO SOAR

I love aircraft, from the flimsy tiger moths to great thundering jets. I have always been fascinated by flight, even from the simplest kite. The mechanics of flight are quite intriguing, and apply to birds, kites and to huge passenger aircraft. Fundamentally, it is simply a matter of moving air over a curved wing so as to create a vacuum on the upper side, providing uplift from underneath. This simple dynamic has the capacity to enable a machine weighing tonnes to become airborne, rising to over 40,000 feet above the earth. Yet, all the time the force of gravity is still exerting its downward pull on the aircraft tugging it back to earth. Aircraft in flight are in a constant tension: the upward force must be sufficient to overcome the downward pull of gravity.

There are many forces in our human experience which, like gravity, would exert a downward pull over us: loss of a life partner, loss of employment, family breakdown, loss of health, even the weaknesses inherent in our own nature. It is very easy, when experiencing such pressures to become depressed, and despair even of life itself.

Yet, human beings are exceptionally resilient creatures. We have within us the capacity to rise above that which seeks to drag us down. The "trick" is to balance the forces, so that we rise above our circumstances rather than be dragged down by them. I think of Nelson Mandela, who was imprisoned for 27 years for his political views, but came out of prison a much stronger and more refined person. Adversity had disciplined him how to lead the nation of South Africa. In Western Australia, Bert Facey experienced an exceptionally tough life, and was constantly abused by others. Yet, in the end he held no bitterness toward anyone, but could rather say that he had had a "fortunate life".

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What, then, is the secret? How can we rise above difficult circumstances? Here are some strategies to help us in "rising above":

- 1 Look at the big picture. The present "event" is only a small part of the whole picture. There is much more for which we can be thankful.
- 2 Learn how to meditate. Schedule some space for quiet reflection and review of your current situation. Jesus urged his followers to pray for those who "despitefully use you" (Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27). Prayer and meditation helps us to get everything into its right perspective.
- 3 Be grateful for what one has, rather than bemoan what one has not! There are always others who are far worse off than we. The Christian Apostle Paul suffered severe persecution and physical suffering, yet was able to write, "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am" (Philippians 4:11). Cultivate a sense of gratitude for what you have rather than complain about what you have not.
- 4 Learn the value of simple things. Great pleasure may be found in the beauty of a rose, sunrise or sunset, breaking waves, eagles soaring, birds in a birdbath, a beautiful butterfly, or a dog's friendly lick. Learn how to delight in life's freebies!
- 5 Recognise the value of relationships. In the final scheme of things, people matter more than things! Develop positive relationships and you will always have someone there to help you through the tough spots.
- 6 Look beyond yourself and recognise a greater Power, expressed in a personal God who cares for his creation. The ancient Hebrew prophet Isaiah, wrote, "***Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not become weary***" (Isaiah 40:31).

That's the secret: Learn how to soar, "to rise up with wings like eagles".

**Enjoy the flight!**

Rev Graham Warne

The **NeXus** between our mission and our spiritual power is the gathered congregation.

While God comes to us by His Spirit thus transforming us by his grace,  
we are drawn into precious fellowship with each other.

As a congregation gathers for worship, it is being strengthened, then sent out again for a missional purpose. This copy of **Nambour NeXus** is provided so that you may have resources to assist you in your personal or household worship of God, to assist you in growing your faith, and to encourage your concern and prayers for others.

# DAILY PRAYERS

Our Prayers this month give us a slightly different approach to the Lord's Prayer. **LET US PRAY . . . .**

Prayers written by the Lay-ministry of Eva Donaldson

## DAY 1

Our loving – all-hearing God, the prayer Jesus taught us has been expressed in different ways over the years, so this month please hear us as we use the words from this Folk song - Kum ba Yah

[Come by here]

*Someone's praying, Lord,*

*Kum ba Yah,*

*Someone's praying, Lord,*

*Kum ba Yah*

*Hear our prayers,*

*Lord, most high,*

*Kum ba Yah, O Lord, Kum ba Yah.*

## DAY 2

God, we come before you seeking your comfort and peace – be with those who are close to us and whom we love - some are grieving, some are facing challenging medical outcomes, some are lost in this anxious world – May we offer help and care as best we can and ask you to give them your comfort and peace we pray.

