

# Our Prayer

*We encourage you to use your own words and pray for media people in your community, but this below is a 'suggested' prayer for you to use, if you prefer.*

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## **Our Father in Heaven,**

We bring before You in prayer all who work within New Zealand's media.

We ask for Your blessing on the producers, directors, presenters, managers, writers, journalists, editors, technicians, advertisers, publishers and the vast array of others who make up New Zealand's media. Bless them *and their families*. May Your will be done in their lives.

Your Word instructs us to pray for people in places of responsibility (1 Timothy 2v1-2). So God, to these media professionals, please grant wisdom and discernment. May they always strive to conduct their work with integrity.

Help media decision-makers and content-creators to be sensitive to the needs of our communities and to be mindful of values to which our children are exposed. Use their words, pictures and stories to touch hearts and engage people's minds towards goodness, truth and beauty. May their work bring healing, laughter and hope.

We pray for those behind the scenes and those in the spotlight; for those who know You, and for those who don't. We thank You for their talents and technical abilities. As they write, edit, film and broadcast, please use their skills to shine light where there's darkness, to comfort those who are suffering and bring joy to the lonely.

We pray for a greater openness to Your Spirit, that more people in media would look to You for wisdom, inspiration and guidance.

We pray for Christians in both secular and Christian media organisations. May they be encouraged in their exploration of the Gospel story, so that they might embody and creatively communicate your truth.

May we, as followers of Christ, always seek to bless, love and serve – rather than criticise. And when we do experience media that is destructive, help us, Lord, to maintain a constructive attitude of respect and prayer.

By Your grace, we pray for New Zealand's media to be raised to its highest purpose; to be a vehicle for good, for inspiration and truth, for dignity and courage. Lord, make our media a blessing in this nation.

We pray all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

Amen.