

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY August 2016

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me,

"My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so Christ's power may rest on me.

<p>MON 1</p>	<p>INSPIRE – Give thanks for the fruitful time women of St Faith's spent hearing from God's word on Saturday. Pray the encouraging and challenging teaching from Di Warren will help the women to lead lives that honour God and point to His glory. Give thanks for the hard work of Rosemary, Lou and others who organised this event.</p>
<p>TUE 2</p>	<p>Give thanks for the faithfulness and servant hearts of Woman's Small Group leaders, Charis, Sarah, Rosemary, Ashley, Jenny and others. Pray they will encourage the women in their groups to keep serving Jesus. Give thanks for the "Castle team" cooking and serving at The Community Pantry tomorrow. Pray for guests; some struggling to find accommodation, others to find a job; others to keep warm.</p>
<p>WED 3</p>	<p>Thank God for Tim, Brad and Lyn who serve us as church wardens, managing property matters and the details of our finances. Pray for God to give them practical wisdom as they meet this morning. As construction of the new staff houses on Collaroy Plateau nears completion, pray for wisdom in managing landscaping and other details.</p>
<p>THU 4</p>	<p>WAR VETS - Pray for Chaplain Bob and his wife Leslie as they go on holidays from 4th August to 19th September, that they have safe travels and are refreshed spiritually, emotionally and physically. Pray for Chaplain Tony and the pastoral volunteers over this time, that God will sustain the ministry and strengthen everyone in his service.</p>
<p>FRI 5</p>	<p>WATOTO VISIT 2017 – Pray for the planning for the team going to Uganda in April/May 2017. Ask God to have his hand on the preparations including the meeting tomorrow morning. Give thanks for Kathy and Stuart Neilson's ongoing commitment to supporting and encouraging others to support the God honouring work of Watoto in Uganda.</p>
<p>SAT 6</p>	<p>Pray for the men from Morning Church who are attending Basecamp Men's Conference today in the city. Give thanks for the opportunity to come together and hear from God's word together.</p> <p>MISSION - Irwan and Catherine Uni of Wollongong AFES - Give thanks for the safe arrival of their new baby Joanna Margaret Li-Yun Lee; ask for wisdom for them as they nurture both Nadia and Joanna to know our Heavenly Father's love and grace,. Give thanks for answered pray that "A" has found part-time work pray his visa application goes through smoothly; ask God to keep growing "A" and "M" to be more like Jesus, that they will also have the love and heart to share Him to those who were like them before. Ask God to work in the hearts of "AA", "Y", "MM" and Irwan's mother to bring them to know Him. Pray God continues to work in the hearts and minds of students & staff who attended the Mid Year Conference last month.</p>
<p>SUN 7</p>	<p>Thank God for those who help lead our Traditional church Congregation, including Philip Selden and Pru, Christine Bannister and others. As they meet this afternoon to plan, ask God to give them insight into how to encourage our mature members to reach out for Christ, and to care well for each other. Pray for the Night Church Leadership Team which meets this afternoon. Give thanks for Nat Bannister (world mission), Nathan Bessant (music), Dan Malik and others who serve on this team to plan, prepare and review Night Church.</p>

