

ST FAITH'S PRAYER DIARY October 2018

Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

<p>MON 1</p>	<p>Pray for rest, refreshment and safety for teachers, students and families on school holidays. Pray for Georgia Llewellyn, Luke Hutchinson, Debbie Peters and Mitch Everingham as they continue their study tour of Israel and Jordan for the next two weeks. Ask that God would grow them in their knowledge and love of Jesus, change them to be more like him, and help them to make the most of the opportunity they've been given.</p>
<p>TUE 2</p>	<p>Pray for the Soulies HSC Study Hall beginning today; and ask that it will be a good time of study for all those attending this week. Pray for good concentration, and that the gospel would be heard by all those who do not yet know Jesus, leading to, them putting their trust in him. Pray for Beth who is coordinating the Study Hall program.</p>
<p>WED 3</p>	<p>Pray for the youth on the 'Leaders in Training' camp this week. Pray that throughout this week Georgia G, Kamden, Gracie, Sariah, Andy, Rebecca, Lauren, Sarah, Jeremy, Dan and James would be equipped to love and serve Jesus and the body of Christ. Pray for Brad D as he leads the bible discussion tonight at the Community Pantry. Pray that people will put their faith in Jesus.</p>
<p>THU 4</p>	<p>Thank God for His word to us, the Bible, and that His Holy Spirit continues to guide us through His word. Pray that Kerry would have insight into God's purposes for us as he prepares to speak from Romans chapter 13 on "The Christian and Authorities" for this weekend. QUILTING AND NEEDLEWORK CLUB – Praise God for the many years this group of women from the church and from the community has met each week to share time knowledge and skills, give thanks for Judith who coordinates the group and pray her short 'christian' talks will soften hearts to respond to the message of the gospel.</p>
<p>FRI 5</p>	<p>MISSION – Dan and Liv Webster - Namibia - Give thanks for their recent safe trip into north Namibia learning how some of their students grew up and the context in which they will minister. Praise God for Kambauh and others there who instead of living a more comfortable life are committed to serving the people. Pray for growth in relationships with students for both Dan and Liv. Pray they have patience with their boys and for good friendships for the boys. Pray they find a suitable English-speaking African church to attend with a kid's church and which is happy, but not desperate for them to serve. Pray God protects the people from witchcraft that is risking the lives of children, pray many turn to a relationship with Jesus.</p>
<p>SAT 6</p>	<p>Give thanks for the Kids leaders at Arvo and Saturday church - Keely R, Alison V, Nicole L, Buffy A, Erin S and Suz E. Give thanks for the term that has just been and pray that the leaders will have a good break, refreshed and ready for term 4. MISSION – Fiona Kirsop - CREDO at UTS - Pray students are keen to attend and ask friends along to Faculty-based outreach events being run by the Credo team; pray for wisdom and boldness for students to own Christ and long to share him with friends and classmates. Pray for future leaders to be raised up and see the opportunity to serve Jesus at Uni; pray for Fiona as she supports and encourages those interested in doing a Ministry Apprenticeship.</p>
<p>SUN 7</p>	<p>Give thanks for the staff of Gumnut Kindy and their work in our community. Pray for Becca Wright as she speaks of her work and ministry in Gumnut Kindy at Night Church tonight. Pray God would encourage those who hear about her work; and ask God to continue to use the ministry of Gumnut Kindy to reach families with the good news of the gospel.</p>
<p>MON 8</p>	<p>ESL - Thank God for the many wonderful students who attended last term. Please pray for wisdom as Julianne and the teachers plan classes and lesson material for term four. Pray for the team especially teachers including Beth, Meri, Natalia, Ros, Kay, Jenny, Jo and Marjorie as they prepare and organise the classes. PTO</p>

