

PAC Prayers, May 2024

	Praise and Worship	Sharing the Gospel	Teaching the Bible	Raising the Next Generation	
<p>Week 1 5.05.24</p>	<p>O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Righteous and true are Your ways. You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You for Your righteous acts have been revealed.</p> <p>Lord God, we long for the day when You will be rightly praised for Your creation, and the redemption offered to all people through Jesus. We bow before You, recognising that all we have in Heaven and on earth is from You.</p>	<p>Lord, You have said, “Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.” Please give us opportunities to share the hope and joy of knowing You with others we come into contact with this week.</p> <p>Please give grace and strength to all those who share the gospel and open, listening hearts to those who hear.</p>	<p>We thank you, Loving Father, for all who teach the Bible in truth, both here and overseas. We pray that their love may abound more and more in full knowledge and depth of insight so they may be able to approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ. We pray for CMS missionaries to have many opportunities to teach the truth of Your Word. Particularly, we pray for Malcolm and Leanne in SE Asia as they teach in the Bible college, and for those working at universities to minister to students.</p>	<p>You have said “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who leads you in the way you should go.” Please help us to be humble before You, that we may be sensitive to the Spirit’s leading and teaching. Then we may be able to help teach others what we ourselves have learnt. We pray for the children and young people of our church, that they may know the truth of Your Word and be strengthened in their faith. May You also strengthen those who are gaining skills in leadership, teaching and preaching, so they may be equipped for future ministry.</p>	<p>Pray for world events, the leaders of our government, the persecuted church worldwide, and those who are unwell or in need.</p>
<p>Week 2 12.5.24 Mothers Day</p>	<p>I will bless You, O Most High, and praise and honour You, the One who lives forever. Your dominion is an eternal dominion and Your kingdom endures from generation to generation.</p> <p>For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.</p> <p>Lord God, we praise You for Your wondrous creation that speaks to all the earth of Your glory. Please give us eyes to see Your character in all You have made.</p>	<p>Thank You for our physical and spiritual mothers and grandmothers. We also pray for those for whom today can bring sadness, that You would comfort them with Your love.</p> <p>We thank You, Lord for the opportunities we have as parents, and as a church family, to share the good news of salvation with children, grandchildren and others. Please help us to love You with all our heart and soul and strength so we can be faithful in witness to You.</p> <p>May our lives at home and in the community reflect Your love and care for all people.</p>	<p>You have said that Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness, so that we can have confidence and certainty in the things that are taught. Please help all who preach and lead groups at PAC to faithfully present Your Word so we may all grow closer to You. As we hear Your Word taught may we listen to it with our hearts and souls and minds so we may remember what we hear.</p> <p>We bring before You Living Waters church at Redfern, and Greenacre Anglican church as they reach out to the local communities with Your love and Biblical truth. Please help them to connect well with those around them.</p>	<p>Lord God, we desire not only to call You “Lord” but to do what You say. By Your grace let us come to You, hear Your words, and put them into practise. Then we will be like someone who built a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood came it could not shake the house because it was well built. May we all make You the foundation of our lives, so we may live as Your people, showing Your loving care for us to others.</p> <p>We pray for all the children’s and youth ministries in our church, that they may be helping to raise the next generation in faith and service for You.</p>	<p>Pray for world events, the leaders of our government, the persecuted church worldwide, and those who are unwell or in need.</p>

