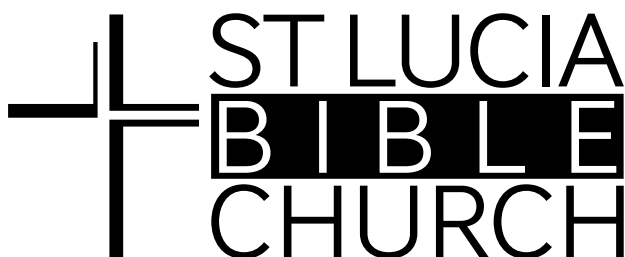


Prayer Diary

2016

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house those who build it
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Psalms 127:1



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Prayer is something we often feel guilty about. We can feel that we don't pray enough; we can get so overwhelmed by all the things that need praying for that we don't pray at all; or we always seem too busy for meaningful prayer.

But prayer is a privilege and prayer is powerful. God commands us to pray and He hears and answers our prayers, even if not the way we would like Him to.

Ephesians 6 tells us that we are in a spiritual battle and that we need to put on the full armour of God so we can take our stand against the devil's schemes. That armour includes truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. We are told to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Eph 6:18

This is primarily a prayer diary to encourage you to pray for SLBC and the people and ministries that we as a church support. But it is also intended as an aid for your other prayers. You may already have a system to pray for the various people in your life and other ministries and concerns that you wish to bring before God. If not, you can use this prayer diary. By filling in the boxes at the bottom of each page you will have your own personalised prayer diary. Of course for things you want to pray for once a week, simply insert them four times throughout these pages.

There is also a verse or verses each day to prompt you to pray for your own personal godliness. We are saved by grace, but having been saved, God wants us to grow in holiness and Christ-likeness.

You can use this prayer diary in your private or family prayer time or with your Bible Study group each week.

In the opening pages of this prayer diary, you will find some direction for your prayers using the model of ACTS - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. This is just one of many patterns we can follow as we pray. It gives some balance to our prayers.

Let's pray!!

ACTS - Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

Adoration

"The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin...."
Exodus 34:6-7

When we focus on these marvellous attributes of God it makes us want to adore Him and praise Him. There are two times to praise God - when we feel like it and when we don't. Remember, the disciples praise God even when their circumstances are difficult (Acts 5:41-42; 16:22-25). Indeed they seem to praise God continually (Acts 2:46-47).

We too, are called to praise our great God (1 Peter 2:9, 4:11). Consider some of the following passages and spend some time praising God for who He is.

Psalms 89:11-16

Romans 11:33-36

Psalms 103

Ephesians 1:19-21

Psalms 135:5-7

Colossians 1:16-17

Psalms 138

Colossians 2:13-15

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 1:17

Isaiah 40:18-26

1 Timothy 6:15-16

Lamentations 3:22-25

Revelation 4-5

Psalms 95:1-7

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
3 For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
7 for he is our God and we are the people of
his pasture, the flock under his care.

Romans 11:33-36

"Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and
knowledge of God! How
unsearchable his
judgements, and his paths
beyond tracing out! "Who
has known the mind of the
Lord? Or who has been his
counselor?" "Who has ever
given to God, that God
should repay him?" For from
him and through him and to
him are all things. To him be
the glory for ever! Amen."

ACTS - Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

Confession

"He who conceals his sins does not prosper,
But whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." *Proverbs 28:13*

Our God is a Holy God and we are a sinful people. It is only through the death of Jesus that we can have our sins forgiven. As forgiven people it is right and proper that we:

- examine our hearts (Psalm 4:4, Jer 17:9-10, Mk 9:43-47).
- confess our sins before God (1 John 1:8-9).
- ask His forgiveness for ourselves (Matt 6:12).
- ask God to teach us to forgive others (Matt 6:14-15, 7:1-5).
- ask God to change us to be more like Him (Eph 4:22-24).

God's word helps us to do these things. Read through one of the passages listed and come up with some prayer points, following the guidelines above.

Galatians 5:13-21

Ephesians 4:22-5:3

Col 2:12-13 and 3:5-14

Psalm 51

A Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.

1 John 1:8-9: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

ACTS - Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

Thanksgiving

God gives us "life and breath and everything else"

Acts 17:25

Remembering what God has provided for us, especially our salvation, our appropriate response is one of gratitude and thanksgiving. Often times we may not feel thankful, however when we consider things in light of God's word and His mercies to us, we have much to be thankful for.