<p>MON 8</p>	<p>GUMNUT KINDY - Give thanks we raised the funds for the repair of the kindy slide Give thanks enrolments are filling up for 2017. Pray the upcoming orientation visits go smoothly for Allira/Trish and all new families. Pray for Victoria to continue to have strength as she studies for her Diploma that she has the time she needs to complete her work and smooth transition into a new semester. Give thanks for staff holidays - that they can each have a good rest. Give thanks for all the staff at Gumnut - Allira, Harriet, Maro, Natalie, Robyn, Sandra C, Sandra M, Trish, Victoria, for all their hard work. Pray they will continue to bless, mentor and support one another each and every day.</p>
<p>TUE 9</p>	<p>THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Thank God for His continued provision for this ministry. Pray for wisdom for Jen and the board as they pray for ways to raise a continuous donation base to financially sustain the ministry. Pray as they promote The Cottage those who need help will find them and find some peace. Pray that the counsellors will be refreshed and sustained by Jesus.</p>
<p>WED 10</p>	<p>Give thanks for the support of the Sharks football club and local businesses to the Community Pantry. Pray for guests to know they are cared for and loved by the volunteers and especially by God.</p>
<p>THU 11</p>	<p>Pray for the Senior Staff of St Faith's as they attend the "Next Level Conference" over the coming two days. Pray that it is a really helpful time thinking about church ministry, welcoming and integration and how we can serve our wider church well.</p> <p>Thank God for the opportunity to serve the residents of Elizabeth Jenkins place, by taking a service there today. Ask God to enable Jan Hext to connect well with residents, as he teaches there today.</p>
<p>FRI 12</p>	<p>WARRIEWOOD ARV - Please pray for God's grace and encouragement on the residents at Warriewood ARV who have ongoing medical conditions and for their partners who care for them. Pray for God's wisdom and strength for the chaplains Grant and Denise as they support them.</p> <p>The J – WAC - Pray all the youth would be keen to turn up particularly the new youth. Pray the new talk series would be an opportunity to clearly present the good news of Jesus to the youth and those who do not know Christ would come to trust in him. Pray for energy for Grant, Tim, Elisha and Penny as they lead the group each Friday.</p>
<p>SAT 13</p>	<p>Thank God for the ability Philip has to teach and preach God's word; pray as he speaks at Saturday church today and Traditional church tomorrow those listening will gain greater understanding of the lessons from the church in Corinth</p>
<p>SUN 14</p>	<p>Arvo Kids - Give thanks for Suz E and the Arvo church kids. Pray that the kids will all grow in their love of Jesus and that God will sustain Suz in this important ministry. Give thanks for those parents teaching Preschool Sunday Club at Morning Church this term. Help them to teach the bible well and that the children will listen and learn how much God loves them.</p>
<p>MON 15</p>	<p>Pray the new Scrapbooking Group (3rd Mondays) and Quilting and Needlework Group (Thursdays) – will be an opportunity for continuing fellowship and sharing; Give thanks for the energy of Judith and others who organise these groups. Pray for the NPSRE Association which meets tonight for their quarterly meeting. Pray for wisdom and direction in decisions that need to be made and the decisions would serve these ministries well in reaching more people with the gospel.</p>

<i>TUE</i> 16	Give thanks for the music team at the Community Pantry “Rob and Kate” and the craft organisers “Linda and Jenny” . Pray for the guests to build good relationships with each other and the volunteers.
<i>WED</i> 17	WAR VETS – There is a Vietnam Vet Day Service in the War Vets Chapel tomorrow 18th August at 11.30am . Pray God will use this memorial service to touch the veterans hearts and open them further to the gospel. Pray also for the Men’s Day Out at Australiana Pioneer Village Wilberforce, that this will be a good time of relationship building, and that Tony and the other Christians can be an effective witness for our Lord.
<i>THU</i> 18	MISSION – Fiona Kirsop, Credo at UTS – Pray for Fiona as she mentors new ministry apprentice Ellie, pray Fiona grows in wisdom as she answers questions and helps Ellie grow her skills in ministry. Pray student small group leaders would grow in dependence on God and love him more as they serve in Credo and Fiona is able to pastor them well in personal godliness and leadership skills and is able to encourage those girls she meets with individually each week to read the Bible and dig deeper into what it says and what it means for their lives. Ask God to give them spiritual wisdom and humility as they work through some tricky passages together! Pray Fiona has a chance to catch up with people she meets while commuting; pray they might also get to know other Christians.
<i>FRI</i> 19	Give thanks for the Soulies Band EP launch night tonight ; for the gifts of the youth and opportunity to worship God together. Please pray that God would continue to work through their service to build up the youth of Soulies. Praise God for the growing number of children attending Lighthouse and Grommets ; pray for energy and patience for Ellen and the others including Tim, Megan and Grace as they lead and show Jesus love each week.
<i>SAT</i> 20	Pray for Neil as he speaks at Saturday, Arvo, Night and WAC services this weekend. Pray that Neil speaks clearly and faithfully from God’s word. Pray that we will all grow in our faith, love and knowledge of Jesus. NPSRE FUNDRAISER – Pray the Trivia Night held tonight at St Faith’s attracts many people; raising much needed funds that will go towards SRE in local high schools. Pray the gospel continues to reach many students.
<i>SUN</i> 21	WAC KINGDOM KIDS – Give thanks for Rachel as she teaches God’s word to the children each week at 10am Church. Pray the children would invite their friends along this term.
<i>MON</i> 22	MISSION – Steve and Narelle Etherington – Kunwinjku New Testament translation – Praise God that the text of this translation has gone to the Bible society; pray final proof reading goes well. Pray the Kunwinjku people will continue to read and put into action God’s word to them in their own heart language. Pray for God to sustain and keep Steve and Narelle safe and well as they travel many miles over the next 6 months for their last link church visits.
<i>TUE</i> 23	MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye – Tanzania – Praise God and thank Him for His faithfulness during the last 3 years they have spent at Munguishi Bible College. Pray they cope well during their 6 months of home assignment. Pray for the Bible college students as they learn and grow despite daily lives that can be hard; pray for the college leaders as they look at the bigger picture of the financial sustainability of the college.

