

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY May 2016

Mark 4:40-41 ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'

SUN 1	<p>Pray for parents to support the "CHILL OUT" Kids Winter Day Camp 13-15 July. Pray for sufficient helper numbers to help make this a very successful outreach to invite along parents and children from the community where they can meet families from our church; with kids hearing about Jesus love for them while enjoying lots of fun activities and parents connecting over a cuppa. Pray for many helpers to join Ellen who is coordinating this holiday event.</p> <p>Pray for Arvo Church as they meet this afternoon to look at ways to better live out our Vision Statement "Being Transformed by Jesus' love, being fully devoted to loving one another and Impacting the world with Christ's love"</p>
MON 2	<p>Give thanks for SRE beginning for 2016 in Narrabeen High School today, and ask that those teaching including Mitch, Greg Gillespie, and Ben Molyneux, will be faithful in explaining God's word, connecting with the students, and that many would hear the gospel and respond to it in time.</p> <p>BEACON HILL – Pray for energy and stamina for Rick and Rhonda as they welcome a fifth little boy to their family. Give thanks to God for the blessing of children.</p>
TUE 3	<p>MISSION – Steve and Narelle Etherington –The final workshop on the translation of the Kunwinjku Bible starts in Darwin today, pray they move swiftly from this to publication and distribution to the Oenpelli community. Give thanks for God's Kunwinjku people and pray they will have a deep hunger for God's word and a joy in living it out in their most challenging society.</p>
WED 4	<p>Pray for the Special Mother's Day dinner at The Community Pantry tonight, for all the guests to feel welcomed and cared for, especially the mothers. Give thanks for Sue who organises rosters for the dinners and newsletters for the volunteers.</p> <p>COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Give thanks to God for His provision for the Cottage, pray the committee will continue to seek His leading in all plans for The Cottage. Pray for their 20th Anniversary on Saturday 7th that many will come and that God will be honoured. Pray that through the promoting of The Cottage more will be directed to the centre to be helped; pray for The Counsellors that the holy spirit will be powerfully at work in each of their counselling sessions; pray for each of the clients, that as they are listened to and shown grace, they will see themselves in truth.</p>
THU 5	<p>WARRIEWOOD ARV - Pray for the new residents moving in to the new villas at Warriewood ARV and for the chaplains, especially Denise Lake, to welcome them and connect well. Please pray for refreshment for Grant Gallant while on leave and God's enabling for those ministering in his stead.</p> <p>Thank God that he continues to speak to us as we read and study the Bible. Pray that Kerry would rightly understand the message of the first three chapters of Mark's gospel as he prepares to teach it this weekend. Ask God to challenge Kerry through these passages.</p>

<i>FRI</i> 6	Pray for the kick off of Term 2 for Lighthouse and Grommets , give thanks for the increase in numbers attending Lighthouse and pray lots more including Year 6 Grommets kids come along. Give thanks for the commitment of the high school students, including, Reid, Jarreau, Gemma and others who help lead these groups each Friday.
<i>SAT</i> 7	Thank God for the work of the Cottage Counselling centre. Pray that Rob Stokes and Chris Edwards would speak well at the 20th Anniversary event today . Ask God to encourage the staff, including the Director Jenny Lakos, and the Counsellors, through those who attend today. Pray for Philip preaching today and tomorrow that he speaks the truth of God's word
<i>SUN</i> 8	Give thanks for mothers and the role they play in nurturing children and families Pray mothers in our church and elsewhere continue to look to God for guidance on how best to nurture relationships in the family. Pray for comfort for those for whom Mother's Day is a time of sadness and regret.
<i>MON</i> 9	GUMNUT KINDY - Pray for enrolments to fill up. Pray for a smooth transition in leadership to Trish for 7 weeks from May 13 - July 4 while Allira is on leave. Pray for safe travel through Europe for Allira and for safety and refreshment for Victoria and Trish also having holidays soon. Ask God to continue to help guide and bless Trish & Victoria's studies and give them strength to complete their work.
<i>TUE</i> 10	MISSION – Irwan and Catherine – Give thanks for the contacts made during O-Week at Wollongong University. All of the people Irwan has met with are new to hearing the gospel; pray that Irwan will speak clearly about the trustworthiness of the Bible and that God will convict hearts so they will want to hear more. Give thanks for the FOCUS Easter Mission, pray for the ongoing follow up of the 11 students who indicated they want to follow Jesus and for the 100+ others who attended. Pray for wisdom for Irwan with follow up and pastoral care for two new believers suffering family disapproval and safety concerns as they share their new faith; pray Irwan can help equip them to stand firm. Pray for Irwan and the family to recover from a busy few months and a time of poor health.
<i>WED</i> 11	Pray for Gwen, Graham, Rosemary, Nola and others who are doing the dinner for the Community Pantry this evening , that organisation goes smoothly.
<i>THU</i> 12	Pray for residents of Elizabeth Jenkins Aged Care are encouraged in their faith as they attend the chapel service today . Pray Philip Selden leading the service and Nerilyn leading song connect well with those who attend.
<i>FRI</i> 13	MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb Broome – Ask God to give them energy to keep loving those around them, give thanks for the faithful believers from the aboriginal community who attend the Broome Peoples church. Pray the new minister at the local Anglican church Michael with wife Karen and children settle into their new life in Broome and that they and the Webbs support each other well as they work together in the area. Ask God to help Chris and Karen raise their children Ezra, Emily and Daniel in the 'discipline and instruction of the Lord'.

