

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY September 2016

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

THU 1	<p>Thank God for speaking to us through His word, by His Holy Spirit. Pray for Kerry as he prepares to speak on the subject of "Defence against the Dark Arts" from 2 Corinthians 10 and 11 this Sunday. Ask God to help Kerry clearly explain the passage, and apply it well to himself and St Faith's members of all ages.</p>
FRI 2	<p>Pray for Megan, Georgia, Grace, Tim and Reid as they lead Grommets each week. Pray they show God's love for the children and are faithful to his word when giving talks and answering questions. Give thanks to God for the 3 years Leigh has provided afternoon tea for Lighthouse and Grommets on Friday afternoons. Ask God to raise up some more parents/adults to help at Grommets and Lighthouse with afternoon tea and parental supervision.</p>
SAT 3	<p>Give thanks for the recent Trivia Night Fundraiser for NPSRE which provided some much needed funds to support the ongoing work of scripture at Cromer Campus. Pray for Alison Wheatley as she teaches at the campus, that God would give her the grace, patience and gospel focus to impact the lives of those she is teaching with the transforming word of God. Please also give thanks for the board who oversee her work, including David Curnow, Sandy Walsh and Ruth Dickson.</p> <p>Give thanks for Naomi McNaughton who has taken over leading the older kids at Saturday church. Pray she will quickly get to know the children and that she will teach the children faithfully each week.</p>
SUN 4	<p>FATHERS' DAY - Pray for our men in their role as fathers; ask God to give them the wisdom, compassion and endurance they need. Pray for Neil and Kerry at St Faith's and Philip Selden today at Warriewood Anglican as they preach on 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15 that their words will be an encouragement for us to continue to put our trust in God.</p> <p>WAR VETS – Pray God will bless the congregation with a sermon from Mark Short, the Director of Bush Church Aid, at 9:30 Chapel today. Pray they will gain a greater appreciation of BCA work in remote areas of Australia and support them prayerfully and financially. Give thanks to God for sustaining Chaplain Tony and Janet Edwards for the large work load at the 'War Vets' Chapel during August and for the many volunteers who are willing to carry an extra load in serving while Chaplain Bob is on holidays till late September. Pray he and Leslie enjoy a refreshing holiday, and have safe travels.</p>
MON 5	<p>Give thanks for the opportunity to teach SRE in Narrabeen High this year, and ask that as classes finish for the year today - that students would be challenged by the gospel and plugged in to youth groups where they can keep finding out more about Jesus</p> <p>Give thanks for Craig Glassock and his leadership of the One2One Course running on Monday nights. Pray this course serves us well in understanding why we need to read the Word with others and the confidence to do it.</p>
TUE 6	<p>Pray for God's grace for all the residents at Warriewood Brook and especially for those who have been recently hospitalised. Pray for God's discernment and enabling for the staff at Marcus Loane House, after recent leadership changes. Pray also for Marcus Loane House chaplain Melanie and pastoral carer Chivana, and for Grant and Denise, chaplains for the independent living residents.</p>