Jot down a list of things you can thank God for. Paul's thanksgiving prayers are very helpful here.

Giving thanks:

- in our lives
 - Psalm 139:14-16
 - Ephesians 1:3-10
- in the lives of others
 - 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
 - Philippians 1:3-11
 - Colossians 1:3-14
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Spend some time giving thanks to God for all He provides, especially for the salvation He has given us in His Son for our certain future with Him.

A General Thanksgiving

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you
for all your gifts so freely bestowed on us.

For life and health and safety,
for power to work and leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of men,
we praise and glorify your holy name.

But, above all, we thank you
for your spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACTS - Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

Supplication

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Our God is powerful to answer our prayers. He is willing to answer our prayers, in accordance with His will. If only we would ask!

We can know God's heart and mind on many things because He tells us in the Bible. Read some of the verses below for ideas on what to pray:

- for the desires of God's heart
 - Matthew 6:9-15, 33
 - Romans 1:16-17
 - Galatians 5:22-23
 - Philippians 2:9-11
 - 1 Peter 1:15-16
 - 2 Peter 3:10,13
- for our concerns and the concerns of others
 - Matthew 6:25-34
 - Romans 8:26-27, 35-39
 - Romans 12:1-2

"Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalms 37:4

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 forever. Amen.

Church Family Life

Day 1

Having the same Heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters in Christ and gathering at Church is gathering with family. This truth shapes the way that we live toward one another as children of God. To love one another is ever present in the Bible. However, alongside love, there are others. Please choose a few from here to pray for our church family.

We should _____ one another:

love: John 13:34, 1 John 3:11, 4:7, 11-12, 2 John 1:5, 2 Thes 1:3

bear with & forgive: Col 3:13, Eph 4:32

serve: Gal 5:13

show hospitality to: 1 Peter 4:9

be humble toward: 1 Peter 5:5

not speak evil against: James 4:11

not grumble against: James 5:9

confess our sins to: James 5:16

consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds: Heb 10:24

encourage and build up: 1 Thes 4:18, 5:11

not lie to: Col 3:9

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” *2 Peter 1:5–8*

my family and friends

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other concerns

Gospel growth in QLD and beyond

Day 2

"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth."

Colossians 1:6

Under God, the Gospel continues to bear fruit and grow.

Give thanks and pray for:

- ex-SLBC members serving in other churches
- growth of Queensland Theological College (see day 13)
- growing number of evangelical churches in Qld
- evangelical student ministries in Brisbane
- ex-SLBC members now in full-time ministry:

Presbyterian ministries: Linden & Emma Fooks, Andrew & Simone Richardson, Chris & Megan Lindsay, Peter & Melissa Kutuzov, Dan & Anita Saunders

University ministries: Bill & Linda Colyer, Tony & Rachel Jenner (Darwin), Andrew & Kylie Brown, Dan & Ruth Leister, Geoff & Jayne Tacon, Tony & Michelle Rowbotham, James and Honoria Brennan, Rodney Weatherhead, Nick Gauci

Theological College Faculty: Andrew & Robyn Bain, Mark & Jennie Baddley, Andrew & Sue Prince

Independent Church Ministries: Jai and Jay Ellen (Mackay) , Steve & Keiyeng Nation, Glenn and Catherine Hohnberg City Bible Forum

Missionary Work: Rachel, Scott & OKerryn, Keith & Marion Birchley

With the goal of seeing continued growth of the Gospel, please pray for:

- growing Bible-based ministries
- love, unity and growing Christ-likeness amongst believers
- growing maturity of believers – in the Word and in deeds

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord."

Romans 12:11

my family and friends

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other concerns

Hayes family on Study Leave

Day 3

CMS missionaries (cms.org.au/hayesbl) Bruce and Libby Hayes and their family have served in Nepal for 20 years. They are now in Brisbane on study leave, studying at BST.

Pray... "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe."

Ephesians 1:17-19

For Bruce & Libby:

- while studying theology to gain knowledge of God's Scriptures and competence to teach them.
- wisdom to serve in ministry in Brisbane given their Nepalese connections and available time with study.
- guidance as to where God would seek them to serve in the future.

