

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY March 2019

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

FRI 1	<p>Thank God that many of us have the privilege of studying his word together in Small Groups. Pray that Kerry would be wise in preparing studies for our groups for Term 2, as we look at the book of Philippians. Ask God to give Kerry good insight into His word, and how it applies to us.</p> <p>SOULIES Give thanks for the start to the year at Soulies and for the many young people who have come to know Jesus. Pray that as they begin a new series today considering what it looks like to live a life that models Jesus it would transform them in to his likeness.</p>
SAT 2	<p>Pray people learn about St. Faith's and are established well at our Newcomers Night this Sunday. Ask God to move people toward a deeper commitment to Christ and his people at Night Church.</p> <p>WAC - Thank God for the Franklin Graham Tour held on 23rd February, and the many 1000s from Australia who heard the Gospel faithfully preached. Thank God for the 50 people who went from Warriewood Brook. Please pray that God's Spirit will be powerfully working through the hearts of those who attended and convicting them of sin, righteousness and judgement, so that they commit themselves to the Lord fully.</p>
SUN 3	<p>Give thanks for the faithful ministry of Helen Channon our organist over the past 66 years playing for the Choir at Traditional Church each week; pray for her in a time of frailty and ill health. Pray for the Arvo ministry coordinators who are meeting today to discuss and plan the Arvo Church service for the next two months. Pray for Neil, Marcus, Megan, Nick, Dan, Peter, Iain and Linda. Pray that they will consider ways to build Jesus' people up in faith and love of Him</p>
MON 4	<p>Pray for Ben Molyneux as he participates in further study at Bible College this week on the topic of justification by faith. Pray for a useful time engaging with God's word, with others in ministry, pray he is transformed, encouraged and spurred on in his faith through this study.</p> <p>MISSION – Fiona Kirsop - CREDO at UTS - Pray for our new mid-week evangelistic meeting, "PLUS" on Wednesdays. Ask that students would be transformed by the gospel and we'd have great opportunities to get the word out about it, and that this expression of our community would be transformed to be more welcoming and intentional. Pray that every Comms student in Credo would visit PLUS this year and be able to invite a friend.</p>
TUE 5	<p>Pray for our SRE teachers in the local primary schools, including Jo, Mandy, Christine, Keely, Jackie, Neil, Ben and others as Scripture starts for the year. Pray that classes would settle well, teachers would engage with the students well, and that the good news of Jesus is proclaimed faithfully and truthfully in these schools. Thank God for the great diversity in the Staff Team that serves at St Faith's. As they meet today to review and plan, pray especially for Marcus as he leads the team in planning an "Evangelistic Pathway" for St Faith's, to commence in Term 3 this year.</p>
WED 6	<p>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY- Give thanks for Keith and Ruth Watson and their service in establishing TCP and serving both as Team leaders and on the Committee. Thanks also that they showed Jesus' love to the guests, who they genuinely felt were family. Pray they find a wonderful Church family to be a part of as they settle on the South Coast. Pray for Debbie Rodd, Alison, Sally and others as they serve tonight.</p>
THU 7	<p>Thank God for the Chaplaincy team at Warriewood Brook, Marcus, Deborah and Carol. Please pray for opportunities for the team to show God's love in conversations, through genuine love, sensitive listening, and gentleness. Please pray that God will be at work in the hearts of those in the village, that they may seek Him, and ask the Chaplaincy Team, or their neighbours about God.</p> <p>Quilting and Needlework Club - Thank God for the fellowship and friendship shared; pray the weekly devotions are heard by those that come.</p>
FRI 8	<p>Thank God for Lighthouse and how encouraging it has been to watch the children grow in knowledge and number each week. Praise God for the leaders who dedicate their Friday afternoons to it including Kamden, Georgia, Jordy, Jack, Dan, Sarah, Lauren, Jess, Jacqui, Chelsea, Josh and Andy. Give thanks for and pray for Keely who is coordinating this ministry.</p>

