

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY January 2018

Lamentations 3:22-23 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

MON 1	<p>Give thanks for the blessings we received during the last year; for each new day the Lord gives us; pray we use our time wisely. Pray for safety and refreshment for all those people and families who are holidaying and travelling this month. Pray Beach Missions reach many children and adults with the gospel. Pray for Demi, Claire, Debbie and David serving the Lord at Evans Head again this year.</p>
TUE 2	<p>Give thanks for the arrival of our Young Adults Pastor, Trent McGrath, and his family, Alice (wife), Henry & Maisy. Pray they would settle well into their new home, church and ministry and that God would use them powerfully throughout the year as Trent oversees our ministry to Young Adults, particularly at Night Church.</p> <p>MISSION - Fiona Kirsop – CREDO at UTS - pray Credo summer session will help students grow over the summer semester and reach new students with the gospel; pray the Credo community can spur students on to live for Christ over the summer. Pray that God would raise up future apprentices to be trained and equipped through Credo for gospel ministry.</p>
WED 3	<p>Thank God for His continuing work of bringing people to salvation in Jesus. As staff meet today and tomorrow to plan for the year ahead, pray for God's Holy Spirit to lead Kerry as he guides the planning. Ask God to help the staff to plan events and training that will help us all to introduce people to Jesus.</p>
THU 4	<p>Praise God for those who lead our Small groups. Pray for Kerry, Neil, Ben, Trent and Marcus as they meet today to plan for training and support of Small group leaders for 2018. Pray for Ben, Mitch, Kerry and Trent as they pray and plan for Night Church for 2018. Ask God to help them to see how best to care for the many who come, and to equip Young adults especially to serve Christ effectively.</p>
FRI 5	<p>WAR VETS - Pray God will renew and refresh the pastoral volunteers who have had a short break over Christmas and the first week of January. Pray Tony will have plenty of time for pastoral visiting during this time. Pray Chaplain Bob Durbin and wife Lesley will have a refreshing holiday and a good time with family over from Western Australia during the first two weeks of January.</p>
SAT 6	<p>Pray for Trent, Philip and Mitch as they preach this weekend the first of our Summer Psalms series; ask God to speak through them to encourage and strengthen us.</p> <p>Saturday Church Summer Dinners: Pray for Saturday church as they spend time together after church every Saturday night in January at the beach, the lake and back at people's homes. Pray that this will be a good time of fellowship and that visitors will feel welcome to join us.</p>

<i>SUN</i> 7	Arvo Church Summer Dinners: Pray that we will have great fellowship and begin the year well together by having dinner each week after church. Pray that this will be a good opportunity to get to know each other better.
<i>MON</i> 8	Pray for the NPSRE Board (SRE at Cromer Campus) as they seek to find a replacement teacher for 2018 as Alison is moving to a different school. Give thanks for Alison's faithful service and ask that God would raise up the right person to continue this ministry moving forward. Give thanks for Sandy, David, Ben and Rachel as they oversee this ministry.
<i>TUE</i> 9	Give thanks for the faithful service of our children's ministry leaders across our weekend services. Pray for them as they have a rest during the holidays, that God would refresh them for another season of teaching the Bible to children and renew their passion and joy for this ministry. Pray also for Kylie Love, our Children's Ministry Coordinator , as she and her family adjust to life with a new baby.
<i>WED</i> 10	Pray for refreshment for the Jesus Club team members and for wisdom as they meet this month to plan for lessons in Term 1. Give thanks for Troy & Kate, Josh, Nat, Dan, Glenn, Verity, Sandy and Iain and their commitment and passion for teaching our Jesus Club members through games, bible talks and craft, and ask that God would raise up new team members to help with this ministry in 2018. Pray also, as the group moves to St Faith's, that previous members would still be able to come along and bring their friends.
<i>THU</i> 11	ESL - Thank God for coordinator, Julianne and the wonderful team. Give thanks for the great job they have done this year; pray they rest and have a well-earned break. Pray they prayerfully consider recommitment and pray more people will be available to train as teachers. COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Thank God for sustaining the Cottage financially and spiritually. Pray all the counsellors are refreshed over the holidays to continue this important and emotionally draining work. Pray for safety and healing and settled hearts during the holiday period for all their clients. Continue to pray for wisdom for The Board and for new members from our partner churches to join The Board. Pray for Jennie Lakos (Director) and Neil Souter (Chairperson) as they oversee this.
<i>FRI</i> 12	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN CHURCH - Please pray for guidance and wisdom for a new female chaplain in Warriewood Brook Retirement Village. Pray God will send His choice for the best person for the role. Pray for all those at Warriewood Brook Retirement Village who are struggling physically and emotionally. Pray that God will comfort them with his strength. Pray for The J youth as they start this year at Soulies . Pray we will be able to organise regular transport to and from Soulies, and they will grow deeper relationships with God and each other.
<i>SAT</i> 13	Pray Marcus and Mitch are well prepared for preaching today and tomorrow; pray for wisdom and insight into God's word and that God's Spirit would illuminate his word in our hearts and lives.

