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## *To Ministers, Elders and Congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland*

Following on from my last correspondence concerning the recent Supreme Court judgement, I wish to call on our churches to again pray about the matters facing our denomination. These are complex matters concerning law, which are foreign to many of us and while we now have a judgement, fatigue is an ongoing experience because the situation seems to be never ending.

As we experience what it is to Lament over the events that got us here, we can identify with David in Psalm 13.....How long oh Lord!!!, But in doing so let us in gratefulness likewise seek to identify with the closing verses of the Psalm where David says -

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

So, while it has been a long wait for the judgement, we do have some important aspects of the judgement that we can be thankful for, and they will be noted in the prayer points below.

I propose that we as a family of PCQ churches, set aside one Sunday (or an evening of your own choosing) in November or early December to pray for our state church. I have provided some prayer points below to help us focus on the relevant issues.

Pray for:

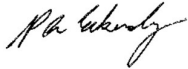
- Wisdom and perseverance for the three LPO's who are shouldering much responsibility
- Wisdom for our lawyers, the State Assembly and its committees and the individuals the Assembly appoints to support the LPO's as they action the instructions of the Assembly and its committees
- The Receivers as they continue to maintain and preserve the assets of the church under the court order.
- The ongoing unity and mutual care amongst the churches and members of the PCQ
- That we as a Church would seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness, trusting that all the material things the Church needs to advance its Gospel mission will be given to the Church as well (Matthew 6:33).
- That the core work of Gospel Ministry may continue freely, despite the Church's current financial constraints.

Give thanks for the aspects of the judgement which indicate, amongst other things:

- An understanding and recognition of Presbyterian Church Government
- A finding that PCQ holds property as a trustee for the Church

Finally, my prayer for each of you and your church families follows Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church - that as Christ dwells in each of you through faith, you may be grounded in love, and have strength to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love for us in Christ Jesus and to be filled with all the fullness of God.

Yours In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Eckersley', written in a cursive style.

Peter Eckersley  
Moderator-Elect