For Ruth:

- that she would be settle in well to school here at Sommerville House.
- for involvement and growth in her faith with the Christian student fellowship at school.

For Nepal

- Christian doctors and medical students to continue to be mentored well and trained for service with Christ attitude.
- Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) to continue to have provision of godly teachers and training of young people in godliness and wisdom.
- stability of government in Nepal (1 Tim 2:1-7).
- order out of chaos due to growth, pollution and poverty, and the earthquake of April 2015.
- that the church would be active in participation in society as "salt and light".

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:12-13

my family and friends

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other concerns

Bible Study Groups

Day 4

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:16

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:105

Please pray

- that Bible Study Groups will be Christ-centred.
- that the word of Christ would dwell richly in these groups.
- that people would come to both receive Christ as Lord and live with His Lordship as they teach and admonish one another.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray."

1 Peter 4:7

my family and friends

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The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) is a fellowship of churches and pastors across Australia, to which SLBC belongs: Building Christ's church by proclaiming God's Word. The pastors seek to provide support and encouragement to one another.

Our church is committed to praying for fellow churches in the FIEC and continuing to promote the planting of 100 evangelical churches throughout Australia in the next 15 years (churches such as MAKE: Mackay Evangelical Church, led by former SLBC members Jai & Jay-Ellen Wright).

Jim Ramsay is the Chaplain and provides invaluable support and leadership to the movement.

The number of FIEC member churches is growing every year. Links to these churches at www.fiec.org.au.

"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

2 Timothy 4:1-5

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

James 1:5

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Kids Church and Kids Club

Day 6

Each **Sunday** a faithful team of people from Afternoon and Unichurch serve families at Morning church by teaching and discipling children from pre-kindy to year 6. Crèche also runs on a Thursday morning alongside the Ladies Bible Study.

David Abraham is the Children's & Youth Pastor and leads the Kids Church team on Sunday mornings.

"...as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."
2 Timothy 3:14

Please bring these ministries before God in prayer, and thank God for those who serve and teach in these ways. **Please pray for:**

- children to be established in the faith and a witness to their friends
- children to enjoy learning what it means to follow Jesus and grow in their love for God and joy in him
- teachers to be encouraged in their work and growing in their Christian walk
- parents to be bringing their children up in the knowledge and fear of God

Each **Thursday** afternoon, Kids Club meets at St Lucia Kindergarten. It attracts many kids from Ironside School, and John Lew leads the team. Most kids come from non-Christian and international families. **Please pray for:**

- children (and their families) to discover and believe in Jesus
- more helpers who can provide both a fun environment and Christian witness

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of God."
Philippians 1:9-11

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Rachel has gone to Eurasia with the Church Missionary Society (www.cms.org.au). Due to the sensitive nature of the work, we do not know specifically where, and we only refer to her as Rachel. She is teaching English as Another Language (EAL) to adults and children, individuals and groups while endeavouring to live as a light for Christ in that part of the world.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I’m in prison – that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer each person.”

Colossians 4:2-6

Please pray for her personally:

- to immerse in the glory of God, through Bible and prayer, so shining a light to students, colleagues and friends
- thanking God for those he has provided around her as Christian family
- to understand well and think clearly in all situations

Please pray for her church:

- as a family: to be sacrificial, unified, servant-hearted and know God’s Word well
- that they will be salt and light that lives will be saved, growing God’s Kingdom and encouraging His church
- that they will rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep and bless those who persecute them

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Colossians 2:6-7

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other concerns

Public Gatherings

Day 8

"Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

1 Timothy 4:13

Please pray: that our public gatherings will be centred on our Lord Jesus as he is revealed in the Scriptures.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

Please pray: that we would follow the example of Jesus in the way we love one another and be welcoming to visitors who come into our fellowship.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

Please pray:

- that people would be servant hearted in the way they use their diverse God-given gifts.
- for those serving in and around our three congregations on a Sunday. We have people serving in the following ministry areas: morning tea, afternoon tea, supper, welcoming, crèche & kids church, music, sound & data, leading, preaching, set-up, pack-up, praying, reading, bookstall and many others.
- for the variety of people who come to our gatherings: newcomers, regulars, visitors, those struggling in life and in the faith, those doing well.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"

1 Peter 3:15

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Religious Instruction in Schools

Day 9

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Mark 10:14-15

- give thanks that in Queensland we still have the freedom to go into schools and instruct children about God and Jesus. Pray that these opportunities would continue.
- pray for more Christians to see the importance and privilege of Christian Religious Instruction and have the willingness and boldness to fill vacancies.
- pray for good and fruitful relationships between RI instructors, school staff and parents.
- pray for those from SLBC currently instructing in RI, that they would prepare diligently, instruct faithfully and love the children entrusted to their care.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:31-32

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Christians in the Workforce

Day 10

“...obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.” *Ephesians 6:5-6*

“Masters, provide... what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.” *Colossians 4:1*

(See also Ephesians 6:5-9 and Colossians 3:22-4:1).

