



Reference for Michael J. Smith

To whom it may concern,

It is our pleasure to provide this reference for Michael J. Smith, a man of integrity, humility, and unwavering devotion to Christ. As the leader of Sydney Prayer, Michael has demonstrated exceptional spiritual maturity and a steadfast commitment to cultivating a culture of prayer across the city. His leadership reflects both depth of character and a genuine love for God's people.

As a chaplain, Michael carries himself with compassion, wisdom, and a calm presence that brings comfort and clarity to those he serves. He listens deeply, responds thoughtfully, and consistently points others toward hope, healing, and biblical truth. His pastoral heart is evident in the way he walks alongside individuals and communities with patience and grace.

Michael is a man of good and godly character—trustworthy, honourable, and grounded in Scripture. His life reflects the fruit of the Spirit, and his decisions are marked by discernment and integrity. Those who work with him quickly recognise his sincerity, his servant leadership, and his desire to see Christ glorified in every sphere of life.

In all our interactions with Michael, we have found him to be reliable, diligent, and deeply committed to the call of God on his life. His leadership within Sydney Prayer has strengthened unity among believers and encouraged many to grow in their prayer life and spiritual formation.

On Friday, 7 April 2023, we were honoured to respond to Michael's invitation to attend a gathering he organised at Merroo House of Prayer—a time of prayer, fasting, worship, and the ministry of the Living Word. Leading up to this event, after many years of praying for the right leader to carry the mantle of Sydney Transformation, the Holy Spirit prompted us to pray and consider passing on the baton. After meeting Michael and discerning his credibility, humility, and professionalism, we were deeply moved by his kindness, his love for Jesus, and his heart for the city of Sydney and beyond. This affirmed to us that he was the right person to bless and release into leading a prayer movement for Sydney.

We wholeheartedly commend Michael J. Smith for any role, partnership, or responsibility that aligns with his calling. He is a faithful steward of the work entrusted to him, and his contribution to the body of Christ is both significant and deeply appreciated.

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