WED 24	Pray seniors from St Faith's are able to continue meeting monthly for a time of fellowship, supporting and caring for one another as they share time together; pray God blesses those involved and they continue to get good ideas for suitable activities . Give thanks for the volunteers who work to make The Community Pantry possible, especially the "Strong team" cooking and serving this Wednesday . Pray for the guests to be keen to invite others they know who can benefit from this service to the community.
THU 25	Gumtrees Playtime – Thank God for the many parents and children from the community who attend the play groups at St Faith's. Pray relationships that develop here lead to opportunities to show the love of Jesus and to sharing the gospel. Ask God to sustain Rosemary, Emma and others who coordinate the two groups.
FRI 26	Pray for the Soulies leaders weekend away this weekend, that they would be refreshed and equipped to continue to serve the youth of St Faith's and grow in their own relationships with Jesus. Give thanks for the time and energy they give up each week to see young people come to know Jesus more. Ask God to sustain Mitch with all his youth ministry tasks.
SAT 27	Give thanks for Kylie L, Nicole L and Ellen S who teach the Saturday church kids each week. Pray that God will sustain them in this ministry and that he would raise up more leaders to help with this important ministry of teaching the gospel to the next generation.
SUN 28	Pray for God's spirit to guide Philip as he preaches today at Traditional Church and Arvo Church on the topic of Cheerful Giving; pray the congregations are challenged and encouraged.
MON 29	MISSION – Paul and Sandra King - Give thanks for the GBU student training camp last month, for how God is working in the lives of students and using the gifts of GBU staff who teach and model the Christian life. Give thanks that God sustained Paul as he taught at 10 different sessions and Sandra did a number of training sessions on Leading Small group Bible study. Pray for ministry apprentices Samuel and wife Fanny who now go to bible college in Geneva for a year and Lucille who returns to her home church; pray they serve God faithfully all their lives.
TUE 30	OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Pray many from our church will support the efforts of Samaritans Purse to show God's unconditional love with this year's target of reaching 370,000 children in poverty with gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of Jesus Christ. This year packs go to Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Fiji and Vanuatu.
WED 31	Give thanks for the support The Community Pantry has from the Quilting Club and Women's Small Groups . Ask God to continue sustaining the volunteers and that the new volunteer group starting next month, settle in well. Pray that 'God's love in actions' is evident to all associated with the Pantry and overflows to all parts of our area.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 23rd August, 2016. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au Note: We may not be able to include everything.