Please pray for:

- godliness in the workplace: diligence in work, not caught up in office gossip or politics, godly witness to co-workers, being salt and light (Matt 5:13-16)
- godliness on the road: that God would protect those away from home from various temptations and pressures; that God would sustain their faith
- godliness at home and in the world: patience and protection for wives and families at home while the husband is travelling; not being choked by the “worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth” (Matt 13:22)
- those looking for work and those whose work may be uncertain or intermittent.
- **City Bible Forum** (www.citybibleforum.org): Running since mid 2007, and now under the directorship of Glenn Hohnberg, the City Bible Forum puts on public talks, co-ordinates prayer groups, runs training courses. Please pray for Glenn, his team and all those from Church who involved. That this work would continue to grow and that many would have the opportunity to explore the big questions of life from a Christian perspective.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” *Ephesians 4:29*

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Roy and Karen Davidson with Jessica
Dave and Tanya Pitt with Elizabeth, Stephen and Anna
John and Grace Lew with Irene and Renee
David and Sheena Abraham with Ella, Hayden and Zoe

“Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

1 Timothy 4:16

“As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:5

Thank God for the unity in the staff team and for ongoing unity and love for each other and their families as the wider team changes from time to time.

Please pray:

- for godliness and faithfulness to the gospel.
- that their homes will be a haven of love and holiness.
- that the staff team will be prepared to endure suffering for the gospel and be diligent in their own personal evangelism.
- that the word of God and prayer would not be neglected for the sake of other things.
- for courage to speak the truth in love, not fearing men, but God, who will judge the fruit of our labour.
- for wisdom for Roy and the Board as they consider future staffing decisions.
- that the right people will be employed to serve at St Lucia Bible Church and that they will work well with the team.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.”

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

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"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"
Psalms 95:1-2

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."
Colossians 3:16

Thank God for:

- Murray Adams (Morning church), Pip Harden (Afternoon church), and Luke Moxey (Unichurch) as they lead the music teams.
- the faithfulness and commitment of the music teams to serve the body of Christ in this way.

Please pray:

- that the songs we sing will help the word of Christ to dwell richly in us.
- that song writers will be faithful to the Word of God and that we will have wisdom in choosing songs that glorify God and teach us about Him.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."
Matthew 7: 1-5

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“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”
Ephesians 4:11-12

Please pray:

- for the work of **Moore Theological College, Queensland Theological College & Brisbane School of Theology** as they seek to equip men and women to preach and teach His word that many more may know the comfort and joy of calling on the name of the Lord.
- for **Gary Millar** (principal of QTC), **Mark Thompson** (principal of MTC) and **Richard Gibson** (principal of BST): that they would give wise and godly leadership to their colleges and would have “a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith” (1 Tim 1:5).

People from SLBC at QTC:

Jess Herling

People from SLBC at BST:

Bruce & Libby Hayes

Prayer bulletins can be downloaded directly from the college

www.moore.edu.au/praying-for-college

www.qtc.edu.au/support-qtc/pray-for-qtc

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.”

Hebrews 3:12-13

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“For they themselves report the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”
1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

Malcolm and **Elmari Buchanan** with their children **Clara, Ian, Oliver, and Rita** are serving with CMS in Tanzania (cms.org.au/buchananme). Malcolm serves in the Chemistry Dept and Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences at St John's University of Tanzania, a ministry of the Anglican Church. Approximately 20% of students at the university are Muslim. The university was established with a vision to teach subjects from a Christian perspective. Elmari seeks opportunities to serve in the community of the Canon Andrea Mawaka School, where their children are attending.