*Father God in heaven,*

*Kum ba Yah,*

*hear your children's prayer,*

*Kum ba Yah,*

*hallowed be your name,*

*Lord most high,*

*O Lord, Kum ba Yah.*

## DAY 3

We come before you asking your blessing on those who struggle day by day to make ends meet, to feed their children, to find a job, to feel accepted and loved We give thanks for those who work so that others may have a better life. Those in the caring professions, those who put their own lives at risk to help others and those who teach and encourage and guide without any thought of reward. – Give them your comfort and peace we pray.

Give us daily bread,

day by day,

and forgive our sins,

day by day,

as we too forgive,

day by day,

*Kum ba Yah, O Lord, Kum ba Yah*

## DAY 4

We come before you asking why life is so hard for some – at times the most devoted Carer finds it just too much – let your love enfold them. We ask that you will give understanding to those in Government so they will use their position in the most caring way. May our communities express your love and concern –

Give them your comfort and peace we pray.

*We are praying, Lord,*

*Kum ba Yah,*

*Hear our prayers, Lord,*

*Kum ba Yah*

*Lord most high,,*

*Kum ba Yah,*

*O Lord, Kum ba Yah*

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## DAY 5

And loving God, we wonder what we can do that will work for you and with you, day by day – how can we best serve you and those around us? We recognise that there are things beyond our control. In such times remind us to trust in the steadfastness of your eternal wisdom and your unfailing love - help us to know your will, Lord, and give us your comfort and peace we pray.

Lead us in your way,  
make us strong,  
*when temptations come*  
*make us strong,*  
save us all from sin,  
keep us strong,  
*O Lord, Kum ba Yah*

## DAY 6

Our God of love and life - you have given us life in all its goodness and depth – in all its surprises and difficulties. Through all our doubts and faith, we pray for the hope that holds us close to you. We pray for the children of our Congregation and Community as they encounter the temptations and challenges of their high-tech world. May they know that you are there with them always.

Give us all your comfort and peace we pray.  
*All things come from you, all are yours -*  
kingdom, glory, power, all are yours,  
take our lives and gifts, *all are yours -*  
*O Lord, hear our prayer.*

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## DAY 7

Let us now share the Lord's prayer to the tune of Kum ba Yah – Sing out loud!

***Father God in heaven,***  
**Lord most high,**  
**hear your children's prayer,**  
***Lord most high,***  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**Lord most high,**  
***O Lord, Kum ba Yah***  
***We are praying, Lord,***  
**Kum ba Yah**  
***Father God in heaven,***  
***Kum ba Yah***  
***Hear our prayers,***  
**Lord, most high,**  
***O Lord, Kum ba Yah***  
**Give us daily bread**  
***day by day,***  
***and forgive our sins,***  
**day by day,**  
**as we too forgive**  
**day by day,**  
***O Lord, Kum ba Yah,***  
**Lead us in your way,**  
**make us strong,**  
***when temptations come***  
**make us strong,**  
**save us all from sin,**  
**keep us strong,**  
***O Lord, Kum ba Yah.***  
***All things come from you,***  
**all are yours -**  
**kingdom, glory, power,**  
**all are yours,**  
**take our lives and gifts,**  
***all are yours -***  
***O Lord, hear our prayer.***  
***Kum ba Yah, O Lord, Kum ba Yah***



# Vice Versa

A favourite argument of those who object to the idea of a purposeful God is to point to all the evil in the world. "How can a benevolent God," they ask, "permit so much badness to exist & flourish?"

I have always preferred to answer this question by turning it inside out & confronting these people with what I call "the problem of good."

How do they account for so much good in the world? How is it that man, who only a few thousand years ago was on the level of the beasts, has risen to the heights of love, unselfishness & sacrifice? Why should he lay down his life for his friend? Why should he sacrifice his life for the welfare of others? Why has the history of humanity been so illuminated by heroes & martyrs who have willingly died for an idea greater than themselves?

We tend to take for granted the virtues of mankind & excoriate its vices.