	<p>JESUS CLUB - Give thanks for the hardworking Jesus Club team who meet tonight to plan out term 4 together. Give thanks for Nat Berrill, Sandy Green, Kay Burton, Dan Forsyth and the other leaders who give their time and energy to share the gospel with Jesus Club members. Pray that God would raise up new team members to serve in this ministry and that God would use their efforts to build the faith of the Jesus Club members.</p>
TUE 9	<p>Praise God for His holy spirit's ongoing work in our lives, leading us to serve Jesus day by day. Pray that as the staff meet today, they would plan, as humble servants, to lead others to know Christ, and grow in his likeness. Pray especially for Ben, Philip, Kerry and other staff as they plan for Christmas events, and other matters for term 4.</p> <p>Pray for our Small Group Leaders across our church. Thank God for the wonderful leadership and example they bring to us each week as we open the Bible together, learn new things about God, and do life as a Christian community. Pray particularly for the Morning & Night Church small group leaders who meet tonight to plan and pray for the term ahead. Ask that God would use this time to prepare us well for the term in Hosea.</p>
WED 10	<p>Pray for our SRE teachers during the holidays. Ask that God would refresh and renew their energy for final term of classes. Give thanks to God for the amazing opportunity that presents itself for us to walk into our local schools and teach from the Bible. Pray for the development training that is happening at church today, that this would serve to further equip our teachers and give them confidence in the classroom.</p>
THU 11	<p>MISSION - Craig Glassock - Vine Growers - Pray for wisdom for how best to lead Vinegrowers; wisdom with a staff appointment; wisdom in deciding which overseas opportunities to pursue. Pray our coaching with pastors would be effective for the growth of the gospel; that it would result in Christians growing in their convictions and compelling them to proclaim the gospel to the lost.</p>
FRI 12	<p>WOMENS MINISTRY – Pray for women who are caring for children, families and others, pray they are able to manage their time in their caring roles with fitting in time with God; pray they are able to make time for rest and refreshment for themselves without feeling guilty and to seek help if they need it.</p>
SAT 13	<p>Give thanks to God for blessing our church with an array of good preachers; pray for Glenn Walsh preaching at Saturday and Morning church, Philip preaching at Traditional church Kerry preaching at ARVO and WAC and Mitch preaching at Night Church this weekend. Pray they are faithful to God's word and encourage the congregations to mature and grow in their faith and service of God.</p>
SUN 14	<p>Give thanks for the many Year 12's in our St Faith's community, and pray that God would sustain them over the coming weeks as the HSC begins. Pray that the Year 12 service at Night Church today would encourage them to trust Jesus during this season</p>
MON 15	<p>Thank God for the wider Sydney Anglican denomination, of which we are a member church. Thank God for the wise and godly leadership of Glenn Davies, our Archbishop, over recent years. As the 'parliament' of the organisation (Synod) meets over the next few days, pray for God's Holy Spirit to lead Glenn in speaking to the synod, and running the meetings each afternoon and evening. Pray that the outcome of it all would be policies and plans that lead to the Lord Jesus being honoured more and more in our churches.</p>
TUE 16	<p>Pray for Tim, Ross and Kerry as they represent St Faith's at the synod meetings this week and next week. Ask God to give them alert minds, and wisdom in how to vote on all matters that are discussed.</p> <p>GUMNUT KINDY - Thank God for full enrolments for 2019! Praise Him for the work He has done through us - we are finalist in 10 out of 12 awards we have applied for. Praise God for</p>

	Emma and Nerissa our new permanent staff members this year. Please pray that the team will continue to develop strong bonds of trust during this time of forming. Please pray for safety during the Kindy Restaurant on 19th October.
WED 17	Thank God for the facilities - building etc- that God has provided for us here. Pray that many congregation members would be able to help with cleaning and maintenance of the building and grounds on Saturday , as we meet together for this purpose. Pray for wisdom and energy for David While and others , as they co-ordinate this work. GUMTREES PLAYTIME - Pray for good friendship connections to develop among the parents who bring their young children along to Gumtrees playtime on Wednesdays. Pray mums from the community will be drawn to want to find out more about Jesus as Christians shine His light as they interact with others.
THU 18	HSC EXAMS – Pray for all students sitting their HSC Exams starting with English today ; and particularly those linked with St Faith’s including Toby, Zep, Robbie, Adelaide, Jacqueline, Cara, Chelsea, Chloe, Lucy, Phoebe, Jessica, Jiny, and Isabelle ; pray they remain focused over the next few weeks especially those who have exams spread over the four weeks. (please also use the HSC prayer diary to pray each day for students sitting exams).
FRI 19	Pray for Soulies beginning a new series in Psalms tonight ; and ask God that it would be a time where youth can honestly and openly come before God in prayer and praise regardless of the things going on in their lives. Pray for Mitch as he preaches tonight , that he would be faithful to God's word; pray that the leaders would be sustained over the final term of 2018. Pray for Ben Molyneux as he speaks at a Jazz Night outreach event at St John's Mona Vale tonight. Pray that he would clearly and helpfully outline the gospel in a way that helps those at the event to consider where they stand before God. Pray that God's Spirit would prepare the hearts and minds of those he will be speaking to on the night.
SAT 20	WARRIEWOOD ANGLICAN - Pray for the Friendship and Food Sunday, tomorrow Oct21st , at Warriewood; a special invitational Sunday for everyone who has visited WAC in the last 12 months and for the whole village. Pray for Theresa from Compassion who will be sharing her story and Marcus who will be preaching. Pray for good attendance and soft hearts and that people will be impacted by God’s Word. Pray for the Saturday Church dinner happening at Neil and Lou Souter’s house tonight . Pray that it will be a good time of fellowship and that visitors to Saturday Church will come to the dinner.
SUN 21	Pray for God to sustain Ben as he preaches at 5 services this weekend starting our new series on the book by the prophet Hosea . Pray we respond with open hearts to the message of God’s gracious and faithful love. Pray for the 'IMPACT' training day today, where many Year 9-12's are being trained for future leadership . Give thanks for their desire and willingness to be trained, and pray that God would grow them into mature disciples who go and make other disciples. Pray for Mitch, Georgia and Zak as they run this training.
MON 22	WAR VETS – Pray the Men’s Day Out today to Bundeena by ferry from Cronulla is a good day to connect, with opportunities to share about christian faith. Pray the 11 people doing the Alpha Course on Tuesdays will come to faith and develop good foundations. Pray for health for Larry Tolnay and thank God for his many years of service, he is currently the longest serving pastoral volunteer. JESUS CLUB – Give thanks for refreshment for our Jesus Club team over the holidays. Pray that as we meet tonight our members will be encouraged and have fun, and that we will faithfully teach them from God’s Word.