Please pray for:

- their spiritual well-being: that they may deepen their awareness and enjoyment of the Lord. Also for wisdom and encouragement in parenting.
- ability to form good relationships with colleagues and friends in Tanzania.
- decisions regarding their involvements to be wise for building God's kingdom in Tanzania.
- ability to give students a vision for Christian perspective and service at uni and in their graduate employment.
- Prayer updates available from www.cms.org.au/buchananme or by contacting qld@cms.org.au

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”
Titus 2:11-14

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Youth Group is seeking, under God to raise up young people to Christian maturity, so that they are passionate about following Jesus, equipped to handle God's work correctly and active in sharing Jesus with their friends and families. Youth Group meet on Friday nights.

Praise God for:

- the opportunity to hold a youth group where the gospel can be proclaimed, and fellowship enjoyed amongst teenagers.

Please pray:

- that God will be at work in the lives of the teenagers as they engage with His word and make significant life choices.
- for the students in youth group as they navigate their way through adolescence, forming beliefs and making choices more independently.
- that the teenagers will invite their friends to youth group, and grow in confidence to share Jesus with them.
- for the teenagers in their schools where it is difficult to live out being a Christian. Pray that they would be given all strength through the Holy Spirit to endure and persevere and be a light in their part of the world, which reflects the glory of God.
- Christian would continue in faith and become established in Jesus, growing in Christ-likeness.
- for the leaders; that they would lovingly serve as an example of Christ. That they would grow in their ability and confidence in teaching the Bible helpfully. That they would conduct themselves in holiness and love, and build lasting discipling relations with the teenagers.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:16

my family and friends

my church family

other concerns

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:13-15

Praise God for:

- the gospel of Jesus, the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes
- the freedom in Australia to share the gospel, meet as Christians and worship our loving Father
- his Word, through which he speaks to us making us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus

Pray for:

- genuine relationships where we are given opportunities to be open about our faith and share the good news
- the preaching at church, that God would use it give us heart geared towards evangelism in groups and individually
- events that give non-believers the opportunity to hear the gospel and consider Christianity further (Easter, Christmas, Kids Club, Kid's Holiday Club, Socials), and for them to be followed up.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."

Colossians 4:2-4

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Sojourn Bible Church (sojourn.org.au) is our first daughter church. A team was sent from SLBC in February 2009 under the leadership of Wez Coffey and since then others have joined as partners in the gospel. They meet at Dutton Park State School on Sunday mornings.

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly remembering you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." *1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*

Please pray for:

- the gospel to grow in our city of Brisbane
- the team to grow in love for God and each other and for those who don't yet know Jesus
- unity among the believers at Sojourn
- intentional witness to Jesus as people live everyday life
- open doors for the gospel in the local community
- good relationships with the school administration
- for Wez Coffey (lead pastor) as he leads and pastors in the church

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!"

Philippians 2:5-8

my family and friends

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other concerns

“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”
Colossians 3:12-14

Please pray for:

- marriages and families to be places where people bear with one another and forgive each other.
- husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church and wives to submit to their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-25).
- your family members, that they would put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, and that they would be a faithful witness to Jesus in their lives and speech.
- children in the church to obey they're parents in the Lord; and for fathers to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Eph 6:1-4)
- those who are going through the pain of infertility, struggling in strained marriages, longing to be married, preparing for marriage or newly married, and 'empty-nesters'.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:1-2

my family and friends

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other concerns

“..... we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
2 Thessalonians 1:11

Keith and Marion Birchley (cms.org.au/birchleykm) are in Papua New Guinea to train and disciple university students with TSCF (Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship). Having spent 20 years leading AFES student ministry at UQ and Queensland (see Day 25), they are sent out with CMS (Church Missionary Society). They were founding members of our church and actively serving until their departure. Their first year (2015) will involve learning language and culture in Port Moresby.

