

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY April 2019

Luke 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;"

MON 1	<p>MISSION – CRAIG GLASSOCK – VINEGROWERS - Please pray for Craig during his Vinegrowers ministry trip to the U.S.A March 29th -April 17th. Pray for the development of fruitful relationships with pastors, churches, and seminaries at The Gospel Coalition conference in Indiana April 1-3. For the two onsite consultations with churches. Ask God to help Craig listen well, understand their context, and provide him with insight and wisdom. Pray for fruitful training of pastors in coaching others through the Vine Project Coaching in order to help grow the ministry in the U.S. Pray for energy and protection for Samantha and the boys whilst Craig is away.</p>
TUE 2	<p>MOTHERS' UNION – Pray for a time of encouragement for those attending the MU meeting at St Faith's this afternoon. Give thanks for their long and faithful service and for Sandra Burgess who coordinates this group.</p> <p>Thank God for those who have agreed to once again serve on our parish council, including Lyn, David and Tim. Pray that God would give the whole Council his wisdom as they review ministry plans for St Faith's overall. Pray for a passion to see Christ known and honoured on the Northern Beaches and beyond, and that we would see what changes might be needed in Services, styles, times etc, to better achieve this.</p>
WED 3	<p>Pray for safety and for physical and spiritual refreshment for Neil, Lou and family as they travel for the next 10 weeks in their camper during Neil's Long Service Leave. Pray for Marcus and his family over the very busy period of April, at Warriewood and Arvo church in Neil's absence. Pray for strength, faith, wisdom with time, and effective rest.</p> <p>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks for Christine and Lyn who have taken on team co-ordinator roles. Pray that they can settle in quickly and continue to show God's love as they lead their teams in serving their guests. Pray that God's spirit will work in the heart of each guest, so they come to know Him.</p>
THU 4	<p>GUMNUT KINDY - Please pray for enrolments to be completely full, almost there. Pray for safe and refreshing staff holidays for Trish, Allira and Victoria going away over March/April; pray Kindy runs smoothly during their absence.</p> <p>Pray for the plans for the Jordan/Israel trip in 2020 and for the information meeting at St Faith's tonight. Pray God guides Ben, Leon and others as they plan and pray those travelling will gain a deeper understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus.</p>
FRI 5	<p>MISSION – CHRIS AND KAREN WEBB – BROOME – Pray the program Chris and Karen have designed for the team of ten SMBC students coming to Broome for a week of college mission will give the students a good feel for the challenges and joys of Christian service in this part of Australia. Please ask God for safe travel and for a mutually beneficial time for the SMBC team and the members of Broome Anglican and Peoples Church.</p>
SAT 6	<p>ARVO CHURCH - Please pray for Arvo Church as we plan to reach families for Christ over Easter. Pray that we make wise decisions in how best to do this, and for Marcus as he leads the discussion. Pray for Philip, Kerry and Marcus who are preaching this weekend; pray their words are guided by the Holy Spirit and lead us to grow and mature in our own christian walk.</p>
SUN 7	<p>Give thanks for the Soulies Youth leaders and pray that as they gather together tonight to celebrate and give thanks for Term 1 that God would remind them of his faithfulness, goodness, and love for them and the youth in our church. Pray for Mitch to lead the team well.</p> <p>THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Thank God for each of the Counsellors who are committed to bringing healing in whatever way they are able to the clients they meet with. Pray for Jen and Gen running a workshop on Domestic Family Violence at Newport Church today. Pray through these workshops churches will be better informed and able to care for their members. Give</p>

