

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY October 2017

*Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God*

SUN 1	Pray for Philip and Marcus as they preach this weekend on Standing for Marriage ; pray they faithfully share God's Word with sensitivity. Pray many couples take advantage of strengthening their marriage by doing the Marriage Course that starts on Monday 16 th .
MON 2	Give thanks for the HSC Study Hall that ran at St Faith's last week for year 12 students preparing for their HSC exams, pray they will continue to be focused over the coming weeks. Give thanks for those who gave up their time to assist including Meagan, Beth, Haley and Reid.
TUE 3	MISSION – Irwan and Catherine, AFES at UOW – Pray for ongoing strength to follow up all the contacts and conversations they had with many non-believers during Uni outreach. Pray for those people whom Irwan and Catherine meet with regularly to read the bible pray God opens their hearts. Pray for wisdom as Irwan prepares and runs the Training in Evangelism and Ministry with the students from the Uni Bible Group to reach out cross-culturally and to other religious adherents.
WED 4	Praise God for new and existing volunteers (including Virginia, Graeme, Stuart, David, Joe, Cam, Adam and others) and guests (including Alan, John, Paul, Elizabeth, Lisa and others) at The Community Pantry , pray that good relationships are built between everyone there.
THU 5	Thank God for the great heritage we have, due to The Reformation led by men like Martin Luther some 500 years ago. As we study the key themes of The Reformation this term , pray that our Small Group Leaders would all be able to prepare well , so that we can see some of the value and excitement of the discoveries associated with this time.
FRI 6	GUMNUT KINDY - Give thanks for Gumnut singing in church last month pray many families may draw closer to God as a result of this event. Pray for the future planning for Gumnut and for full enrolments for 2018. Pray for Victoria's studies that she has time and strength to complete her work and will then be blessed with a good break
SAT 7	Pray for safety for those travelling home from holidays. Pray students and teachers are refreshed ready for the new term. Pray for Marcus preaching at Saturday and Arvo church this weekend.
SUN 8	Pray for Marcus, Ben and Mitch preaching today on the topic of Standing for Love , pray they are able to impart to us the many blessings we receive from Go and their words encourage us to want to live God's way.
MON 9	Thank God for the organisation of which we are a part, the Anglican Church in Sydney, and for Glenn Davies, our Archbishop. Pray for Glenn as he chairs the Synod meetings over this week and next, that he would be wise, patient and alert. Pray for Ross Jones, Tim Tunbridge and Ben Molyneux, as they represent St Faith's at these meetings.

<i>TUE</i> 10	Pray for Scripture teachers returning to class this week . Pray for teachers to cover classes for those teachers who are unable to continue teaching due to ill health . Pray students are keen to hear more about God and his love for them.
<i>WED</i> 11	Praise God for the support of the Sharks Footy Club at The Community Pantry . Pray for the volunteer team including Steve, Judith, Peter, Graeme, Lyn, Helen and others , to be well organised for tonight's dinner. Pray that all the guests are welcomed well and enjoy the company and the meal. Ask God to raise up more co-ordinators to head up a team of volunteers.
<i>THU</i> 12	ESL -Thank God for continued growth in the number of students, ask for wisdom as the teachers continually change class and lesson format to accommodate the numbers. Pray also for wisdom to be able to meet the needs of their students and that teachers are able to be regular and continue to build relationship with the students.
<i>FRI</i> 13	Pray for the many new youth coming along to Soulies Junior Crew who have no knowledge of the gospel and Jesus at all. Pray for this exciting opportunity for the leaders to invest in them and for these new youths to come to trust Jesus and want to live for him.
<i>SAT</i> 14	HSC STUDENTS – Pray for students who start their HSC exams with English on Monday 16th . Pray they remain focused over the next few weeks especially those who have exams spread over the four weeks. Pray for those linked with St Faith's including Josh, Daniel, Isaac, Chapel, Luke, Thomas, Jesse, Jadon, Pieter, Matthew, Benjamin, Ferg, Andrew, Marcus, Vincent, Jack, Bryn, Luke, Nell, Keely, Joey, Rachel, Holly, Jasmin and Courtney . (Please also use the HSC prayer list during this time)
<i>SUN</i> 15	Thank God for the long partnership we have had with Paul and Sandra King who have just concluded over 20 years of Missionary work in France . Pray that their time with us over the coming week will be a good time of farewell. Ask God to help Paul to explain the scriptures clearly to us, as he preaches at St Faith's this Sunday .
<i>MON</i> 16	Please pray Jesus Club members will be keen to return after the school holiday break and hear about what it means to be friends with Jesus. We pray that they will bring their friends along this term too! Give thanks for this opportunity for fellowship with adults with intellectual disabilities.
<i>TUE</i> 17	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Pray for the Warriewood Brook Thanksgiving Service tomorrow to celebrate the completion of the construction of Warriewood Brook. Pray Warriewood Brook continues to be a community where residents show the love of Jesus to their neighbours.
<i>WED</i> 18	Praise God for the music team (Rob and Kate) at the Community Pantry . Pray for the Rodd team including Debbie, Bev, Jodie, Richard, Jude and others to work well together and everything during the night goes smoothly. Pray that the kids who come along really enjoy the meal and the craft activities and their parents have an opportunity to relax in a safe caring environment.