Please pray for:

- settled and safe living arrangements
- continued trust in God’s sovereign provision and timing in all things (Prov 16:1)
- Keith’s ongoing health and medical support needs
- ability to learn the TokPisin language well, and subtle aspects of culture
- wisdom in discerning the details of their future ministry with TSCF
- and praise God for his sustaining grace, and the nourishment and encouragement He supplies through His people.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
1 John 4:10-11

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“...shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly as God would have you, not for shameful gain, but eagerly, not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”

1 Peter 5:1-5

The Board meets monthly and helps oversee the affairs of the church. Please pray that the Board and **Elder** (Ian Gentle) would grow in:

- love for one another, godliness and a hunger for holiness
- insight and understanding of issues at hand
- wisdom and godliness in decision-making
- courage and faithfulness in leadership of the church
- ongoing submission to the scriptures

Administration: A great deal of work is done to ensure that we function well as a church family. We have a good relationship with Ironside State School where we have been meeting for many years now. Please pray for:

- administrative tasks to be helpful in creating opportunities for prayer and the ministry of the word.
- systems to work smoothly with a minimum of frustration.
- our relationship with the school administration.
- wisdom and understanding in dealing rightly with other authorities.
- good communication throughout the church.
- our Treasurer (Matt Bradbury), Secretary (Stewart Webster) and Administrator (Rodney), giving thanks for their loving service of our church.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honourable”

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

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Equipping Ministries

Day 21

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

Please pray that people from our Church would be prepared for works of service that build up the body of Christ.

Pray that conferences, courses and mentoring would be Christ-centred. That these would be well lead and attended. That people would be well equipped to serve God and one another in areas such as evangelism, follow-up, discipleship group and Bible study group leading.

Please pray for patience and confidence to share the Gospel. That many would see the fruit of their service in people being saved and maturing in Christ.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:8-9

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other concerns

There are people from many nations with us at church. Whilst all face culture shock, many also do not speak English as their first language. They enjoy our hospitality, but for some, understanding Christianity can be challenging for cross-cultural reasons. John Lew heads up the oversight and direction of helping these people understand and obey the gospel of Jesus. Several groups and individuals meet throughout the week. We also have strong partnership with FOCUS group on campus (part of the AFES ministry) that meets on Friday nights.

“...Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him...” *Acts 10:34*

Please pray for:

- friendships to develop with those not fluent in English
- understanding of the gospel as it is proclaimed
- belief in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for salvation
- raising up and equipping of leaders for Christian service in the world
- networking of believers into Christian fellowship when they move home

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19

my family and friends

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other concerns

The Persecuted Church

Day 23

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
Galatians 6:9-10

Around the world, many Christians are suffering due to their faith. They are being discriminated, oppressed and persecuted.

There is so much we can be doing for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can bring them before God in our prayers. We can also give to those organisations with an active presence in the countries affected.

Locally we also have opportunities to support asylum seekers, refugees, the indigenous community, advocacy/social justice, fair trade and the homeless.

Please pray:

- for the people of the persecuted Church worldwide. That they would have hope, refuge and peace in Christ. That God would soften the hearts of all those persecuting His people, particularly those in positions of power within Government.
- for the Barnabas Fund (www.barnabasfund.org) who provide practical aid for the persecuted Church by giving financially, encouraging prayer, raising awareness and contesting injustice.
- that we continue to remember the poor, the widows, the orphans and those who are in need. As Proverbs 31:8 & 9 says “Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”
James 1:2-4

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other concerns

Working with CrossView (formerly NTM) Paul and Debbie Howells have been working in the Philippines in and around a town called Lapoc for a number of years. They have planted a church there which is now being led by people who have become Christians from that town. This church has in turn been sending out people to evangelise villages near and far. Paul and Debbie are currently based in Ballina (NSW) devoting themselves to the translation of the NT. Follow on facebook "Paul And Deb" or howellshullabaloo.blogspot.com

"...from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.... He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1:9-14

Please pray for:

- growth of the gospel in and around Lapoc
- perseverance of co-workers, evangelists and Bible teachers
- safety from those opposed to the gospel
- the triumph of the gospel over witchcraft and evil spirits
- the translation of the scriptures into the local language

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:23-25

my family and friends

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other concerns

There are about 40,000 students at both UQ & QUT. They are small cities in their own right and SLBC was initially started, and continues, with the universities as one of our main areas for mission.

Please pray:

- that the gospel will bear fruit and grow in these places (Col 1:6).
- thanking God for the partnership we share with UQ Evangelical Students, QUT Christians, Student Life & Uni Impact in the task of presenting Christ to students.
- for members of SLBC involved in ministering to students: Rodney Weatherhead (Staff worker at QUT), James and Honoria Brennan (Staff workers at UQ), Genevieve Brook (Missionary at QUT).
- that the students will live in a manner worthy of the gospel and that they will be blameless ... in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom they shine as lights in the world (Phil 1:27-2:15).
- that Christian students would not be led astray by other philosophies.
- for students to be equipped and willing to serve in the leadership of God's church
- that students would be wise in their use of the time they have at university.
- for growth in the ministry amongst Christian post-graduate students
- that Christian lecturers would be public about their faith and have opportunity to speak for Jesus amongst their peers and students.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

James 1:19-21

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The Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) is a 2 year full-time experience of ministry. The trainees see what a life of ministry might look like before going on to formal theological training. This is one of the key ways we raise up the next generation of gospel workers.