WED 7	Give thanks for the new team ask God to enable them well as they work at the Community Pantry . Pray for Steve Moate as he co-ordinates for everything to run smoothly. THE COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Give thanks to God for His provision including the grant from Dee Why RSL of \$5,000. Pray for preparation for running a workshop for Mums of multiple births in Hornsby. Pray for preparation for updating partner churches, visiting their services, developing and maintaining good connections and positive feedback. Pray for openings to visit other churches in the area to increase their supporter base. Ask God to fill the counsellors with wisdom and compassion as they meet with their clients.
THU 8	Thank God for the opportunity to share the gospel with the residents of "Elizabeth Jenkins place" aged care facility in Collaroy . Pray Kerry and Nerilyn would be able to care well for the residents as they visit and speak there today .
FRI 9	Pray those who have attended the Life of Jesus Course at Warriewood Anglican will deepen in their understanding of who Jesus is and what he means for their life. Pray for wisdom for Grant as he follows up these people.
SAT 10	Pray for Philip West and Felicity King as they are married today at St Faith's . Give thanks for their upbringing in Christian families, their personal gospel convictions and their desire to honour God in their marriage and ask that today would be a great celebration of all of these things as they make their vows together.
SUN 11	Pray for stamina for Mitch preaching at four services at St Faith's today and Grant at Warriewood Anglican as well as yesterday at Saturday Church. Pray we heed the message regarding boasting in weakness that shows God's grace and power.
MON 12	Praise God for the privilege we have of serving Him as part of his own family in Narrabeen area, meeting at St Faith's and Warriewood. Pray for the Senior Staff as they spend today and tomorrow planning for the future of ministry in our area . Ask God to help Kerry to lead the team well . Pray that Philip, Neil, Mitch, Rosemary, Ben and Grant would have great passion and vision to see Christ honoured through our ministries in the future.
TUE 13	Pray for all Mothers' Union members to be well and able to attend their meeting today, at 1:30pm . Give thanks to God for their prayerful concern for others. Pray they are able to continue caring for and supporting each other. MISSION – Kent and Linda – Pray God would use the time Kent spends with inmates for their blessing; pray the On Track program will continue to challenge and open eyes, clarify and bring growth both personally and for those they serve.
WED 14	GUMNUT KINDY - Pray that enrolments for next year will continue to fill. Pray they will be wise in making decisions/changes and be led by God in this way when planning for next year. Ask God to give staff energy and good health to finish the year Give thanks for the 20-30 guests who come to the Community Pantry , pray that volunteers continue to care and love them. Pray for the 'Rodd team' tonight .
THU 15	MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye - Pray for them as they prepare what to share as they visit their partnering churches on home assignment from Tanzania and that they and these churches would be mutually encouraged. Pray that God would provide for their needs during this time. Pray the 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.
FRI 16	MISSION – Fiona Kirsop, Credo at UTS - Pray for small groups studying the Beatitudes - that they would be communities where friends are invited, where God's word is read and loved, and where the gospel is proclaimed clearly; pray for the leaders to grow in PTO

	<p>knowledge and love of Christ. Pray first year students in Communications would grow in their commitment to do evangelism, and that God would be raising up future leaders for next year. Pray students would take ownership of the challenge to read Mark's gospel with a friend, and that many friends and classmates would say yes to the invitation. Give thanks for additional financial support that God has provided through the generosity of his people, and pray that he would provide what is still needed.</p>
SAT 17	<p>KINGDOM KIDS, WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Give thanks for Rachel as she teaches the children at 10am church on Sundays, pray she teaches clearly and faithfully. Pray the children to deepen in their trust in Jesus and attend regularly; pray for new children and families to come along.</p>
SUN 18	<p>Give thanks for the children of Gumnut Kindy visiting Arvo church today. Pray that the kids and families visiting will have a great time and that good fellowship will be had over the BBQ after. Pray for Neil as he gives a Children's talk there.</p>
MON 19	<p>Pray for those who have been attending the One2One Course during September on Monday nights. Ask that God would use tonight, as the course wraps up, to encourage and equip these people to go out with confidence to read God's word with others and see its transforming effects.</p>
TUE 20	<p>SPRING LUNCH - Pray guests tomorrow will be warmly welcomed and encouraged to respond to God's love for them. Give thanks for Vivienne singing and for Merryl and Paul Clarke speaking on their recent trip to Tanzania where they previously spent many years on mission. Give thanks also for Christine Bannister, Shirley Tucker and the team from Traditional church who have organised this lunch.</p> <p>Give thanks for Pat and Judith who look after the children in crèche during Tuesday Women's bible study. Give thanks for the leaders including Sarah, Ruth, Charis, and Rosemary pray they guide their groups faithfully and that the members care for each other with prayer and practical support when needed.</p>
WED 21	<p>Give thanks for the grant from the DY RSL towards the equipment for the Community Pantry. Pray the Community Pantry reaches and helps more single parents in the area who are finding it hard, pray that those who do come feel safe and cared for. Pray for the members of the 'Strong team' as they serve tonight.</p> <p>GUMTREES PLAYTIME – Praise God for the large group of parents and children who meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays for playgroup, pray for opportunities for showing God's love in action. Pray for God to sustain Rosemary and others who coordinate these groups.</p>
THU 22	<p>THE J - Praise God for many new youth this term. Pray God would work in their lives and bring them into relationship with Jesus. Pray the leaders Grant, Penny, Tim and Elisha would faithfully share the good news of Jesus and show Christ's love in the way they relate to the youth.</p>
FRI 23	<p>Give thanks for Term 3 at Soulies and ask that as the term comes to a close tonight, youth would be encouraged to keep following Jesus over the holidays and that the leaders would be refreshed over the 2 weeks break</p>
SAT 24	<p>Give thanks for Saturday church and for everyone who serves week in and week out. Pray Saturday church will be committed to meeting together each week, to hear from God's word, sing his praises and share in fellowship over food. Give thanks for the Catering team who prepare dinner for the children each week. Pray Saturday church will impact the world with Christ's love and boldly share the hope they have in Jesus in their daily lives.</p>

