

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*

## MAY Our focus for this month is our core value of **Adaptive**

We recognise the dynamic nature of God. We are flexible, open to new opportunities, and responsive to His leading.

### **Individual needs** Please pray for the following people each week:

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

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

**Continue to Uphold:** 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 5 MAY

### **Bible Verse -Romans 12:2**

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

### **This week in your prayer time please be praying for:**

#### *The world and its people*

- Give thanks and pray for the Primate of the Church of the Province in the West Indies and Bishop of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands the Most Rev'd Howard Gregory.
- Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons, and congregations in its two mainland dioceses and six island dioceses, including Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Nassau and the Bahamas, Tobago, Trinidad, and the Windward Islands.
- Pray for the work of the church where pastoral care is difficult and costly due to the island locations and scattered settlements.
- Pray for communities in the Caribbean adapting to climate change. Climate change is expected to lead to changes in the economy, environment and population of the Caribbean.
- Pray for Christian organisations across the world working to strengthen communities in the face of climate change.

#### *The Anglican Church of Australia, Our Diocese, North Pine Anglican Parish and our endeavours*

- Give thanks and pray for the Right Rev'd Archbishop Phillip Freier of the Diocese of Melbourne.
- Pray for the Bishops of the diocese, the Right Rev'd Bradley Billings, the Right Rev'd Kate Prowd, the Right Rev'd Paul Barker and the Right Rev'd Genieve Blackwell.
- Give thanks and pray for the Melbourne Anglican Foundation which is a seed funder and supporter of the Prevention of Violence Against Women Program.
- Pray during Domestic and Family Violence Month for victims and perpetrators. In our Diocese the *Ten Commitments* provide, “ a foundation to guide work to make the church a place where women, men and children are safe; where violence is prevented, where the wounded are healed and justice prevails, so that God's grace can flow into the lives of all, insofar as we can achieve such outcomes.”
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Indooroopilly, the Rev'd Sue Grimmett, the Rev'd Lauren Martin (Deacon) the wardens and parishioners at St Andrew's.
- Give thanks and pray for the Thread Together initiative a shared project between St Andrew's and Anglicare which shares the gift of new clothing with people in need, reduces the waste going to landfill and builds nurturing relationships.
- Give thanks and pray for the volunteers and donors to our Furniture Ministry supporting the vulnerable and needy in our community.
- Give thanks and pray for or new youth and Children's Co-ordinator Lillian Jardine and the teams working with her.

## WEEK 2 BEGINNING SUNDAY 12 MAY

### Bible Verse -Ecclesiastes 3:1

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

### This week in your prayer time please be praying for

#### *The world and its people*

- Give thanks and pray for the Bishop of Bermuda, the Right Rev'd Nick Dill and Archdeacon the Ven. Dr Jerry Smith. The Anglican Church of Bermuda is one of six extra-provincial Anglican churches within the Church of England overseen by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Pray for the priests, deacons, and congregations of the 9 parishes across approximately 186 islands.
- Pray for Rev'd Rachel Marszalek and family who immigrated to Bermuda after Easter as she takes up the role of Priest in Charge of St Anne's and St John's.
- Pray for the outreach efforts of the churches across Bermuda supporting the estimated 23% of the population who live below the poverty line.

#### *The Anglican Church of Australia, Our Diocese, North Pine Anglican Parish and our endeavours*

- Give thanks and pray for the Right Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar, Bishop of the Diocese Gippsland.
- Give thanks and pray for the priests, deacons and congregations in its 30 parishes.
- Pray for Gippsland Anglicans as they seek to be open to Christ's leading. *“Seeking to respond to changing needs and new understandings, and to be faithful and imaginative in bearing stories of hope for our time and place.”*
- Give thanks and pray for the Ministry Development Program of the diocese enabling many parishioners to go into a deeper ministry, whether that is to ordained or lay service.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Centenary Suburbs the Rev'd Elizabeth Donald McConnell, and the wardens and congregations of St Catherine's Middle Park.
- Give thanks and pray for the church's outreach to the community including St Cat's Football Club and Middle Park State School and the support of the Goodna Anglican Pantry.
- Pray that as the parish of NPAC and as individuals as situations and conditions change, we adapt accordingly, mindful of the Spirit's promptings.
- Give thanks and pray for our Care Cupboard volunteers and donors as this ministry reaches out to our community with practical support.
- Give thanks for Mothers Union in our parish and for the visit of the MU worldwide President Mrs Sharon Harper to Australia in May.
- Give thanks and pray for David Ruthven and his work in leading us.