But why should mankind have any virtues at all beyond those of the scorpion or the spider? We have far more cause for rejoicing at God's goodness than for reviling man's imperfection.

Author: Sydney Harris

Title: Strictly Personal

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The tragedy of life is what dies inside a man while he lives. Albert Schweitzer.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE**

This land on which we live and worship is God's land  
and God's Spirit dwells here.

We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi people, traditional custodians  
under God of the Sunshine Coast and its hinterland.

We pay our respects and pray for their elders and all their descendants.

We are thankful that we can share with them  
in our community and nation.

We reaffirm our commitment to care for the land  
and participate in the reconciling journey,  
for God requires this of us.

## LISTENING TO OUR CHILDREN'S PERSPECTIVE

One day, a very wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country for the sole purpose of showing his son how it was to be poor. They spent a few days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

After their return from the trip, the father asked his son how he liked the trip. "It was great, Dad," the son replied.

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Oh Yeah," said the son.

"So, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We buy our food, but they grow theirs.

We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "It showed me just how poor we really are."

Too many times we forget what we have, and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prize possession. It is all based on one's perspective.

Sometimes, it takes the perspective of a child  
to remind us of what is important!

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**Thanks to Don Heaton for recording our Services, and Ian Brown for our great website**

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS AUGUST 2022

Please **CLICK** on the reading **LINKS** below to access the verses of the Daily Bible readings on the Vanderbilt Lectionary website