SUN 25	<p>WAR VETS – Pray the 10:30am combined Ecumenical Service will bring the members together in fellowship, love and unity; pray the message given by Rex Curry from Isaiah 61:1-11 is both challenging and encouraging to our faith.</p> <p>MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb - Thank God for all the extra people who heard about Jesus at travelling ministries visiting Broome Peoples Church. Pray they are able to reconnect with a young couple with whom they were meeting regularly earlier in the year. Ask God to help them make progress in preparing key congregation members to be able to continue Bible study groups without them when the Webbs are on home assignment at the end of the year, pray also that they find a suitable person to rent their house while they are away.</p>
MON 26	<p>Please pray for the Soulies HSC Study Hall starting today, that it will be a productive time for all students who attend, and that those who know Jesus will be encouraged to trust him with their exams and life after school and that those who don't know him will be able to clearly hear the gospel and consider Jesus throughout the week</p>
TUE 27	<p>MISSION – Paul and Sandra King – Pray for Paul as he coordinates the GBU team in Strasbourg; pray for those whose time with GBU has finished, Joel who has finished his studies but continuing to serve in his church, Lucille, ministry apprentice, returning to her home church and Samuel going on to Bible College, pray they continue to follow Jesus and serve him faithfully. Pray the new GBU workers are united in their work taking the gospel to the uni students.</p>
WED 28	<p>Give thanks for Sue Jacobs who works on the rosters and other administration for The Community Pantry. Ask God to sustain her in this role keep her safe. Pray for the ‘Dickson 2 team’ to work well together as they interact with and serve guest tonight. Pray for the children who will receive the ‘Operation Christmas Child’ gift boxes packed by people from St Faith’s and WAC. Pray these children who have very little and may have never received a gift before will come to know they are loved unconditionally by God through the demonstration of God’s love and care by his people.</p>
THU 29	<p>MISSION – Steve and Narelle Etherington – Pray for the proof reading of the week to week lectionary readings and for the for the layout of the Kunwinjku bible leading up to publication by the Bible Society. Praise God for the faithfulness of Lois Nadjamerrek and her team and the Kunwinjku Christians in Oenpelli, NT. Ask the Lord to call more people for the long term mission work still needed with Aboriginal people in all parts of the Northern Territory and working with Aboriginal Christians to support their ministry and develop Biblical literacy in their languages.</p>
FRI 30	<p>MISSION – Irwan and Catherine, AFES Wollongong Uni- Give thanks for the last 2 weeks! Many 1st year students were engaged in sharing the gospel and were encouraged in their faith as they did so. Give thanks for the many new people who came to the talks - nearly double the usual numbers attending weekly lunchtime talks. Pray for Irwan as he helps Angelo from Sri Lanka and 3 Indonesian students to be more confident in sharing the good news. Pray for Ahmed as he is still waiting to hear about his visa. Pray for Irwan as he is in Indonesia encouraging and giving support to a new student worker and the believers who meet together from that Uni campus.</p>

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 20th September, 2016. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au Note: We may not be able to include everything.