#### *Individual needs*

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## WEEK 3 BEGINNING SUNDAY 19 MAY

### **Prayer of the Week for Pentecost**

*O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things,  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.  
Amen*

### **This week in your prayer time please be praying for**

#### *The world and its people*

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central America (Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America) led by Primate of IARCA & Bishop of El Salvador the Most Rev'd Juan David Alvarado Melgar.
- Pray for the bishops, priests and congregations in its 5 Dioceses, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala Nicaragua and Panama.
- Pray for the Province which is committed to evangelization, social outreach, and community development
- Pray for the 280 million migrants in the world with 20 per cent of this total moving within Latin America and up to the US border.

#### *The Anglican Church of Australia, Our Diocese, North Pine Anglican Parish and our endeavours*

- Give thanks and pray for the Diocese of Wangaratta –the Right Rev'd Clarence Bester, Bishop of Wangaratta and the clergy and people of the diocese.
- Pray for the Diocese's vision to "*Walk in the Way of Christ,*" with God's grace and a willingness to walk, grow, and flourish together.
- Give thanks and pray for the number of Lone Members of MU in the Diocese of Wangaratta.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Toowong, the Rev'd Tom Sullivan Priest in Charge, the Rev'd Alan Dale, the Rev'd Elsie Clack and the wardens and congregation of St Thomas'.
- Give thanks and pray for their Family Support Ministry and Street Pantry.
- Give thanks and pray for the Men's Ministry at NPAC who meet together regularly to share around the Bible, and support parish ventures in so many ways.
- Give thanks and pray for the Ladies Fellowship group meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month to share fellowship and work on projects.

#### *Individual needs*

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**Bible Verse - Joshua 1:19**

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

**This week in your prayer time please be praying for**

*The world and its people*

- Give thanks and pray for the Anglican Church of Mexico (La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico) led by Primate of Mexico and Bishop of Cuernavaca the Most Rev'd Enrique Treviño Cruz.
- Pray for the bishops, clergy and congregations of the 52 parishes in Mexico, 36 missions, and 12 other affiliated institutions.
- Give thanks and pray for Christian Aid Mission working with indigenous partners in Mexico to translate the Bible into the languages of 22 tribal groups and training local missionaries in tribal communities as carpenters, bakers, literacy teachers.
- Pray for leadership and resources to address Mexico's serious human rights challenges, including extreme criminal violence, abuses against migrants, gender-based violence, attacks on independent journalists and human rights defenders, torture, disappearances, and extrajudicial killings.

*The Anglican Church of Australia, Our Diocese, North Pine Anglican Parish and our endeavours*

- Give thanks for pray for the Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop the Right Rev'd Garry Weatherill, the clergy, and people of the 28 parishes in the Diocese.
- Pray for the people of the diocese which has been established for 15, years taking up the challenge of *“making Christ known to people of our generation, responding to God's call to renewal.”*
- Give thanks for pray for the Right Rev'd Bishop Matt Brain, Bishop of Bendigo. The diocese covers a large part of rural Victoria. Pray for the 32 parishes in the Diocese, the clergy and congregations.
- Give thanks and pray for the Teen Challenge Rehabilitation Centre in Kyabram. Supported by St Andrew's Kyabram Mothers' Union for over 10 years.
- Give thanks and pray for the parish of Bardon the Rev'd Peter Jeffrey, wardens and parishioners of St Mary's.
- Pray for their church ministries in the areas of children's and youth programs, adult education and community and support programs.
- Give thanks and pray for Matt Siggins as he studies and works in our parish as his placement.
- Give thanks and pray for the online congregation at NPAC and our ability to be adaptive to their needs.

*Individual needs*

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