

Day 6 — Monday, October 26: Unity and Honouring the Elderly

One City, Every Generation

Key Verse

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

— Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

Prayer Walk Focus

A city flourishes when neighbours genuinely know one another and when every generation is valued. Today, pray for unity across our neighbourhoods, and for the elderly among us — many of whom go unseen — to know they are noticed, valued and cared for.

Suggested Prayer Points

Unity across difference — Pray for neighbours of different backgrounds, cultures and generations to find common ground, kindness and genuine friendship.

Churches working as one — Pray that the Ballarat Ministers Network and Churches of Ballarat would continue to model real partnership across the city, for the good of the whole community.

The elderly and housebound — Pray for older residents who may go days without meaningful contact, that God would send visitors, practical help and companionship.

Honouring the generations — Pray for the young and the old to value one another — for wisdom to be passed down, and for the energy of the young to be welcomed rather than dismissed.

A city known for community — Pray that Ballarat would become known as a city where neighbours genuinely know and look out for one another.

Worship Songs

“The Blessing” — Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes (2020) [▶ Listen on YouTube](#)

“Build My Life” — Housefires (2016) [▶ Listen on YouTube](#)

“Do It Again” — Elevation Worship (2017) [▶ Listen on YouTube](#)

Extended Scripture Reading

Psalm 133 — *The blessing of unity among God's people.*

Leviticus 19:32 — *"Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly."*

Romans 12:9–13 — *Genuine love, honouring one another, and practising hospitality.*

Extended Devotional: One City, Every Generation

Psalm 133 opens with a simple declaration: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" It goes on to compare that unity to oil running down and dew falling — something that flows from above and blesses everything it touches. Unity is not simply the absence of conflict; it is a gift that overflows into the wider community.

This week has been, in a small way, a picture of that: churches across Ballarat walking, praying and hoping together for one city rather than competing for their own corner of it. That kind of partnership across the Ballarat Ministers Network and Churches of Ballarat is itself an answer to prayer, and worth thanking God for even as we ask for more of it.

Unity across a neighbourhood, though, is about more than churches cooperating — it is about ordinary people genuinely knowing one another. And one group easily overlooked in busy, fast-moving neighbourhoods is the elderly. Leviticus 19:32 gives a direct command: "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly." Honour, in Scripture, is active — it shows up, it visits, it makes time.

Romans 12 paints a picture of a community marked by genuine love, mutual honour, and hospitality that is actively pursued rather than occasionally offered. A neighbourhood where the young check in on the old, and the old are given a voice and not just a nod, is a neighbourhood living out something of the kingdom of God.

As you take this final walk, pray for Ballarat as one city rather than a collection of separate streets. Pray for older residents who are isolated, that they would be noticed and cared for. And pray that what has been stirred this week — unity, prayer, compassion for the whole city — would not fade once the walk is finished, but would keep shaping how this city loves its neighbours.