SAT 9	<p>Pray for our church to be reminded of the truth of the gospel around the topic of 'Approval' this weekend. Thank God for his lavish love and grace in approving us and adopting us as his children. Ask that we would seek to please our heavenly father and not people.</p> <p>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine AFES at UOW – With the intake of new students pray God will bring M students for Irwan to share with and new contacts at Campus East residential college; pray for God to change the heart of A from Jordan and also Irwan's sister who is meeting with christians at UNSW. Pray the material Irwan is preparing for training students will be clear and beneficial. Pray Irwan continues to recover from headaches and whiplash from a car accident last November. Pray daughter Nadia is less anxious settling into Kindergarten.</p>
SUN 10	<p>Pray for the NPSRE Association Board as they meet today to plan and pray for the year ahead. Give thanks for the Board members, including Ben Molyneux, David Curnow, Simon & Penny Hunter, Sandy Walsh and Jean Brittle. Thank God for their willingness to serve in this way. Pray also for Rachel Purcell as she begins SRE classes. Ask that God would use her at Cromer Campus to promote the gospel both with her words and her witness.</p> <p>WAR VETS – Pray about the decision to transfer "Homes for Heroes" out of the Village; pray proper specialised care will continue to support our damaged veterans. Pray Tony is better equipped to support veterans following the course on supporting veterans with PTSD. Give thanks for the volunteer pastoral care service given by Larry Tolnay (17 years) and Margaret Hext (9 years) who are stepping down due to health reasons. Give thanks that Jan Hext is continuing to serve. Pray holidays from 10-24 March will recharge Tony & Gina physically, mentally & spiritually.</p>
MON 11	<p>ESL - Thank God for a good start to the year, and for the new students that have joined us. Pray they will settle in quickly, they will find the classes stimulating, and that we can build meaningful relationships with them. Pray for Beth Glyde as she co ordinates the classes in Julianne's absence, and for Meri Cusworth and Marjorie Wardle, in their role as the primary teachers of the advanced class. Pray for the Bible Study group that meets after ESL each week. Give thanks for the small group of students who are keen to develop their understanding of English and have an interest in finding out more about it. Pray for Ben Molyneux as he leads this study and thank God for those who help with it like Marjorie Wardle, Jenny Fitzgerald and others. Pray we will reflect Jesus in all we say and do.</p> <p>JESUS CLUB Give thanks for Bec, Dan H and Kaye, pray they encourage the Jesus Club members to express themselves through art this term as we look at the Creation story in Genesis. Pray that this will be an effective way for them to know God and his special plan for the world.</p>
TUE 12	<p>Pray for Mitch as he speaks to Year 9 at Northern Beaches Christian School today, that he would explain the gospel clearly and answer their questions faithfully</p> <p>Please pray for wisdom as Marcus leads a new evangelism/mission team at Warriewood Brook to reach every resident with the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Thank God that he has revealed his plan of salvation clearly in Scripture. Pray that as staff prepare a Training Course on how to defend the Christian faith, for Term2, that God would show them the key areas that need to be covered. ask God to give Kerry insight as he leads this process, and that the resulting "Apologetics Course" would be effective in equipping us all to better explain why we follow Jesus.</p>
WED 13	<p>GUMTREES PLAYTIME - Pray that Christ's love will shine though our conversations and love for the parents, carers, children and babies, and that a curiosity about Jesus will be stirred amongst those who don't yet know him. Pray for openings in conversations or circumstances in lives where we might be able to speak and serve the love of Christ to these families. Pray that we might be strategically thinking about how we can connect these families with church, particularly with ARVO church and whom we can be inviting to church events. Give thanks for Nicci and others from St Faith's who coordinate and attend Gumtrees Playtime.</p> <p>TCP - Give thanks for Rob and Kate who entertain the guests with their music each week. Pray they are refreshed after their recent holiday break. Pray too for the volunteers who come from the wider Community to help serve TCP guests, that they too will have the Holy Spirit at work in their lives. Pray for Kathy and her team as they serve tonight.</p>

THU 14	GUMNUT KINDY Give praise and thanks for the Welcoming Breakfast held on 9 th February. Please continue to pray for good communication and strong relationships to be built with all families who attend Gumnut. Give thanks for the new management committee, please pray that the Lord will direct their steps as they run His kindly together. Please pray for Trish and her husband John as they spend time together on LSL. Please pray for safety in travels and joy in spending time together and with the Lord. Pray for Allira as she takes on the role of Director while Trish is away.
FRI 15	Pray for Sarah Jones as she gathers a team to plan our first Parish Wide Weekend Away for March 2020. Pray for wisdom in site selection, program planning etc. Also pray for Archbishop Glen Davies, as he prepares to speak.
SAT 16	Pray for more Children's ministry Leaders at Saturday, Morning and Arvo Churches . Pray the God would move his people to come and teach the kids of St Faith's about Jesus and His love for them. MISSION – Dan and Liv Webster – Namibia – Pray for them as they continue to cope with the tensions of living between two worlds of the wealthy and the poor, pray this tension does not inhibit them as they try to 'cross worlds' with the gospel. Pray for Dan as he copes with his teaching load at Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary and interacts with students and for Liv as she home schools their four sons and prepares for part time physiotherapy teaching at UNam.
SUN 17	Give thanks for the gifts of music which Rosemary Irwin, Jan Robinson and Nerilyn Schooley have, and pray for them as they share playing the organ for Traditional Service . Give thanks for the Preschool Team of leaders and helpers at Morning Church! Thank God for those who are willing to teach - Ruth, Lauren, Liz and Rosemary and those who are willing to serve as helpers - Monica, Andy, Lexi, Ja, Gracie . Thank God for their enthusiasm to teach our beautiful young pre-schoolers about Jesus and their willingness to give up their time for preparation and lessons.
MON 18	THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Please pray for the continued work with churches and in the community in addressing Domestic Abuse. Thank God for the continuing opportunities to talk and workshop with congregations to work towards safer churches and communities. Pray for us as we network in the area to ensure those people who are struggling and need help hear about The Cottage so they find a safe place to work through their concerns. Please pray for the Board as we brainstorm ideas for increasing our donation support base.
TUE 19	Give thanks for the growing number of women coming along to Tuesday Morning Bible study groups! We have welcomed at least half a dozen new women into our groups this year. Praise God that women are regularly meeting together around God's word. Please pray for the leaders of the 4 groups that meet each Tuesday - Sarah, Bev, Kaye and Rosemary
WED 20	Give thanks for the number of new small groups that have started this year, including the older men from Morning Church. As they meet each Wednesday morning, pray that God would continue to encourage and build them up as men of God who will lead their families and serve those around them; thank God for John Matthews and his initiative in getting this group started. TCP - Give thanks for the guests of The Community Pantry (TCP) who are participating in the Bible Study time each week, looking through John's Gospel using "The Word One to One" studies. Pray for Charis and others who lead this group to be used by God and are clear in presenting and discussing the study. Pray for Ruth, Elaine, Betty and others as they serve and show Jesus' love.
THU 21	MISSION - STU ROBINSON – POWER TO CHANGE Praise God for his provisions of the current team which is volunteering. Please pray for God to provide more volunteers throughout this year. Please also pray as we continue to fill out the year with tours and bookings within high schools, that God would provide a clear path forward.
FRI 22	Give thanks for Lighthouse and the leaders (Jess, Chelsea, Jacqui, Josh, Jordan, Jack, Dan, Georgia, Kamden, Sarah, Andy and Lauren) and pray that Keely would continue to lead this team in a Christ-like way and that the leaders would be faithful in discipling the children who attend Pray for the Morning Church men who are meeting together tonight for a social BBQ and to hear the story of God's transforming work in the life of one of our men. Pray that it's an encouraging

