# ST. FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY February 2013

***Ver* 1 John 3:1** *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*

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| FRI 1 | Thank **God** that he **invites us to be partners with Him** in his work in this World. Pray that **Kerry would be guided by him** as he **prepares to speak** on this subject this Sunday at church. Ask God to help us to better see how we can together glorify our Lord Jesus Christ, at St Faith’s family of churches.  Pray for our **school students and teachers** as they start 1st term; that they will settle into new classes and study/homework routines. Pray that those who are **commencing school for the first time, or changing schools**, will cope with the changes and quickly build friendships. |
| SAT 2 | Pray for **Neil Souter** as he leads **the Gathering** congregation. Give thanks for the love of Jesus that he shows. Pray he continues to be guided by God’s word and Holy Spirit as he pastors this group. Pray for the young children attending (over 17) to grow in their understanding of Jesus’ love for them. |
| SUN 3 | **Pray for Kerry Nagel and Dave Miers preaching today** that they will be faithful in preaching God’s word and that the people in the congregations will listen well, and apply it to their lives.  **Beacon Hill** - Pray that as **Rick and Rhonda Mason** return from holidays they will be refreshed to start their second year of ministry at Beacon Hill. Give thanks for the **new Student Minister, Brett McLean,** pray for good integration and development of his ministry. Praise the Lord for the **10 am Family Service** growing from 30 to 40 people attending. Give thanks for **John Edmondson** from our Night Church who has volunteered to care for pre-schoolers at this service & the **Larrea family** from Morning Church who are now attending. Pray **Holy Trinity is able to maintain adequate** services to children and families. |
| MON 4 | Give thanks for wise leaders who help us live as God’s people. Ask God to use **Colin Marshall** as he meets today with a group of **Ministers who serve on the Northern Beaches**. Ask God to inspire **Jason, Stuart, John, Rick, Kerry, Neil, Grant and Terry** with a renewed vision for leading people to effectively serve Jesus as “disciple makers”. Pray that many people from nth beaches’ churches will attend the talk this evening to learn about growing disciples for Christ.  Pray for **bible study /small groups starting this week**, for **new people** to be welcomed, **leaders** well prepared and members of the groups prayerful and enthusiastic in their discussions. Pray that studying James will challenge and encourages us to **act on our faith in ways pleasing to God.** |
| TUE 5 | **ONELIFE Espresso -** pray for **Dave Miers** as he presents this course and that **new people** attending will be encouraged to continue in their exploration of Jesus and the impact he can have in their life. Give thanks for **Rowena Miers** who supports and coordinates practical arrangements for this course. |
| WED 6 | Pray for energy and focus for **Dave Miers** as he serves the people of **Arvo Church** this year along with his other ministry roles including youth ministry and Onelife courses. Pray that he and the **people of Arvo church** will continue to be guided by God’s Word and Spirit as they endeavor to live in a way that brings glory to him. |
| THUR 7 | Thank God for those who serve on staff at St Faith’s. Pray for **Neil, Ben, Grant and Kerry and the rest of the team** as they meet to **plan today**. Pray especially that they would plan well for teaching at St Faiths this year, and plan an effective training program for our Apprentices etc. |
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| FRI 8 | **WAC Youth** – Give thanks that **‘the J’ youth group** continues to grow. Pray for the leaders **Grant Gallant, Mike Osborne, Oliver Holland and Verity Holland** to be faithful in teaching the Word of God to the youth. Pray for **‘Sweat’ (The boys group)** as it restarts term 1 this year, ask God to raise up a new leader to lead with Olly and Grant. Pray for **‘Rainbow’ (the girls’ group)** **for Linda Ryan, Alison Gallant and Elisha Gallant** to teach God’s word faithfully. |
| SAT 9 | **War Vets** – pray for the upcoming **Volunteers’ Lunch** to be an opportunity to encourage each other and to get to know one another better.  Pray for our **Soulies youth leaders Ellen, Stuart, Tagdh & others** that they are a godly role model for the youth. Thank God for opportunities for young adults from St Faith’s to bring friends along to activities such as the **“Shindig, Coffee Nights and Bowling”** to help them integrate into church activities**.** |