- Monday, August 1, 2022:** [Psalm 60](#); [Hosea 11:12 to 12:14](#); [Colossians 3:18-4:1](#); [Psalm 127](#); [Ecclesiastes 2:1-17](#)
- Tuesday, August 2, 2022:** [Psalm 60](#); [Hosea 13:1-16](#); [Colossians 4:2-6](#); [Psalm 127](#); [Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8](#)
- Wednesday, August 3, 2022:** [Psalm 60](#); [Hosea 14:1-9](#); [Luke 12:22-31](#); [Psalm 127](#); [Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 & 13-14](#)
- Thursday, August 4, 2022:** [Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23](#); [Isaiah 9:8-17](#); [Romans 9:1-9](#); [Psalm 33:12-22](#); [Job 21:1-16](#)
- Friday, August 5, 2022:** [Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23](#); [Isaiah 9:18-10:4](#); [Acts 7:1-8](#); [Psalm 33:12-22](#); [Ecclesiastes 6:1-6](#)
- Saturday, August 6, 2022:** [Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23](#); [Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23](#); [Matthew 6:19-24](#)  
[Psalm 33:12-22](#); [Genesis 11:27-32](#)
- Sunday, August 7, 2022:** **Proper 14 (19)** [Isaiah 1:1 & 10-20](#); [Psalm 50:1-8 & 22-23](#); [Genesis 15:1-6](#);  
[Psalm 33:12-22](#); [Hebrews 11:1-3 & 8-16](#); [Luke 12:32-40](#)
- Monday, August 8, 2022:** [Psalm 11](#); [Isaiah 2:1-4](#); [Hebrews 11:1-7](#); [Psalm 89:1-18](#); [2 Chronicles 33:1-17](#)
- Tuesday, August 9, 2022:** [Psalm 11](#); [Isaiah 24:1-13](#); [Hebrews 11:17-28](#); [Psalm 89:1-18](#); [2 Chronicles 34:22-33](#)
- Wednesday, August 10, 2022:** [Psalm 11](#); [Isaiah 24:14-23](#); [Luke 12:41-48](#); [Psalm 89:1-18](#); [Jeremiah 33:14-26](#)
- Thursday, August 11, 2022:** [Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19](#); [Isaiah 2:5-11](#); [Hebrews 10:26-31](#);  
[Psalm 82](#); [Joshua 7:1, 10-26](#)
- Friday, August 12, 2022:** [Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19](#); [Isaiah 3:1-17](#); [Hebrews 10:32-39](#); [Psalm 82](#); [1 Samuel 5:1-12](#)
- Saturday, August 13, 2022:** [Psalm 80:1-2 & 8-19](#); [Isaiah 3:18-4:6](#); [Matthew 24:15-27](#);  
[Psalm 82](#); [1 Samuel 6:1-16](#)
- Sunday, August 14, 2022:** **Proper 15 (20)** [Isaiah 5:1-7](#); [Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19](#); [Jeremiah 23:23-29](#);  
[Psalm 82](#); [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#); [Luke 12:49-56](#)
- Monday, August 15, 2022:** [Psalm 74](#); [Isaiah 5:8-23](#); [1 John 4:1-6](#); [Psalm 32](#); [Jeremiah 23:30-40](#)
- Tuesday, August 16, 2022:** [Psalm 74](#); [Isaiah 5:24-30](#); [Acts 7:44-53](#); [Psalm 32](#); [Jeremiah 25:15-29](#)
- Wednesday, August 17, 2022:** [Psalm 74](#); [Isaiah 27:1-13](#); [Luke 19:45-48](#); [Psalm 32](#); [Jeremiah 25:30-38](#)
- Thursday, August 18, 2022:** [Psalm 71:1-6](#); [Jeremiah 6:1-19](#); [Hebrews 12:3-17](#);  
[Psalm 103:1-8](#); [Numbers 15:32-41](#)
- Friday, August 19, 2022:** [Psalm 71:1-6](#); [Jeremiah 6:20-30](#); [Acts 17:1-9](#); [Psalm 103:1-8](#); [2 Chronicles 8:12-15](#)
- Saturday, August 20, 2022:** [Psalm 71:1-6](#); [Jeremiah 1:1-3 & 11-19](#); [Luke 6:1-5](#);  
[Psalm 103:1-8](#); [Nehemiah 13:15-22](#)
- Sunday, August 21, 2022:** **Proper 16 (21)** [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#); [Psalm 71:1-6](#); [Isaiah 58:9b-14](#);  
[Psalm 103:1-8](#); [Hebrews 12:18-29](#); [Luke 13:10-17](#)
- Monday, August 22, 2022:** [Psalm 10](#); [Jeremiah 7:1-15](#); [Hebrews 3:7-4:11](#); [Psalm 109:21-31](#); [Ezekiel 20:1-17](#)
- Tuesday, August 23, 2022:** [Psalm 10](#); [Jeremiah 7:16-26](#); [Revelation 3:7-13](#);  
[Psalm 109:21-31](#); [Ezekiel 20:18-32](#)
- Wednesday, August 24, 2022:** [Psalm 10](#); [Jeremiah 7:27-34](#); [Luke 6:6-11](#); [Psalm 109:21-31](#); [Ezekiel 20:33-44](#)
- Thursday, August 25, 2022:** [Psalm 81:1 & 10-16](#); [Jeremiah 11:1-17](#); [1 Peter 3:8-12](#);  
[Psalm 112](#); [Proverbs 15:13-17](#)
- Friday, August 26, 2022:** [Psalm 81:1, 10-16](#); [Jeremiah 12:1-13](#); [1 Peter 4:7-11](#); [Psalm 112](#); [Proverbs 18:6-12](#)
- Saturday, August 27, 2022:** [Psalm 81:1 & 10-16](#); [Jeremiah 2:1-3 & 14-22](#); [Matthew 20:20-28](#);  
[Psalm 112](#); [Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26](#)
- Sunday, August 28, 2022:** **Proper 17 (22)** [Jeremiah 2:4-13](#); [Psalm 81:1 & 10-16](#); [Sirach 10:12-18](#);  
[Proverbs 25:6-7](#); [Psalm 112](#); [Hebrews 13:1-8 & 15-16](#); [Luke 14:1 & 7-14](#)
- Monday, August 29, 2022:** [Psalm 58](#); [Jeremiah 2:23-37](#); [Hebrews 13:7-21](#);  
[Psalm 119:65-72](#); [2 Chronicles 12:1-12](#)
- Tuesday, August 30, 2022:** [Psalm 58](#); [Jeremiah 3:1-14](#); [Titus 1:1-9](#); [Psalm 119:65-72](#); [Isaiah 2:12-17](#)
- Wednesday, August 31, 2022:** [Psalm 58](#); [Jeremiah 3:15-25](#); [Luke 14:15-24](#); [Psalm 119:65-72](#); [Isaiah 57:14-21](#)