	time that helps the men to see God at work among us at Morning Church. Thank God for Ross & Sarah Jones who are hosting this terms BBQ.
SAT 23	Pray for Neil as he opens up and preaches from God's Word to Saturday and Arvo Church on the topic of Work. Pray that God's people would grow in their love and knowledge of Christ and His will for the Works He has planned for them.
SUN 24	Pray for St Faith's Annual General Meeting today at 12.30pm ask God to raise up wise and godly people to serve on Parish Council and as Wardens and Nominators. Pray for Kerry, as he chairs the meeting, and that all attending have a spirit of co-operation, and a passion to see Christ known and honoured
MON 25	JESUS CLUB - Please pray for our series on Creation that we can speak clearly from God's word in a way that engages the Jesus Club members. Give thanks for the leadership team including Sandy, Dan F, Glenn, Verity and Natalie as they serve each fortnight.
TUE 26	MISSION – Craig Glassock – Vine Growers - Give thanks for the recent appointment of our office manager Kirsty. Pray for her as she settles into our team. Give thanks for the growth Vine Project pastors are seeing in their people and churches. Thank God for their perseverance and ask him to strengthen them as they manage change in their church context. Pray for energy, wisdom, and fruitfulness as I spend ten days in the U.S.A at the start of April: promoting The Vine Project at The Gospel Coalition Conference, training future Vine Project Coaches for American, and consulting to a church. Pray for my family in my absence.
WED 27	TCP - Give thanks for Kim and his team who provide fresh fruit and vegetables and other grocery items to TCP guests each week. Pray for Christine, Joan, Mara and others as they serve tonight. MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb – Broome – Praise God for the 5 years they have been serving with Aboriginal Christian communities in Broome and the Kimberley. Pray they are able to continue monthly visits supporting the Bardi community at One Arm Point (OAP), 200 Kms north of Broome, where there is no pastor. Give thanks for the collection of online recorded sermons from Broome Peoples Church with Bible reading printouts, and song recordings that has enabled them to continue their church services. Pray for new ideas to help strengthen their christian fellowship. Pray for more men and young people in OAP to put their trust in Jesus. Thank God for Kingdom Aviation who also do itinerant ministry in OAP.
THU 28	Pray for the many children we are blessed with across our congregations at St Faiths. Please give wisdom to our parents to train and lead our children to grow up knowing how loved they are by God and by his church. Please ask God to help parents make spending time reading the bible with their children a priority at home.
FRI 29	Pray for Peter Baigent and Nat Bannister as they are married today. Give thanks for the work of God in each of their lives and pray that their wedding service honours God. Pray for Ben Molyneux as he leads that service and speaks from God's word. WATOTO – Pray God guides Kathy and others as they prepare for the fundraising Cocktail Party to be held on 6 th April. Pray enough funds are donated for the projects to be undertaken in Sept '19.
SAT 30	Pray for Mitch and Marcus as they close out our Term 1 Glory War series on the topic of 'Rest' this weekend. Give thanks for their faithful preparation and ask God to prepare the hearts of the congregation to receive his message on rest. Pray for Neil and Lou Souter as they head off on long service for 10 weeks. Pray that this will be a refreshing time and that God would keep them safe as they travel up the coast.
SUN 31	Please pray for the CEO of Anglicare Grant Millard as he speaks at Warriewood Church today on the topic of Neighbour Day. Pray that he will clearly share God's love for them in Christ, and challenge people to give their lives to Christ. Pray that church members will have boldness to invite their friends. Please give thanks for the amazing work the Morning Tea team does at WAC week in week out, especially at big events.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: **Tuesday, 26th March 2019.** Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au *Note: We may not be able to include everything.*