<i>SUN</i> 14	Give thanks for the Soulies leaders meeting today to plan Summercamp and 2018, pray that they would have wisdom and creativity as they plan, and continue to trust God with all that they are doing to serve Him. Pray for Mitch Everingham as he oversees all this planning.
<i>MON</i> 15	GUMNUT KINDY – Pray for full enrolments for 2018. Pray staff including Trish, Natalie, Allira, Victoria, Bec and others have been having a refreshing break this month; pray they are well prepared for the start of their new year starting 23rd, and pray new children and families settle in well.
<i>TUE</i> 16	MISSION – Geoff and Martha Boye - Munguishi Bible College Tanzania - Pray students are refreshed from the time they have spent at home with their families over the Christmas break. Pray for those areas of Tanzania suffering earthly and spiritual drought. Pray pastors will point people to Jesus. Pray the conference at Munguishi for pastors of the Diocese of Mt Kilimanjaro with Bishop Hotay has been a time of good teaching and encouragement for them. Pray for wisdom and safety for the Boyes as they continue to serve at Munguishi through 2018.
<i>WED</i> 17	Pray for Neil Souter and Dan Leach as they prepare talks for Soulies Summercamp beginning next week. Pray that they would speak clearly and faithfully from Revelation 1-3, and that God would use these talks to change the youth attending to be more like Christ.
<i>THU</i> 18	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - Thank God for the people willing to teach, Sunday club, lead youth and kids programs. Please prepare them for the year ahead and raise up new people to cover all the classes and groups.
<i>FRI</i> 19	MISSION – Irwan and Catherine AFES at UOW – Give thanks for the 1,800 who attended NTE conference this year and for those Irwan led in Indonesian language. Pray students returning to home countries continue to grow in their faith. Pray those Catherine and Irwan meet with will come to know Him. Pray for Irwan preaching this month and next.
<i>SAT</i> 20	THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Praise God for the generosity of the people from St. Faith's in donating towards Christmas hampers for the guests at TCP. Pray that Neil's Christmas message will still be in their hearts and that the Holy Spirit will bring about opportunities for guests and volunteers to find out more about the grace of God. Thank God for the guests at TCP who are becoming friends (Wendy, Elizabeth, Sandy and others) and helping each another in living life under difficult circumstances.
<i>SUN</i> 21	Give thanks for Summercamp starting today , and pray that God would sustain Mitch and the leaders as they lead and disciple 100 youth this week.
<i>MON</i> 22	MISSION – Paul and Sandra King – Australia/France - Pray for Sandra who will now be serving in student ministry with AFES with the campus team of University of NSW and with women staff in the Sydney Region; pray she will find financial and prayer partners for this role. Pray for Paul who is joining the ministry team of St Matthias Church Centennial Park. Pray for the church's vision to reach the East of Sydney in 2018 with the Good News. Pray for Daniel Morris coordinating the "Relay" ministry apprentice program in France during a time of great change. Pray for the coaches Mickael and Isabelle and Marion and Emmanuelle and new apprentices Micael, Timothy, Valerie and Cecile.

TUE 23	LIGHT HOUSE – Give thanks for Annelie Kruger’s commitment to coordinating and leading LightHouse last year and the growth in numbers of children over the year. Give thanks also for the young leaders including Claire, Phoebe, Jess, Daniel, Toby, Zep, Luke and others . Pray we continue to reach many local children with the good news of Jesus this coming year.
WED 24	WAR VETS – Pray for the Men’s Day Out to Bobbin Head by ferry and return by bus today. This a great opportunity for the Christian men to befriend others. Pray Tony and others continue to be the ‘salt’ and ‘light’ and draw others into the Kingdom .
THU 25	SCRIPTURE – Give thanks for our opportunity to teach scripture in the local schools; pray for sufficient scripture teachers and helpers to cover all the classes ; pray they are encouraged by the training they do; pray those teaching will rely on God’s strength each week remembering that seeds sown now can bear fruit in many years to come. Give thanks for and ask for God to sustain Jo Harpur who coordinates SRE in primary schools.
FRI 26	AUSTRALIA DAY – Give thanks for all the many blessings that come from living in a country that is politically stable and wealthy by world standards. Ask God, to guard our people, guide our leaders and continue to give us peace and to help us show respect for each other and a commitment to unity and justice for all. Pray that God’s Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness and reconciliation of the people to him ; ask God to bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
SAT 27	MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb - Broome - Pray for children’s ministries at Broome Peoples Church; pray the children at BPC will choose to trust and follow Jess as they grow up. for Karen who coordinates Sunday School; ask God to identify one or two congregation members who are willing to be equipped as Sunday school teachers. Pray for ‘Treasurer Hunters’ kids club run by Chris at Cable Beach Primary School on Friday lunchtime. Thank God for this opportunity to reach children who have no other chance to hear about Jesus.
SUN 28	Pray for guidance for God’s Holy Spirit for Ben and Trent preaching the last sermon in our summer Psalm series, pray we will be open to hear God speak to us.
MON 29	JESUS CLUB - Praise God for our Jesus Club members Brendan, Ben, Pippy, Ryan, Adam and Kathryn. Please pray that the carers will continue to bring them to the new meeting location at St Faith’s to hear more about Jesus this year.
TUE 30	Pray for Soulies starting again this Friday night , that many youth would come back following Summercamp and that studying Deuteronomy this term would grow them in their love and trust of Jesus. Ask God to give Mitch Everingham and Georgia Llewellyn energy as they start the new year leading Soulies .
WED 31	Praise God for the Dickson 1 team at the Community Pantry including Jo, Barb, Paddy, Greg and others . Pray that guests know God’s grace and love by the love shown to them at TCP.
Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 16th January 2018. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au <i>Note: We may not be able to include everything.</i>	