

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY August 2018

Acts 17:27-28a ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ "For in him we live and move and have our being."

WED 1	Thank God for the many gifted people who serve us in Counselling and related areas. Pray for staff as a number of them commence a course today on " Mental Health First Aid Training ". Ask God to better equip Kerry, Rosemary, Ben and the other staff attending to care for congregation members facing mental health challenges like depression, alcohol dependencies. GUMTREES PAYTIME – Pray that it will run smoothly this morning.
THU 2	COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Thank God for His provision for The Cottage and for their faithful supporters. Pray for the Professional Development day The Cottage is running for Christian Counsellors on 4th Aug at St Faith's, will be a great day of learning how to support clients whose faith is impacted by trauma. Pray for wisdom as they continue to speak to churches about domestic abuse, raising awareness and making our churches safer. Thank God for the extra clients they are meeting with, through Headspace for the extra capacity they have to meet with young people with their two new Counsellors Helen Fuller and Anthony Edwards.
FRI 3	SOULIES - Give thanks for Afterlight for Years 9-12 that ran for 3 nights during the school holidays with 52 people on the largest night, and a chance to connect new youth with Soulies. Give thanks for the 6 Jesus stories shared and the youth who stepped up and led. Pray for the 25 youth in years 9-12 including Rebecca Wilson, Kamden Horsley, Georgia Gallagher, Tia Keyes, Vaughan Huck, Sariah Dobby, Tilly Madder, Emma Dee Zeeuw, Alex Dimitrov, Lexi McLean and Charlie Hammond , who are attending IMPACT a day of leadership training on Sunday 5 th August. Pray it helps them prepare for future leadership opportunities in children's or youth ministry and generally in daily life.
SAT 4	MORNING KIDS - Pray for Kylie, Josh, Bailey, Alex, Zak and Natalie as they lead our children at Morning Church each Sunday . Pray for strength, wisdom, and that they would love our children like Jesus does. Pray for the families and children who came to Chill Out . That God would work in their hearts and that they would remember how much God loves them. Thank God for the team of leaders and parents who look after our preschool children at Morning Kids each week.
SUN 5	MOORE COLLEGE SUNDAY - Pray the teaching programs of the College might continue to effectively prepare people for ministry in the challenging environment of the twenty-first century; pray for students and their families might be built up as effective ambassadors for Christ in churches and in the world. Pray for energy and refreshment for a faculty; for their preparation and their godly pastoral care of students.
MON 6	ESL - Pray for our team during term 3 including Kay Humphrey, Jenny Fitzgerald, Annie Selman, and Meri Cusworth . Pray for renewed strength and commitment for everyone and that our students will want to know more about Jesus. Pray for Julianne who coordinates this ministry and for Ben who leads their bible studies.
TUE 7	Thank God for the staff who serve in various ways across our congregations. In particular, pray for Deborah Kellahan and Kath Maclaren as they work part-time in our local retirement villages, that God would give them energy to minister to seniors in the villages.