<p>Week 3 19.05.24</p>	<p>Almighty God, We lift our eyes to the hills – where does our help come from? Our help comes from You, O Lord, the One who made heaven and earth. You will not allow our feet to slip. You watch over us, You do not slumber. You are our keeper; our shade at our right hand. The sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon by night. Lord, we recognise that we are so totally reliant on You. Please forgive our false sense of independence and help us to see that we need You for each breath we take and each moment we live.</p>	<p>Lord we thank You for the truth and beauty of the gospel – that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Please help us not to become so familiar with this that we overlook the enormity of what You have done, or take Your love for granted. We pray for opportunities to share the good news of forgiveness and love with those around us. Please help chaplains working in aged care and hospitals to share the gospel with those they meet. May many come into Your kingdom through their witness and prayers.</p>	<p>We recognise that Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, Your faithfulness continues through all generations; You established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve You. Thank You for the confidence we can have in the Bible, and please provide many opportunities for us to read, meditate on, learn and appreciate all You tell us in it. We pray that as the Bible is taught through sermons, studies, in Sunday School, SRE, kids, men’s and women’s groups, ESL and other outreach, that You may work through it to grow Your disciples.</p>	<p>Lord Jesus, we thank You that You were made like Your brothers and sisters in every way, in order that You might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things relating to God, to pay the penalty for our sins. You know what it is to be a child, to grow through teenage years and to work for a living, so when we pray to You, we have confidence that You understand us. Please raise future generations in the church to love and serve You; to continue Your work in the world for the promotion of the gospel and the glory of Your name.</p>	<p>Pray for world events, the leaders of our government, the persecuted church worldwide, and those who are unwell or in need.</p>
<p>Week 4 26.05.24</p>	<p>O Lord You reign; You are clothed with majesty; You are robed with majesty and are armed with strength. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. Yet, You are close to the broken-hearted, Lord, and save those who are crushed in spirit. You are our refuge and strength, O - God, an ever-present help in trouble. We praise You that despite Your greatness, You still care for us and deliver us, not only from earthly problems, but You also save us for eternity through Your death and resurrection.</p>	<p>We give You thanks, Lord Jesus, that to all who receive You and believe in Your name, You give the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. Your gospel is indeed good news to those who need You. We pray that the gospel may become a natural part of our speaking and listening, so we will have many opportunities to share the reason for the hope that we have. So, we pray many people may hear the truth of Your offer of salvation and come to faith in You through the ministries of the church and conversations of its members.</p>	<p>We thank You for the ministry team here that teaches us the Bible; please bless their ministries with gospel growth. Please help them in preparation and in rightly handling the word of truth. May we listen and learn in all humility and remember what we are taught. Thank You for the freedom we have in Australia to live and speak openly about You. Thank you that in NSW we are still able to have Scripture in schools. Please preserve this freedom and help us not to take it for granted, but to use the opportunities we are given for Your glory. May we regularly spend time in reading Your word and prayer that we may draw closer to You.</p>	<p>Your word teaches us that You knew us from before we were born and You lovingly crafted us to be in the image of God. Lord Jesus, we remember Your love for children, welcoming them even when the adults thought it was inconvenient. And You are the same today – loving and calling children to Yourself. Please help us to value our PAC family children and young people as You do, for they are the future of the church. We thank you for all Your people who are being trained for various roles. May we be supportive of them in prayer and as they begin using their gifts for You. We pray for children who have been baptised here that they may develop Christian faith & character.</p>	<p>Pray for world events, the leaders of our government, the persecuted church worldwide, and those who are unwell or in need.</p>

May Daily Prayers, by date

Pray for:

1. thank God for our ministry team and pray they remain close to the Lord and have joy in serving Him and the church.
2. praise God that His lovingkindness is ever before us and we can walk in His truth.
3. Australian society to recognise Jesus as the creator and redeemer of mankind, and respond to Him.
4. church members to sanctify Christ as Lord in their hearts and be ready to give a gentle answer for their hope.
5. CMS missionaries around the world to have insight from God to proclaim the gospel clearly in their situations.
6. **(PAC Prayer Meeting 8am)** PAC's three priorities – Gospel proclamation, Bible teaching, Raising the next generation.
7. our Archbishop, Kanishka Raffel, and Peter Lin, our bishop to have wisdom and strength from God in their roles.
8. Living Waters church to connect well with their community and be strong in the grace of the Lord Jesus.
9. us to bear one another's burdens, fulfilling the law of Christ in caring for any struggling with illness or other needs.
10. thank God that as we confess, He is faithful and just and forgives our sins, cleansing us from all unrighteousness.
11. the families of PAC to have strength, patience and godly wisdom in raising their children in the Lord.
12. Khanh Nguyen and Sadeki Gideon to be well equipped for future ministry as they study at Bible colleges.
13. situations of conflict around the world to be solved through God bringing His peace to those areas.
14. Christians to show the fruit of the Spirit being loving, joyful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self controlled.
15. Growth Group leaders to prepare well and be sensitive to the needs within their group.
16. fellowship, safety and gospel growth through Scripture Union and CRU school clubs, camps and events.
17. praise God that His kingdom is eternal and His dominion endures from generation to generation.
18. our ESL ministry to reach many in the community to introduce them to Christ.
19. us to worship God with gladness and come before Him with joyful singing, for He made us, not we ourselves.
20. our playgroups and kids' ministries to show God's love to those attending, encouraging them to seek Jesus.
21. the music and tech teams that serve us with such faithfulness to be blessed in their roles and developing skills.
22. Bush Church Aid to assist in caring for isolated congregations and ministers, to bring them fellowship and help.
23. the world's people in poverty to look to God to supply their needs, and rejoice in His provision for them.
24. Malcolm and Leanne to be blessed with strength and grace as they work towards finishing their ministry in SE Asia.
25. God to teach us to number our days so we may gain a heart of wisdom, and an eternal perspective on life.
26. the Wardens and Parish Council to work well together in a spirit of humility, seeking to bring glory to God.
27. SRE teachers and our local area worker, Hannah Tuton, to teach clearly, and for many children to come to God.
28. thank God that all things work together for our good, that we may be conformed to the image of His Son.
29. protection for persecuted believers worldwide and that they know true joy in serving Christ and living for Him.
30. gospel workers at unis around Australia – Tim Willson, Matthew Meek, James & Honoria Brennan, & Kit Nguyen.
31. our Holiday Kids' Club day in July; the team work well together & children respond to learning of God's love for them.

