

We believe as a parish that God wants us to pray and we seek to integrate it into all aspects of our life as the people of God. If we are going to encounter God daily and be empowered by His Spirit it is vital that prayer becomes second nature to us. It's my desire that we all find a little time each day to stop, be still and think of God, and quietly place before him our thoughts and our cares. We hope the following prayers will assist you to do this. These prayers have been carefully chosen to help you grow closer to God and discover a deeper awareness of the spiritual needs of the world around you.

Rev David Ruthven

APRIL Our focus for this month is our core value of *Going Deeper*

We seek to encounter God daily, and change minds and hearts through respectful honest conversation, authentic relationships, and Biblical exploration.

Individual needs Please pray for the following people each week:

(Please check E-News for updates to the Prayer List.)

Immediate & Urgent: Carol Ellwood; Julie; Chris Weldon; Tim Forrest; Amanda Mercieca; Hannah Jubb; Jane Harbour; Joshua Weller; Barbara Worthington

Continue to Uphold: Graham and Joyce Duncan; Norma Miney; Jim Bower; Bob Day; Kimberley Weller; Glen Weldon; Peter Weldon; Andy Sargent; Margaret Duke; Yvonne Chapman; Nancy Parsons; Joan Baker-Winn; Karen Wilson; Ashley Jones; Wilma Cotterall; Paul Lorraway; Barbara Lorraway; Jane Harbour; Janet Haddon; Dawn Acworth; Jeff Acworth; Harrison Brough; Tiahn Welsh.

WEEK 1 BEGINNING SUNDAY 7 APRIL

A Prayer by Janelle Laufer, one of our small group leaders.

James 4:8 "Come near to God, and He will draw near to you."

Dear Lord

We come before you with a humble heart, seeking to deepen our relationship with you.

We know that you Lord are the source of all wisdom, strength and love, and we long to draw closer to you today.

Lord help us to understand your will and your way. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it and give us a heart that is receptive your word. Help us to trust in your guidance, even when it leads us down paths that are difficult or unfamiliar.

Father, we pray that you would strengthen us in our faith. Give us courage to live out your truth in every aspect of our lives and help us to share your love with those around us. May our relationship with you be the foundation of our lives, and may we always seek to honour you in all we do.

Lord, we know that we are not perfect, and we will make mistakes along the way. But we also know that you are a gracious and forgiving God, and that your love never fails. So, we ask that you would continue to pour out your grace upon us, and help us grow even closer to you.

Thank you for hearing our prayer, and for loving us unconditionally.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

This week in your prayer time please be praying for:

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the Diocese in Europe led by the Rt Rev'd Dr Robert Innes, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe. The Diocese is the largest in the Church of England. There are over 250 congregations in more than 30 countries across continental Europe, Turkey, Morocco and Russia.
- Give thanks for the many chaplaincies in the Diocese working to support refugees and migrants within their communities with projects ranging from food banks to community kitchens, educational support, and family hosting.
- Pray for United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG) Anglican mission agency that partners with churches worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine facing ongoing war. Give thanks and pray for the Diocese in Europe and the USPG which continues to fund projects which work with grass-roots Christian organisations to provide support to refugees where it is most needed.

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- Give thanks and pray for the Right Rev'd Keith Dalby, Bishop of the Diocese of The Murray. The Diocese has 13 parishes or pastoral districts.
- Pray that the diocese can serve people and witness to the Father's love for them across a wide stretch of South Australia. The Diocese recognises that ecumenical approaches are essential in the more rural areas if there is to be a sustainable Christian presence in each and every human community.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Nanango, the Rev'd Robert Chippendale and the wardens and parishioners of St Anne's Nanango, St John the Divine Blackbutt and St Philip's Yarraman.
- Give thanks and pray for small groups of NPAC meeting in the homes of Janelle Lauffer, Karen Wilson, Peter and Ros Rawlison, Clare and Jeremy Simmonds, Karen and Garth Hollindale and the Men's Ministry, Young Mum's Group and KYB where people meet to encounter God through Biblical exploration, meaningful discussions, and reflection as well as sharing fellowship and encouragement.
- Give thanks and pray for David Ruthven as he leads our parish, and Matt Siggins in his role. Pray that they will encounter God daily, and change minds and hearts through respectful honest conversation, authentic relationships, and biblical exploration.

WEEK 2 BEGINNING SUNDAY 14 APRIL

Prayer by Clare Malloch small group leader

Heavenly Father,

Your goodness and mercy know no end. Your love reaches beyond what we can comprehend.

We pray for a deeper understanding of who You are and what You have done for us. As we read our bible and pray to You, may You open our hearts and minds to Your Gospel. We pray You continue to reveal more of Yourself to us, enabling us to share Your love with those around us.

We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit,

Amen

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for Primate Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem the Most Rev'd Hosam Naoum.
- Pray for its 3 Dioceses - Cyprus and the Gulf Iran both currently without bishops, and the Diocese of Jerusalem.
- Pray for the 7000 Anglicans worshipping within twenty-eight different congregations which are scattered across five separate countries or territories: Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Israel.
- Pray for all affected by the ongoing hostilities in Israel and Gaza, pray for civilians, refugees, hostages and all vulnerable people and the efforts of local churches to alleviate suffering.
- Pray for a humanitarian ceasefire so that food, water and vital medical supplies can safely be delivered and that an enduring peace can be negotiated.

