



PRAYER DIARY

December 2009 to February 2010

¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. **Ephesians 6:17-18**

*We have produced the PRAYER DIARY in a different format for your use over the summer months.
We wish you a very Happy Christmas & joyous start to the New Year.*

- 1st Dec: Tho speaking at a Workmates' Christmas Dinner in Minto - "Amazing Grace" (Eph 2:8-9)
- 3rd Dec: Lesley speaking at Chatswood Baptist Gingerbread event.
- 4th Dec: Jim & Lesley speaking at a ministry dinner in Brisbane.
- 4th Dec: Jenny speaking at Gingerbread event at Greenwich Anglican.

WEEK BEGINNING 7th DECEMBER

- 10th Dec: John speaking at a senior's lunch at St Luke's Miranda.
- Pray for Alex & Alana's first child and their adjustment to the exhilarating/terrifying task of parenthood.
- Pray for our exiting Student Ministers as they prepare to take up their new ministries.
- Pray for Peter Jensen as he leads the Sydney Diocese. Pray that he will remain true to Christ crucified, godly in life, and fervent in prayer.

WEEK BEGINNING 14th DECEMBER

- 14th Dec: Lesley speaking at Blacktown Anglican Gingerbread event.
- 19th Dec: Tho speaking at the Outdoor Christmas Carols, St Stephen's Lidcombe. "Adding 'Christian' to Your Name" (Matt 1:18-25)
- 19th Dec: John speaking at a senior's carol service at the Cathedral.
- 20th Dec: John speaking at Lavendar Bay morning service.

WEEK BEGINNING 21st DECEMBER

- Pray for the preaching of the gospel in churches. Pray that Jesus' name will be proclaimed, and the message of the cross preached boldly.
- Pray that the residents of Sydney will truly seek God this Christmas. Pray that God would be pleased to bring many to repentance and faith, sovereignly drawing many to himself.
- Pray for the preaching of the gospel on Christmas Day in churches around Australia.
- Pray for the poor and marginalised of our society that they would find in God their true comfort.

WEEK BEGINNING 28th DECEMBER

- Pray for Andrew Nixon and the Connect09 team as they continue the 'Connect' campaign into 2010.
- Pray for the many Beach Missions and Summer Missions occurring around Australia. Pray that the gospel would go out unhindered. Pray for team unity and wellbeing.
- Thank God for our faithful financial supporters. Pray that others would be moved to support us in financial fellowship.
- Pray for Mark Gilbert (evangelist to the Catholic Community). Pray for wisdom and insight as he develops resources and methods for reaching Sydney's many Catholics.

WEEK BEGINNING 4th JANUARY 2010

- Pray that as a New Year dawns there would be a deepening hunger for God in our communities and in the hearts of our leaders and governors.
- Pray for the leaders of the world as they continue to lead their countries in difficult times.
- Pray for our churches, ministry teams and congregations across the Diocese as their plans for 2010. Pray for good organisation, for faithful witness and fervent prayer for the lost.
- Pray the decisions of the EM Board through 2010, as they make decisions about the shape of EM's future ministry and structures.

WEEK BEGINNING 11th JANUARY

- Ask the Lord to continually give Jenny a heart that wants to make him known to those who *need* to know him, namely *everyone*.
- Thank God for his protection over Chappo with regard to his health.
- Pray for Tim Bradford and his wife Alison and as they serve at Petersham Baptist and look forward to a baby in March.
- Please pray for Claire: discipline in study, for excellent organisation in managing different administration and planning tasks at church, for flexibility and for a passionate gospel heart for the children of Summer Hill and all who she has the opportunity to speak the gospel to.

WEEK BEGINNING 18th JANUARY

- Pray for the godly witness of Christians in Sydney that as they speak of Jesus their lives would confirm the message of repentance, grace and faith which they speak.
- Pray for the participants of the Next Generation Conference (KYLC) that as they go home and consider their future God would raise them up into faithful gospel workers.
- Please pray for Moussa Ghazal as he helps us bring the Gospel to Sydney's Muslims.
- Praise God that Nathan's health has been restored.

WEEK BEGINNING 25th JANUARY

- Pray for Tho as he meets up with Dika from Bali. Praise God they've finished Mark's Gospel, and pray that the Holy Spirit would be pleased to work in Dika as he continues to investigate Christianity.
- Praise God for Matthew (who has responded to God's call to follow Christ).
- Pray for Adrian (who may be 'close') as Tho and Adrian continue to read God's word together, and pray that God will draw him into the loving fellowship of a good Bible teaching church.
- Praise God also for the provision of temporary accommodation in the City (to April-ish 2010). Pray that Tho might use it to show hospitality, especially to not-yet-Christians.

WEEK BEGINNING 1st FEBRUARY

- Thank God for the new EM staff team. Pray for Al Stewart and Cathrein Douglas as they adjust to their new roles.
- Pray for Bruce Hall as he works in partnership with Al Stewart and particularly focuses on recruiting cross cultural church planters to work across the diocese.
- Pray for the work of Barry Watson our treasurer. Thank God for his service and pray that he will continue to manage our finances well.
- Pray that churches will continue the great work of connecting with their communities that they established in 2009.

WEEK BEGINNING 8th FEBRUARY

- Pray for the staff and Faculty of Moore College. Thank God for their gifts and abilities, their understanding and wisdom. Thank God for the capable administration of the College.
- Pray for the incoming students to Moore College. Pray that they would be taught and equipped for a lifetime of service.
- Pray that God would continue to build a network of people able to reach Roman Catholics with the Gospel of Jesus.
- Thank God for his grace to us in Jesus.

WEEK BEGINNING 15th FEBRUARY

- Pray that the work with Muslims would continue and grow and that we would see many Muslims come to know and follow the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Barry would continue to place his total faith and trust in Christ and be disciplined in his prayer time and bible reading.
- Pray for many new opportunities to share the Gospel with Roman Catholics.

WEEK BEGINNING 22nd FEBRUARY

- Pray that God will raise up a generation of evangelists, prepared to sacrificially preach the gospel.
- Pray that God will use these people to bring new churches into existence.
- Pray that God will raise up the workers for the harvest field, and that God will give the EM team the resources they need to help these people do their job.
- Pray for wisdom for the EM team – that they may choose what is best.