	Ask God to help Kerry lead the Staff meeting well today, and that all staff would be challenged and stirred to serve Christ faithfully
WED 8	THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks for the guests (including Bea, Maggie, Alan, Richard and others) who are coming along to the Discussions about Jesus group at The Community Pantry. Ask God to guide Charis and Ruth, who are leading this group , to have answers that lead guests to himself. Pray for the Duce group (including Lisa, Charis, Brad, Melissa, Frank and others) as they serve at The Community Pantry this evening to show God's love to each other and to the guests. Give thanks for Graham, Chris and Simon who help each week to set up. Pray that the guests (including Alan Anthony, Robert, Graham, Tiana and others) come to know how much God loves them and accept his gift of salvation.
THU 9	MISSION – FIONA KIRSOP, CREDO UTS – Communications students spend this weekend away together 10-12 August. Pray for good relationships to be built around God's word and that students are encouraged to recover their joy in the gospel. Pray that students at UTS would be growing in their love for Jesus and their desire to share the good news about him with others. Pray that many first year students would be sustained in their faith and commit to be a messenger of the gospel to the Uni where God has sent them.
FRI 10	Thank God for continuing to speak to us through His word, the Bible. Pray that God would give Kerry insight into the Book of Acts , as he prepares to speak this weekend to a number of congregations.
SAT 11	ARVO CHURCH - Give thanks for the Chill Out after party at ARVO Church, for the new families that came, for Alec, Kim, Bailey Linda Alison, Grace Isabella and Sienna who helped with the kid's program; pray for continued opportunities with connections that have been made.
SUN 12	ARVO CHURCH - Give thanks for Gumnut Kindy and all those who teach there. Pray for Gumnut Kindy as they sing some songs at Arvo church today . Pray that Arvo church will welcome all the families that come along and that good connections will be made between the two groups.
MON 13	Thank God for those who serve on our Parish Council , including Jack Milnes who represents our Warriewood Brook congregation on this team. As the Council meets tonight, pray for practical wisdom as they look at details like new chairs for the chapel area, among other matters. JESUS CLUB – Pray that there would be good attendance tonight.
TUE 14	WOMENS MINISTRY - Pray for Rosemary as she meets with a couple of different women one to one to explain Christianity to them. Pray for wisdom and strength for the Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible study group leaders, Sarah, Bev, Ruth, Kay and Rosemary . Give thanks for the women that regularly attend each week and share time in the Bible.
WED 15	MISSION – STU ROBINSON – POWER TO CHANGE - Praise God for His guidance with Stu and others in the PTC performance team as they have been picking up where they left off 4 months ago. And praise God for His continuing provisions in finances and other means. Please pray that they will continue to trust and rely upon God as they continue to seek His provisions for the remaining technical equipment needed. Ask God to continue to enable them to move forward with wisdom, patience, and without hindrance.

THU 16	COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE - Pray for the Cottage Counselling Centre and the board meeting tonight . Pray for Neil Souter as he Chairs the meeting. Pray that board members will come ready to listen to each other and share ideas in ways to share Christ's love with those in need.
FRI 17	MISSION – Daniel and Liv Webster in Namibia – Pray for Daniel as he begins to help train Christian leaders at Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary (NETS) in Windhoek, Namibia; pray for a real sense of unity and affection amongst NETS staff and faculty. Pray for them as they struggle to get used to the incredible contrast between rich and poor. Praise God for the Webster's material blessings and ask that they would know how to use their wealth to honour Jesus and would not trust in wealth. Pray for them as they set up house while being challenged by dodgy electrics, dust and getting used to extreme lack of humidity that is causing dry, cracked lips and skin. Give thanks that home schooling for Liv and the boys has started pretty well; pray for patience and creativity for Liv.
SAT 18	Pray for Neil, Philip and Ben who are preaching at church this weekend from Acts 15 on Grace Applied; pray we all learn from God's word to be sensitive to others, showing grace. SATURDAY CHURCH - Give thanks for Saturday church. Pray for the BBQ dinner that they are sharing in tonight. Pray that it will be a good opportunity to invite friends to church.
SUN 19	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Pray Marcus and the Chaplaincy team find people who are gifted and available to love and care for residents. Pray that potential volunteers will be encouraged to serve those who are struggling with ill health, loss, bereavement, isolation.
MON 20	MISSION - IRWAN AND CATHERINE WOLLONGONG UNI - Praise God for the students who responded with repentance and renewed conviction or a realisation that they needed to submit their lives to God at the Mid Year Conference; pray for ongoing discipleship for these students including Bec, Grace and Matt. Pray as AFES gears up for the annual 'campus reach out' for the next three weeks (23 July-10 Aug), with the theme: "J is why" which is responding to the UOW slogan: "Find your why!" Pray for Irwan as he prepares and trains students to do walk up and to talk with students including international students. Pray for those from the middle east, India and Japan who Irwan and Catherine are meeting with to read the bible; pray God opens their hearts.
TUE 21	GUMNUT KINDY – Thank God for his answer to prayer with increased enrolments and a healthy waiting list for 2019. Please continue to pray for Mon/Fri for this year that all vacancies are filled as soon as possible. Pray for wisdom with future staffing and finances.
WED 22	WAR VETS - Pray chaplains Bob and Tony have wisdom and ability to support the pastoral workers, residents, staff, and church members. Pray for love and unity among all the Christians so that their cooperative witness will always have a positive impact in drawing people to the Lord. Pray the Men's Day Out today to the Jewish Museum and Synagogue is an opportunity to reach out and build relationships towards gospel unity. COMMUNITY PANTRY - Pray for the Dickson 2 team this evening to have opportunities to speak to guests about God's love. Ask God to sustain Ruth as she co-ordinates the team.
THU 23	MISSION – CRAIG GLASSOCK – THE VINE PROJECT – Pray for the Vine Project churches: that their theological convictions on disciple-making would shape every ministry practice in their church; pray for great wisdom and discernment for church leaders regarding how to