| SUN 10 | Pray for **Ben Molyneux** as he speaks at church today, starting our series from the book of James. Pray we take heed of how we should act when we face trials and temptations.  **WAC** - Pray for **Kingdom Kids on a Sunday** at WAC, that God might raise up leaders to serve in this ministry. Give thanks for all the children at WAC involved in kids’ programs. Pray for the **Anglican Retirement Village chaplaincy,** ask God to raise up a suitable staff person to help. Pray f**or more pastoral volunteers** to support the growing **Chaplaincy work at ARV**. Pray that new residents will be welcomed into the Village well by the Chaplains and volunteers. |
| MON 11 | **Gumnut Kindy** – Pray staff and children are refreshed for the new year. Pray for the many **new children** starting; that they will settle into the **Kindy routine and feel safe and secure**. Pray that staff(Trish, Allira, Jackie, Victoria, Natalie and others), children and families will build trust and relationships quickly. |
| TUE 12 | Pray for **Dave Miers** as he continues to present the **ONE.LIFE. Espresso** course today and on the following two Tuesdays. Pray God will use this course to bring people into a relationship with him and strengthen the Christians attending.  Pray for the **Mothers' Union** as they have their first meeting for 2013 today at St. Faith's. Pray for M.U. members world-wide to be encouraged and that more women will come to see the importance of this organisation to all families. |
| WED 13 | Pray for the parents and children who come along to **Gumtrees Playtime groups** on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Give thanks for the opportunity the groups provide for establishing and developing friendships. Pray for **God’s guidance for Emma Morton, Liz Larrea and Natalie Berrill who coordinate** these groups. |
| THUR 14 | Pray for **Scripture teachers and helpers** as they begin a new year of teaching and establishing relationships with students. Pray that God will raise up sufficient teachers for all classes. Pray for **Jo Harpur** co-ordinating thsis. |
| FRI 15 | Pray for our junior and senior high students who attended **Summercamp** that they are faithful to God’s Word. Ask God to work in their hearts to be strong in their faith.  **Mission** - Pray for **Steve and Narelle Etherington** and their son and grandsons. Pray for them continuing with the task of translation of the Kunwinjku bible. Pray **our sisters and brothers in Christ in Oenpelli NT** remain firm in their faith and continue to be good witnesses to those in their community. |
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| SAT 16 | **War Vets** – Thank God for the **Vietnam Vets** and those who have accepted Christ. Ask God to grow their faith and provide people to encourage and support them. Also thank God for the new volunteers who have offered to help for 2013. Give praise that Lex, a Vietnam Vet, made peace with God before he died.Pray there will be **continued growth & funding** to be able to employ **a part-time Chaplain.** |
| SUN 17 | Pray for **Philip Selden and Dave Miers** as they speak in church today Pray for faithful teaching and clarity and for God's word from the book of James to challenge and change each one of us, acting on what we hear .  **Mission** - Continue in prayer for **Pato and Dagmar** for their work reaching the lost in Chile, pray they put their trust in God and rely on His strength as they face challenges that test their faith. |
| MON 18 | Thank God for the wisdom he has given experienced Christian "Elders" in our wider Sydney Community as **Colin Marshall** comes tonight to lead a **Training Session**. Ask God to give him energy and insight as he speaks and to speak through Colin by His Holy Spirit, so that we can be better equipped to serve Jesus, especially in the area of making disciples for Christ. |
| TUE 19 | Thank God for the wider group of **Anglican Churches on the Northern Beaches**, of which St Faith’s is a part. Ask God to help **Glenn Davies**, our Regional Bishop, to effectively lead the region, and in particular the group of Ministers he is meeting with today. Pray that he would effectively Challenge them from the scriptures, and guide them in serving Christ. Pray too that this group would have wisdom and vision as they consider a **proposal to hold an "Area Wide" Mission** in a few years. Pray for **Leon, John, Terry, Stuart, Robin, Rick and Steven as they meet** regarding this.  Pray that those attending **ONE.LIFE. Espresso** today will understand why Jesus died and rose again. Ask God to help **Dave Miers** to lead this well. |