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- Give thanks and pray for the Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith, Primate of Australia, Archbishop of Adelaide and Metropolitan of South Australia. Pray for the Bishops, the Right Rev'd Denise Ferguson and the Right Rev'd Tim Harris and Assistant Bishop the Right Rev'd Chris McLeod.
- Pray for the Diocese of Adelaide's commitment to spiritual growth, deeper knowledge of the Christian faith and sharing the gospel. Pray that their strategy of actively engaging laity in ministry development will bear much fruit for the kingdom. Pray for their strategies to create hubs, team ministry, co-operation and collaboration.
- Give thanks and pray for Barambah parish, John McNamee, Lay Ministry Team, pray for the wardens and parishioners of The Church of the Epiphany Goomeri, St David's Boonara, St Mary's Wondai.
- Give thanks and pray for our Mothers Union sharing the MU vision - *to bring about a world where God's love is shown through prayer and loving, respectful and flourishing relationships.*
- Give thanks and pray for all on our reading roster at NPAC services, "*Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophesy, and blesses are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.*" Revelation 2:3 NIV

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WEEK 3 BEGINNING SUNDAY 21 APRIL

Colossians 2:6-7 (New Living Translation)

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”

Collect for ANZAC Day

O God, our ruler and guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
May have grace to live in a spirit of justice,
of generosity, and of peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever,
Amen

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the work and witness of Episcopal Church (the United States of America) Presiding Bishop the Most Rev'd Michael Curry.
- Give thanks and pray for the bishops, clergy and congregations of its 112 Dioceses in 9 Provinces.
- Give thanks and pray for the church's resourcing of intentional small group ministry in congregations, aiming to build trusting relationships with God and one another.
- Give thanks and pray for the Episcopal Church's Mission Organisations including, African Team Ministries, Episcopal Relief and Development Ministry and South American Missionary Society.

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- Give thanks and pray for the Diocese of Willochra, Bishop the Right Rev'd Jeremy James, and the clergy and congregations of its parishes. The Diocese is the youngest diocese in the Australian Anglican Church, and one of the largest, stretching from the West Australian border to the Northern Territory and New South Wales borders.
- Pray for rural and remote congregations served by locums and supported by Bush Church Aid.
- Give thanks and pray for the *Friends of the Diocese of Willochra* helping groups and projects within the diocese including, Ministry Training, the Cathedral Endowment, the Linked Diocese of Mandalay, Anglicare, the Willochra Home for the Aged, Camp Willochra at Melrose, and the Indigenous Bursary Fund.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Kingaroy the Rev'd Robert Blackburn and the wardens and parishioners of St Michael and All Angels Kingaroy and St Andrew's Wooroolin.
- Give thanks for the Small Groups in our parish. Pray that they continue to be places where people meet to pray together, to study God's word and to encourage each other.
- Give thanks and pray for all at NPAC, who are part of hospitality teams, sharing God's love and prompting fellowship.
- Pray for the upcoming Newcomers' Lunch. Pray that it will be time of welcoming and connecting in Christ.

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A prayer by Jeremy and Clare Simmonds, small group leaders.

Heavenly Father,

Who was, Who is and Who is to come. We praise you, our Rock and steadfast foundation. We thank you for your unchanging word and the mighty working of you Holy Spirit by which you draw us deeper into the relationship with yourself and others in the Body of Christ.

Father, how awesome are your deeds and your ways. As we know you more and more, may we see Your Kingdom come and that your will may be done here on all the earth as it is in heaven. As we partake of your Word that fills us with life, hope and above all else Faith. Help us to seek you for all our needs according to your riches in glory.

Thank you, Father, for your forgiveness and grace through Jesus our Lord, Saviour and King. May we forgive those who have sinned against us, that our lives together might deepen and grow through the relationships within the Body of Christ. Help us to see that every member is required to help us grow.

Father, help us in the times of trial that we may fix our eyes on you when Satan comes to steal kill and destroy. Help us all to draw near to you, our protector and Lord.

We give you thanks and praise above all. We thank you and trust you each day more and more through your word and by its illumination through your Holy Spirit. You deserve all honour, glory and praise now and forever. In the mighty name of Jesus our Messiah and Lord.

Amen

This week in your prayer time please be praying for

The world and its people

- Give thanks and pray for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Canada, its Primate the Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls and the Bishops, clergy and congregations of the 32 Provinces.
- Give thanks and pray for the Canadian Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry with the objective to equip clergy and lay leaders in rural and remote places to help their churches be catalysts for the development of healthy Canadian communities.
- Give thanks and pray for the Canadian churches using the Pilgrim course - sets of sessions combining a simple framework of prayer, reflection on the Bible, an article by a modern writer, and time for questions and reflection.
- Pray for issues caused by remoteness, across Canada and the needs of indigenous communities.

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- Give thanks and pray for the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania, the Rt Rev'd Dr Richard Condie Bishop of Tasmania, and the clergy and congregations of the 44 parishes.
- Give thanks and pray for the vision of the Diocese to be a "*church for Tasmania*", helping people to encounter Jesus and His love.
- Give thanks and pray for the annual Bishop's Training Event, an event for all Anglicans around Tasmania to gather together to learn and grow and be encouraged.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Brisbane Valley, Rev'd Loretta Tyler-Moss, pray for the wardens and parishioners of St Andrew's Toogoolawah and St Agnes' Esk.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish's twice weekly morning prayer services.
- Give thanks and pray for NPAC's KYB groups meeting at St John's, St Aidan's and Inverpine *Going Deeper* in faith by exploring the bible together and sharing fellowship.

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