

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2020 | 7:30PM – 8:30PM

Online: Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/441291787>
or at www.standrews.net.au/covid-19 click on the blue Prayer Meeting tile for more info.

Telephone: Dial (02) 80156011, at the prompt enter: **441291787#**

When you enter the meeting, please put your device or phone on 'mute'. When you have opportunity to pray, unmute your device or phone before you begin. If you cannot 'mute', please ensure you are in a quiet place.

Note for our communal prayer times. When you pray please:

- wait to be invited to pray by the host,
- 'unmute' before you begin, be loud and clear,
- and conclude with "in Jesus' name ..." so we can all join in with the **'Amen'**.

Note for our small group prayer times: please introduce yourself to the other members of your small group before your group begins to pray.

Generally, silence is OK! There will be several times of silence in the meeting, which are your opportunities for personal prayer.

1. WELCOME AND PREPARATION

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and for ever. Amen.

2. OUR URGENT NEED

Members of our church community will be asked by name to pray for matters related to our urgent needs in this time of pandemic and recovery from bushfires and drought. A time of silent prayer will follow, focussing on our urgent needs of the day.

3. OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

(LEADER) Dear Lord, our Creator and our Redeemer, please enable our church to become all that You want us to be. Above all, teach us to worship You. In large and small gatherings, in heartfelt prayer, in knowing and obeying Your Word, and through our music, help us to put our hope in Your coming kingdom and to live for Your glory now and always. Amen.

A time of silent worship will follow. During this time, we suggest you privately offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving, as well as for our own spiritual vitality, progress and generosity. You might like to use the following prompts:

- ➔ for who God is and all He has done
- ➔ for our own spiritual renewal
- ➔ for our online church services, preaching, children's ministries and REVIVE Youth meetings. Give thanks for large numbers of people engaging in these new platforms. Pray for wisdom and skill for those seeking to develop these new ways of doing ministry.
- ➔ for the ministry team's godliness, zeal, effectiveness and relationships
- ➔ for a deeper sense of God's grace
- ➔ for our growth in holiness
- ➔ for a spirit of deep and sacrificial generosity.
- ➔ for careful financial management and for our Wardens
- ➔ other...

4. OUR COMMUNITY OF LOVE

(LEADER) Merciful God, inspire us to love one another in practical ways. May we value each other's company and friendship, and, mindful of Christ's sacrifice, teach us to care deeply for those in need in our church family and the wider community, so that no one around us would suffer unassisted. Amen.

Members of our community will be asked by name to pray for those among us in special need. This will be followed by a time of silent prayer. During this time, you might find the following pray points to be useful prompts:

- ➔ despite our move to online public ministry, for newcomers to be added to our community and to find a spiritual home with us
- ➔ for our small groups and their leaders, especially that our small groups would be places of discipleship, spiritual growth and pastoral care. Pray for creativity and perseverance in these challenging times.
- ➔ for those who are sick, unemployed or anxious.
- ➔ for those under financial and business stress to due a radical disruption to our economy caused by the COVID-10 pandemic.
- ➔ for many among us experiencing recent grief and loss; including Lynette and Dennis Medway, following the death of Dennis' brother Barry.
- ➔ Lowen Sutton (5pm congregation) asks for prayer for her sons, each in trying situations: David, an anaesthetic RN; Peter, in Cairns on a disability pension; and Alexander, in isolation after contact with a COVID-19 positive person (although he has tested negative).
- ➔ for our meals and visiting ministries— even as they work on creative ways of reaching those in isolation and need.
- ➔ for our own hearts to grow in openness as we step into new relationships as we seek to support one another during this pandemic.

6. SMALL GROUPS : OUR MISSION EFFORTS, LOCAL AND GLOBAL

(LEADER) Enable us, Lord, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions. Give us more people gifted for the task of evangelism, and enable all of us to share our faith whenever opportunity allows. Lord of the world, may we be international in our concern. Enable us always to support and pray for Your people throughout the world, and may our church over time be blessed with the rich diversity of nationalities in our region. Help us to offer a centre of community for Roseville and beyond. Give us grace to serve with local churches and to share the good things of St Andrew's with everyone.

Note: *during this time you will be randomly assigned into small groups of about 5 or 6. This will provide everyone with an opportunity to pray aloud.*

Suggested prayers for our endeavours to spread the news of Jesus Christ throughout Roseville and around the world:

- for our relationships in our workplaces, social settings, schools and in our families; that we may effectively promote the gospel
- for the 150,000 lost people who live within 10 minutes of our church, and for opportunities to share our faith with them
- for Archbishop Glenn Davies and Bishop Chris Edwards
- for Roseville College, Roseville Public School and other schools in the area
- For Youthworks, and CEO Craig Roberts (5pm congregation), as they navigate significant upheaval and continue to support youth and children's ministers and make wise decisions to care for staff and steward the organisation into the future.
- for the 'Alternative' Hub Holiday Program that we will seek to offer online (20-24 April 2020). This idea is currently under development so please pray for God's wisdom and direction.
- for the troubled regions of the world (still at war or in conflict or famine), especially Syria, Iraq, Hong Kong, South Sudan; remembering that there are still many living in refugee camps in extreme circumstances.
- for the ministries of our Foundation Day beneficiaries: the Barbara May Foundation, International Justice Mission (IJM), New Churches for New Communities, CMS— St Andrew's Hall Melbourne Redevelopment, Living Water Redfern Indigenous Ministry (Matt and Sarinah Paterson), Open Doors, China Partnership Asian Seminaries, Bible Society Australia, and local area Youth Initiatives
- for our regular Mission and Aid partners: Jenny Fallon and Dale Williams (SIM); Evangelical Union at Sydney University - Ben Lim, Archbishop Masimango Katanda (DR Congo); Life Anglican Marsden Park (Mark and Rachael Collins); Malcolm and Leanne (CMS - South East Asia); Dale and Rachel Barclay (BCA); African Enterprise, Undeceptions.
- for our suspended ministries: including ESL, Playgroup and Fit For Good pilates groups; that we might find creative ways to serve and support our community contacts connected to us through these ministries
- other...

Please note that you should return from your 'breakout groups' at 8:25pm.

7. CONCLUDING PRAYER

THE GRACE

(TOGETHER)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

*If you would like to communicate prayer needs
for the Staff Team to pray about,
please email prayer@standrews.net.au*

*Please also let us know if we can include your
personal prayer points in the weekly News.*

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