| WED 20 | **Gumnut Kindy** – Pray they are refreshed for the new year. Pray for the many **new children** starting; that they will quickly settle into the **Kindy routine and feel safe and secure**. Pray for the staff as they start to build relationships with the new children and their families.  Pray for **Kerry Nagel** as he prepares to preach this Sunday from James Chapter 2,  that **God would challenge and guide Kerry**, so that he can rightly pass on God's message to others. |
| THUR 21 | **MTS Supporters night –** Pray for **Tadhg Parker and Ellen Stretten** who are training in ministry this year. **Praise God for their desire to learn and to spread the gospel and serve God’s people at St Faith’s**. Pray for people to attend and show their support this evening and to be generous in their giving towards this program that allows this apprenticeship in ministry training to flourish here. |
| FRI 22 | Thank God for all the **youth**, ask God to grow their faith by his word. Pray for **Summercamp** attendees. Pray young peoples’ lives will continue to be impacted by the Spirit of God after their time away through personal bible study. Thank God for all the **youth leaders**, ask God to continue to sustain them throughout the week. Pray for **non-Christian kids** at youth group**.** Ask God to bring them to eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ. |
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| SAT 23 | **Mission - Paul and Sandra King** - Pray for **Sandra** as she leads a committee of women preparing for **‘Femmes 2000’**, a conference for women from all over Europe to be held in April. Pray for new staff, who often feel isolated in big cities doing front-line gospel work on campuses, are settling in to their new positions, developing relationships and establishing routines, pray Paul and Sandra are able to support and guide them well. |
| SUN 24 | **War Vets – praise God** for the growth in the Sunday Services. Ask God to raise up many opportunities for **Tony Bradford** to share his faith.  Pray for the **WAC children and youth programs**. Pray for sufficient teachers, leaders and helpers for **Kingdom Kids, Rainbow Sweat and The J** and that their planning and preparations are **guided by the Holy Spirit** |
| MON 25 | Thank God for those who serve on our **Parish Council, which meets tonight**, as they look at building plans, and financial matters, pray for **Alice, David, Stuart, Tim, Debbie, and Mandy and the others**, that they would all have a big vision for God's work through St Faith’s. Pray too that God would give current members of Parish Council wisdom about whether they can serve for another term, as this is the last meeting of the current Council.  Pray for the **AGM** on the **3rd March** to bring honour and glory to God’s name and that people are keen to attend and take part in this meeting |
| TUE 26 | Pray that those attending **ONE.LIFE. Espresso** today will understand what it means to follow Jesus. Ask God to bring people into his Kingdom.  **Mission – Pray for Irwan and Catherine** as they ready themselves for the start of university and the intake of new students at **Wollongong campus**. Pray for successful ways for them to meet and share the gospel of Jesus. Ask God to give them wisdom for this task. |
| WED 27 | Praise God for a large donation received by the **Cottage Counseling Centre**, give thanks for the people who made this donation which helps the centre to provide **counselling to struggling people in our community**. Pray the Cottage **will receive sufficient funds** throughout the year to continue the level of service required. Pray for peace and wisdom for the **counsellors** during their sessions with clients., pray these people continue to be comforted and strengthened during their healing journey. Pray Genni Cribb and **the counsellors are sustained to meet the many demands** they face as they provide this service.  Pray for those who are part of the **55+ group** which meets today and every fourth Wednesday to share and enjoy time together, pray they continue to support each other in prayerful and practical ways that will help them to continue putting their faith in Jesus. |
| THUR 28 | **Mission – Kent and Linda** - pray for **Kent** who continues with a heavy schedule of training and advising, pray he will be **able to find a suitable intern** to join their team. Pray for **Linda** in her work as **International Coordinator of ‘On Track’ for short term mission workers**, making the most of opportunities to encourage and develop them around the world. Ask God to give her the wisdom and the ability to step into other people’s situations, so that together they can discern good paths to follow; that will bring growth in depth of faith and love for these ‘Short Termers’. |

**Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday 19th February 2013**

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