	thanks for the opportunities we have to speak in the community. Pray for Jen talking with a group about Conflict Resolution on 17th April. Continue to pray for funds for The Cottage and Corporate organisations will give generously to our ministry.
MON 8	Jesus Club - Give thanks for Bec's creative gifts and the great time we've all had painting "God's creation" this term at Jesus Club. Pray for Ben M speaking tonight as he points to Jesus and God's master plan for us. Pray that our members will come along and feel welcome at the Easter services at St Faith's. ESL - Thank God for His blessings over this past term, for the students who have been coming to class, and especially for those who have been coming to the after class Bible studies. Please pray more students will want to stay back for these, and that they will want to know more about Jesus. Pray for Chris Roderick, David Castle, Nick Molyneux, Rod Smith and John Moore, as they do the set up each week, and welcome students as they come in. Pray that students will feel welcomed, comfortable and valued in our classes.
TUE 9	Thank God for the way he draws many people who do not normally attend, to come to church over Easter. Pray for Kerry as he prepares to speak on Easter Sunday, that our Heavenly Father would show him how best to present the wonderful news of Jesus Resurrection to visitors and newcomers especially. Ask God to save many people as they attend St Faith's services over this weekend.
WED 10	THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks that Alan's knee replacement went well, and for continued healing. We are blessed to have Alan and Graham come in early each week to set up. Give thanks for them. Give thanks also for Neil who has joined the committee and pray for safety and refreshment as he takes Long Service Leave with his family.
THU 11	MISSION – Fiona Kirsop - CREDO at UTS - Pray for preparations for our Easter Time Convention (18-22 April) (Credo's annual conference). Pray the student planning team would be well organised, that attendees would grow in their love of God and their understanding of our topic, "Worship". Pray that non-Christians attending will be confronted with the good news of Easter. Pray that many would come along and for community to be built around the gospel and our mission to be 'Christ for UTS'.
FRI 12	Give thanks for the Lighthouse leaders who have given much of their time and energy this term, particularly Keely who oversees this ministry. Pray that this afternoon would be a great time of encouragement and learning for the children who attend as they consider the Easter story , and ask that God would give Keely, Jess, Chelsea, Jacqui, Lauren, Sarah, Kamden, Georgia, Andy, Josh, Jordan, Dan and Jack a restful and refreshing break in Christ before Term 2 starts.
SAT 13	Give thanks for the ministry of KYCK, the youth conference of Katoomba Christian Convention, beginning this weekend . Pray for Mitch as he is involved on the committee for KYCK for all 3 weekends, that God would help him to run the conference in a way that directs people towards Jesus and that he would be sustained. Give thanks for the 6,500 youth attending across the 3 weekends , and ask that God would bring many people in to his kingdom through repenting and believing in Jesus.
SUN 14	MISSION - STU ROBINSON – POWER TO CHANGE – Please pray as Stu continues to follow God's path with this ministry, that God will continue to strengthen him and embolden him. Ask God to give Stu wisdom and insight. Pray for the upcoming tours this year, that God will enable organisation to happen smoothly and that he will open up many doors as they continue to fill out the year.
MON 15	Pray for refreshment for teachers and students starting school holidays; pray for safety for those travelling. Pray for those young people settling into their first semester at university , ask God to give them perseverance in establishing good life/study habits. Pray they remain linked in with

	<p>their church family or Christians at Uni and to resist the temptations of more 'worldly' pursuits at Uni. Pray for Trent as he leads our ministry to Young Adults.</p> <p>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine AFES at UOW – Thank God for 250 first year students who expressed they wanted to connect with Uni Bible Group. Thank God for A from Iran who is a new believer. Pray as she moves to Sydney that she will find and settle into good fellowship where people will care for her and help her to grow. Pray for H, son of a refugee family. Pray God will open his heart as we read the Bible together. Pray for A, M and H who are keen to meet but not yet willing to read the Bible. Pray for the preparations for Easter Mission. Pray for Irwan as he is training a group of students in how to share Mark's gospel with Muslims and especially dealing with their difficult textual questions. Pray for wisdom and patience as Irwan trains 4 students and another woman from a church in Wollongong. Each of them are meeting regularly with a Muslim friend. Pray the training will be useful for each specific relationship. Pray for Campus East Bible Study. There is only 1 student at the moment. Pray he will grow and will be able to reach others living at Campus East. Pray for improved health for Irwan. He has some continuing pain and headaches from whiplash.</p>
TUE 16	<p>WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN CHURCH – WAC - Please thank God for the many opportunities the Warriewood service has in April. For the Good Friday '7 words from Jesus on the cross' service by candlelight, the Easter Sunday 'Hope' communion service, and for Anzac Day service. Pray those who attend will hear God speak directly to them, and that the Spirit will convict their hearts and minds to respond to Jesus. Pray that we effectively follow up those who visit, and that the evil one does not snatch away the seed that was sown.</p>
WED 17	<p>THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks for a number of new guests we have had visit TCP, including a group of Tibetans. Pray they will continue to come and be welcomed into this community. Give thanks also for the many regular guests. Pray the connections made with the volunteers are loving and meaningful. Pray for Brad, Charis Duce and the rest of the Committee.</p> <p>WAR VETS – (RSL Village) Pray for Tony Bradford and Bob Durban as they attend the Anzac service at the village. Pray they have opportunity to bring the gospel into the lives of others at this time of remembrance.</p>
THU 18	<p>MISSION – Dan and Liv webster – Namibia – Thank God for answers to quite specific prayers in relation to Liv's work - teaching physiotherapy 2 hours per week at Uni Namibia; please keep praying for her registration, and for documents to arrive from Australia. Give thanks for finding a great sport activity for William. Give thanks for the chance Dan had to preach at NETS.(Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary) The passage helped him put confidence for ministry in God and appears to have been timely for many others also. Death is a frequent occurrence in Namibia; pray that God would enable them to be settled without settling with the brokenness of this world and help them know how to respond to death, support people in grief and that they would learn that life is fleeting and fragile.</p>
FRI 19	<p>Thank God for the opportunity to pause and reflect on his amazing love for us, shown in Jesus' death this Good Friday. Pray that many visitors come along from the community, hear the gospel and accept God's offer of salvation. Pray for Ben as he speaks at the St Faith's services today and for Marcus speaking at WAC.</p>
SAT 20	<p>Pray that the SATURDAY CHURCH'S Easter service will go well this evening. Pray for visitors to come and hear the gospel. Pray that Marcus will speak clearly from God's word. Also, give thanks that Saturday Church clocks over another year this month (15 years now). Pray that the members will continue to reach out to the community around them and many people will be saved.</p>
SUN 21	<p>Thank God that we can celebrate his victory over death itself today. Pray that Kerry at St Faith's and Bill Graham at WAC would have courage and Spirit-given insight to commend Christ to all who attend our church meetings today. Pray that the Spirit would also convict many about the</p>