TUE 23	SRE - Give thanks for Rachel Purcell and her work at Cromer Campus teaching Scripture. Pray that God would sustain her in that role, give her enthusiasm for that mission and continue to help her to see God's hand at work in that ministry. Pray also for the new members of the Board who oversee this ministry, Simon & Penny Hunter and Jean Brittle . Thank God for their willingness to serve in this way.
WED 24	SENIORS GROUP – Pray many will attend this morning to hear Jeanette McCausland speaking about the work of Open Doors . Give thanks for her courage to take the gospel and the word of God into places where God's people are persecuted, including Pakistan.
THU 25	MISSION – Stu Robinson - Power to Change – Praise God who has been continuing to open doors for the gospel illumination ministry. The ministry has launch dates set for late November/December, and the performance team has \$7,500 left to raise for the required technical equipment. Praise God for his provisions thus far; and pray for the remaining funds to come in swiftly before the launch dates. Please also pray for Stu and the performance team as they prepare for these launch dates.
FRI 26	Pray for those who are living with anxiety ; pray they are able to trust God in his goodness and sovereignty even when it does not feel that way. Pray we are all able to be grateful for the good things God has given us, to be empathetic of others needs as well as our own, to focus on the present, living each day knowing Jesus has a plan for the future and has dealt with the past.
SAT 27	MISSION – Irwan and Catherine - Wollongong Uni - Continue to pray for wisdom in training 10 students in How to reach out to Muslims; pray that as they look at His Word they can see the big picture and how everything points to Jesus as the ultimate fulfilment of every promise of God. Ask God to be merciful to open the hearts and minds, of the 5 Middle Eastern and Pakistani men, to His love and good news in Jesus as Irwan meets with each of them. Pray the Indian single mum who has just started coming to church and playgroup will come to know of God's love for her. Pray for healing for Irwan and Catherine and their girls as they have been battling with sickness.
SUN 28	MISSION – Chris and Karen Webb - Broome – Pray for the Webb's who minister to the indigenous people of Broome People's Church and further afield in the Kimberley region of WA. Pray for God to build up people in the church who will become able to help and lead with children's Sunday school and with bible reading groups. Give Chris and Karen wisdom as they work to equip Aboriginal Christians for ministry and leadership.
MON 29	COTTAGE COUNSELLING CENTRE – Thank God for his financial provision through generous supporters and RSL club grants; thank Him for the amazing team of dedicated, skilled and compassionate counsellors. Pray for energy and wisdom for the team and for God's healing through this ministry as they 'sit' with hurting people.
TUE 30	Praise God for those who serve on our Parish Council, which meets tonight . Pray especially for David, Lyn, Bob and the rest of the council , as they finalise budgets for the coming year, that they would have God's passion for saving souls, and his wisdom, in their discussions.
WED 31	Give thanks for THE COMMUNITY PANTRY , give thanks for the generosity of volunteers, give thanks for their love and care shown to guests. Pray for those who co-ordinate including Brad and Charis, Ruth and Keith, Ruth D, Chris, Kathy and Stuart and others. Pray for God's Spirit to create conversation with guests giving the right words to express how much Christ loves them. Pray that those who have not come to faith in Christ will see their need for Jesus.

Deadline for next Prayer Diary prayer points: Tuesday, 23rd October 2018. Send in writing to the office or email to office@stfaiths.org.au *Note: We may not be able to include everything.*