	grow a disciple making community in their context; on Sunday's, in small groups; one to one; and in our homes. Pray for wisdom for the Vinegrowers team to best support the hundreds of churches engaging in The Vine Project around the world. Pray for clarity for Craig Glassock as he writes The Vine Project Online Leaders Course - that it would be a helpful tool to equip pastors in growing a disciple making culture.
FRI 24	SOULIES - Pray for many young people to attend tonight; for the leaders to be energised and sustained and for the message of the gospel to be communicated well and truthfully. LIGHTHOUSE - Pray that the children from Chill Out will come to Lighthouse. Pray the children will be taught the gospel faithfully and that they will put their trust in Jesus. Pray for Zak and the young people who lead this group each Friday.
SAT 25	SATURDAY KIDS - Pray for Keely, Nicole and Jeremy as they lead our Saturday kids, that they would teach with truth and wisdom and continue to develop great relationships.
SUN 26	Pray for Kerry Nagel and Marcus Druitt as they preach on Acts 16:1-40; pray they would be well prepared and open to God's word as they speak on the Unstoppable Mission and that our hearts would be open to hearing and applying God's word in our lives.
MON 27	JESUS CLUB – Pray for the regular members that they would continue to connect with each other and pray for Natalie Berrill, Troy Wilson and others as they continue to serve.
TUE 28	WAR VETS – Pray for the Homes for Heroes program that supports younger veterans suffering trauma or physical disabilities. Pray for the Bible Study soon to commence for this Group. Pray for John, a younger veteran, as he commences part time studies at the Baptist Bible College that God will help him in his studies and that he will hunger to learn. Pray for the Alpha Course, that God will draw people to enrol so they may come to saving faith.
WED 29	THE COMMUNITY PANTRY - Give thanks for the guests, that they continue to care about one another. Give thanks for volunteers from other churches including Pittwater United, Grace City, Narrabeen Baptist. Praise God for the volunteers who don't attend church. GUMTRESS PLAYTIME - Give thanks for Michelle and others who coordinate the group.
THU 30	QUILTING AND NEDDLEWORK CLUB - Give thanks for Judith and others who coordinate this group, give thanks for the way visitors from the community are gently encouraged to think about Jesus and his purpose in their lives.
FRI 31	MISSION – CHRIS AND KAREN WEBB – BROOME PEOPLES CHURCH WA – Pray for them as they support aboriginal Christians in Broome and the Kimberley region, pray for their regular Tuesday night Fellowship around the campfire singing God's praises and sharing the Word. Pray Sunday School time will be significant for the kids, as they learn that God views them as precious and wants them to know him. Pray for other ministries including kids club run by Chris at Cable Beach Primary School on Friday lunchtime and his chaplain type role on Friday afternoons at Milliya Rumurra, the local drug and alcohol rehab centre for Aboriginal people. Ask God to sustain him each Friday.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 21st August 2018. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au *Note: We may not be able to include everything.*