	Lordship of Jesus, as they meet with us in church. Pray too, that regular members of St Faith's and WAC would be strengthened in their own convictions about Jesus.
MON 22	Thank God that he has spoken to us through His word, and still speaks through the bible, by His Holy Spirit. Pray that Kerry would have insight as he prepares to lead the course "Reasons for our Hope" , on Apologetics, this coming term. Pray that all who attend would be better equipped to explain why they are Christians, and why we believe in the hope of forgiveness and resurrection life.
TUE 23	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN CHURCH – WAC - Please pray for the many people in Warriewood Brook retirement village who are struggling with physical and mental health deterioration, and for the bereaved. Pray that God will comfort them, and give them hope in His promises. Pray that their family, neighbours, Chaplaincy team, Marcus, Deborah and others and staff will have wisdom in knowing how best to love them.
WED 24	THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks for Rob and Kate who do so much more than provide lovely music each week. They also join in with the "Discussions about Jesus" which are run before the meal is served each week. Pray for Kate, Charis, Neil and Brad as they host the group and lead discussions. Give thanks that this group is averaging 8-10 people each week and pray the attendees grow in their understanding of God's great love for them.
THU 25	ANZAC DAY - Thank God for all those who have served, and are serving, in our Armed Forces. Thank God for the willingness that He has given them to sacrifice much for us. Pray that God would comfort those who have suffered, and are now suffering, as a result of war. Ask God to draw many in the War Veterans' Village to come to know God's comfort in Christ. Pray that Tony Bradford, Bob Durbin and the others who minister there, would be effective in pointing residents to Christ.
FRI 26	Pray for the Soulies Senior High students attending KYCK in the Blue Mountains this weekend. Give thanks that over 50 young people are hearing about Jesus with 2000 high schoolers and ask God that this would be a time of growth in their love of Jesus and for those who don't know him to come to know him for the first time. Pray for Mitch as he MC's and leads this weekend of KYCK, that God would sustain him and help him to point towards Jesus.
SAT 27	Give thanks for all who serve in our ministries for children including coordinators Kylie L weekend ministry, Keely R at Lighthouse and Jo H for SRE plus all the various volunteer leaders, helpers and teachers. Pray all oversight, planning and running of these ministries for children interrelate these different areas and focus on our children growing in their knowledge and love of Jesus and support them in remaining connected to God and church family.
SUN 28	Pray Craig Glassock will inspire us to be more gospel minded as he speaks and shares his testimony and shares about his work with Vinegrowers at Morning and Night Church today. Give thanks for his commitment to serve God in this ministry.
MON 29	Pray for Judith and others from the Quilting and Needlework Group prepare for the Quilt Show and Biggest Morning Tea. Pray they have many visitors to this event at church and raise a good amount for cancer research.
TUE 30	Pray for students, teachers and scripture teachers to settle into Term 2 well as school resumes today. Pray students are keen to learn more about God and Jesus following Easter. Ask god to sustain Jo Harpur as she teaches and oversees this ministry.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: **Tuesday, 22nd April 2019.** Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au *Note: We may not be able to include everything.*