THU 19	WAR VETS- Praise God for their Men's Day Out once a month , the bus regularly is full - 27 men- Pray that this will keep opening doors for the gospel. Pray the 6 regulars at the ALPHA course on Tuesday mornings will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour and that numbers and faith will build. Give thanks for a combined Thanksgiving and Harvest Festival Service on 7 th Sept; pray for more opportunities for chaplains Tony and Bob and others to share their faith together in constructive non-threatening ways. Give thanks for the motorcycle maintenance morning once a fortnight on Saturdays with 3-4 young veterans , pray this leads to more opportunities for Tony to share his faith and help in their rehabilitation.
FRI 20	Pray for ' The J (the youth group at Warriewood) . For the leaders (Marcus D, Penny F, Tim R) that they effectively disciple the youth. For the youth that they grow in their love and knowledge of the Lord.
SAT 21	Pray for Neil and Kerry preaching this week on one of the themes of our Reformation series. Pray this truth of the gospel might be proclaimed clearly and that the Holy Spirit would change hearts.
SUN 22	Pray for God to sustain the women who undertake leadership and support roles at church while caring for their families and children and elderly parents, including Rosemary, Annelie, Ruth, Charis, Sarah and for others who coordinate and assist at Gumtrees Playtime and lead Bible study groups.
MON 23	Pray for the Senior Group as they meet for a time of fellowship this Wednesday 25 th . Pray for Nerida Moore as she shares her experience of working on the Mercy Ships . Pray for those who attend the Quilting and Needlework Group each Thursday . Pray the Christians in the group show Jesus' love and support to those who may be expiring health problems. Give thanks for Judith and others who coordinate and share expertise and a christian message each week.
TUE 24	Thank God for those who serve on our Parish Council, including Linda Ryan, Bob Saville and Dave Tucker . Pray that the members of the Council would have vision and wisdom as they discuss the church budget for 2018. Pray that Kerry would chair the meeting well , as they gather tonight.
WED 25	Praise God for those working behind the scenes at the Community Pantry including Sue Jacobs . Pray the guests enjoy chatting to the volunteers, pray those guests who have been sick including Alan, Liz and Phillip , recover quickly and volunteers show concern and give assistance if required. Pray the Dickson 1 team including Sigi, Barb, Linda, Roz, Paddy, Chris and others work well together in making the dinner and preparing the hall.
THU 26	MISSION – Kent and Linda – Pray for Kent and the prison inmates he supports while running a workshop, particularly for S & X as they learn to put their trust in Jesus. Pray for some Godly volunteers to commit to prayer and other forms of support assisting inmates in jail and once they are released. Pray for Linda's work as a coordinator for PTO

	<p>the 'On Track' short term mission program. Pray the coordinators continue to listen to God's direction and provide structures and procedures for safe responsible care without controlling and limiting new directions. Pray National offices prepare participants so they contribute meaningfully to the Country team and grow through their placement; experiencing God's grace and being excited by His vision for His world.</p>
FRI 27	<p>MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye, Munguishi Bible College, Tanzania – Pray for Geoff as he teaches Old Testament, Romans and 'preaching' in English and an Introduction to the New Testament in Swahili as well as teaching English. Give thanks for the students in his pastoral group, pray for them as it is sometimes difficult in Swahili for Geoff. Pray for the Mamas group who do bible study together and learn to sew. Pray for safety for them and their local community where there have been recent kidnappings and robberies.</p>
SAT 28	<p>Pray for Philip and Ben preaching at St Faiths and for Tony preaching at WAC this weekend. Pray we will be open to hear God speak to us.</p> <p>MISSION – Fiona Kirsop, Credo at UTS – Give thanks for those students who attended Comms Getaway and gave their testimonies acknowledging that that being a Christian is not about doing things for God, or being good enough for him, but resting in the fact that he alone has saved us and he grows us by his spirit. Pray that God would keep working in Communications students to grow them in community, centred around his saving word, and motivate them to love their Uni and desire to share the gospel there. Give thanks for her and James' trip to Japan where they were able to meet up with a number of Christians serving the Lord. Pray for plans for the Credo Ruby Jubilee Celebration coming up soon.</p>
SUN 29	<p>MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb, Broome – Thank God for the new opportunities with some people from Kimberley Aboriginal communities joining them at the Broome Peoples Church while they are visiting Broome during the dry season. Long term member of the church Michael preached his first sermon; thank God for his godliness and willingness to serve God's people. Ask God to give Chris wisdom as he encourages and trains Michael to preach; an encouraging step as they work to equip Aboriginal Christians for ministry and leadership.</p>
MON 30	<p>Give thanks for our dedicated team of leaders at Jesus Club, including Rick, Troy, Iain, Dan, Sandy and Natalie. Please give them wisdom in sharing what it means to be a follower of Jesus tonight.</p>
TUE 31	<p>Pray for God to raise up sufficient Scripture teachers to cover all classes next year specially for those classes where long term teachers are unable to continue due to ill health. Pray for Jo Harpur who coordinates the scripture teachers in the Primary schools in our area. Pray many students in our local schools can have the opportunity to learn from the Bible and hear the Gospel and respond with open hearts.</p>

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: **Tuesday, 24th October 2017**. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au Note: We may not be able to include everything.