SAT 14	Please pray for Neil as he speaks on the St Mark's Pennant Hills Young Adult camp . Pray that he will speak clearly and faithfully from God's word and that the Young adult community will be spurred on in their Faith
SUN 15	Pray for 4 more leaders/teachers for Sunday Club to replace those who will be no longer available. Give thanks for the opportunity our children have to learn from the bible about God's plan and his love for them and his world.
MON 16	Thank God for our local Bishop of the Anglican Northern Region, Chris Edwards . Ask God to help him to lead the Northern Region conference well, today and tomorrow. Pray that the ministers and church staff who attend, including those from St Faith's, would find it a conference that better equips them to serve Christ in our churches.
TUE 17	Pray for Scripture teachers at the 5 primary schools in our area to be connecting well with students and faithfully teaching God's word. Pray the children respond with open hearts. Give thanks for Jo Harpur who coordinates the volunteer teachers.
WED 18	Pray for David, Vern, Carolyn, Kay and others who are doing the Community Pantry dinner, for guests feel welcomed and volunteers are able to get to know them better .
THU 19	GUMTREES PLAYTIME - Pray for the teams, for strength & stamina for those including Rosemary, Emma and Sam who help coordinate each group on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Give thanks for new people coming and pray for continued building of good relationships amongst those that come along.
FRI 20	MISSION – Fiona Kirsop CREDO UTS – Fiona is now leading a bigger faculty with co-staffworkers, pray she would be diligent in following people up and be able to take the lead when the Communications Faculty Network team needs direction. Pray for their planning for how to build and establish their 'comm-unity', and ask that God would help them to plan events that will encourage students to be gospel-minded and servant-hearted. Pray for their 5 small groups to be growing as communities who are transformed by the gospel and that they are encouraged by the book of James to make sure they don't forget the link between hearing God's word and putting it into action.
SAT 21	MISSION- Paul and Sandra King – France – pray they are refreshed from a 2 week break following a very busy start to the year. Give thanks for Jonathon who has been reading Luke with Paul and has brought along 3 student friends to hear about Jesus; pray they respond positively. Pray for opportunities in one-to-one and group meetings with Muslims. One man 'O.' heard the surprising story of the father who welcomed home the prodigal son, pray he and others respond with open hearts.
SUN 22	Pray for the Soulies youth leaders including Josh, Jason, Molly, Georgina, Mary, Brad and others, as they meet today for training and preparation . Pray that as they learn about answering difficult questions and connecting with youth from non-church backgrounds that they will be further equipped to share the gospel with the youth they lead and point them to Jesus in all they say and do.

MON 23	WAR VETS - Give thanks to God for the well received Anzac Services in the Village and for the doors these have opened for the Chaplains Bob and Tony; also for Chaplain Bob's and Leslie's new groups in the renovated old chapel. Thank God for the growing public support for 'Our Homes for Heroes Program' for younger veterans; pray gospel opportunities flow from the men's outing on the 26th May. Pray God will supply a piano player for Wednesday afternoons. Give thanks that Tony and Gina had a restful holiday during the recent school holidays.
TUE 24	Praise God for those who serve on our Parish Council, including Lyn Butcher and Paul McDonald. Pray that as they meet tonight to consider what are the marks of a healthy Christian Congregation, that God would give all members of the Council His Spiritual wisdom and understanding.
WED 25	Pray for Ruth Dickson as she organises the group doing the Community Pantry dinner, for the team get to know one another well and connect with the guests.
THU 26	Pray for the preparations for INSPIRE'16 (30th July), that Rosemary would be able to get a team of women together from across all St Faith's congregations to help plan the day! Give thanks to God that Di Warren has agreed to come & speak to us!
FRI 27	Give thanks for Stu, Penny and others who help lead The J – WAC youth, pray God is glorified during time spent together. Pray the group has opportunity to connect well with those new to the J while having a fun time during the "Regressive Dinner" this evening. Give thanks for the Waller and Taylor families who have opened their homes for this occasion.
SAT 28	Pray those women going to the EQUIP Women's conference today would be encouraged and built up in the word Pray also for safe travel to and from the event.
SUN 29	Pray for stamina for Neil and Kerry preaching at multiple services this weekend; pray they encourage and challenge us to remain strong in our faith as they speak from Mark Ch. 7.
MON 30	MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye – Tanzania – The Boyes admit to being 'culturally tired', feeling they have very little patience for the cultural differences they experience in Tanzania. Pray that in the few months prior to home assignment they are able to cope with and not be so frustrated by the cultural differences they see all around them that are disturbing, confronting and dangerous, such as lack of mental health care, lack of road rules and frequent begging.
TUE 31	MISSION - Kent and Linda – Give thanks for them and other missionaries who sacrifice much to be able to proclaim the gospel, including to inmates in jail. Pray Kent can help encourage the prisoners with whom he works to make positive changes in their lives and put their trust in Jesus. Pray as Linda coordinates the On-Track short Mission program the combined team efforts of the Sending Offices and Receiving Teams enable participants to have a rewarding experience of mission that may also lead to longer commitment.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 24th May, 2016. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au Note: We may not be able to include everything.