In 2016, Oliver Crosato, Taylah Robb and Jess Herling are our Ministry Trainees.

"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Please pray for:

- Those doing MTS
 - godliness in the busyness of life
 - growing competence and confidence in ministry
 - understanding of personal strengths and weaknesses
 - teachability
 - clarity of direction of future ministry
 - growing understanding and confidence in the scriptures
- Those considering full-time ministry and MTS

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:1-2

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“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” 2
Corinthians 8:9

(See also 2 Cor 8:1-15, Matt 6:1-4, 1 Tim 6)

St Lucia Bible Church operates solely from the financial resources given through church attendees. Of all monies received, 10% is directed toward missionary giving. We support Church Missionary Society, CrossView (formerly New Tribes Mission), Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, City Bible Forum, and SU Chaplaincy.

Give thanks for:

- God’s generosity to us in Jesus
- God’s faithful provision to SLBC so far

Please pray for:

- good stewardship of the financial resources entrusted to each of us
- faithfulness in meeting our personal financial commitments
- our generosity in light of God’s grace towards us; that we would give cheerfully, faithfully, generously, sacrificially and intentionally
- the church’s ability to meet its financial commitments
- our Treasurer (Matt Bradbury), thanking God for his faithful service
- the Board’s faithful stewardship of the resources entrusted to them
- faith that God will provide for all our needs in Christ Jesus

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.”

Romans 12:9-10

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other concerns

MAKE – Mackay Evangelical Church (mackayevangelicalchurch.com) is a church plant in Central Queensland, started in 2011 in partnership with FIEC (see Day 5). They meet at 4pm on Sundays. Jai Wright is the pastor and was formerly a member and Ministry Trainee of SLBC. Several other members of SLBC have started jobs in Mackay, enabling them to be part of the church plant team.

“Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

Ephesians 2:12-13

Please pray for:

- Wisdom for Jai as he plans and leads the ongoing growth of the church
- new visitors to come, be welcomed and stay.
- opportunities in the community for conversations about Christ.
- good relationships with the school in which they meet.
- the gospel to ring out from MAKE to the ends of the earth.
- Opportunity to begin a long term MTS centre at MAKE.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:29 –32

my family and friends

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"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men-- the testimony given in its proper time." *1 Timothy 2:1-6 (See also Romans 13:1-7)*

Pray for our leaders (Prime Minister: Malcolm Turnbull, Premier: Annastacia Palaszczuk, Lord Mayor: Graham Quirk, Federal & State local members) that they would:

- care for the marginalised and oppressed
- seek the good of others
- not be authoritarian
- come to salvation (for those not Christian)
- have godly wisdom and self-control (for those who are Christian)

Pray for ourselves:

- our submission to the governing authorities, which God has established
- our repentance when we break the laws
- honesty and integrity at tax-time, and always

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones." *1 Thessalonians 3:12 -13*

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other concerns

“He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me’.” *Mark 9:36-37*

Scripture Union Chaplaincy Work

About 50% of Qld state schools (more than 600) have a chaplain, serving over 340,000 Qld students. This represents 45% of all Queensland state primary schools and 80% of all Queensland state high schools.

SU Qld Chaplains provide a personal point of Christian contact, care and support for students, teachers and their families within their schools.

Pray for all SU Chaplains, and in particular for Alisdair Harden, Chaplain at Ironside State School. Ironside has over 900 students, 1 in 3 from non-English speaking backgrounds and 40 nationalities represented.

Please pray for:

- the government to continue to allow Christian chaplains in the future.
- positive relationships with staff, students and parents.
- trust from the Ironside P&C and good support from the chaplaincy committee.
- Alisdair to have wisdom and creativity to fulfil his role sensitively.
- more funding to allow Alisdair to spend more time at Ironside SS.

my personal godliness (having been saved by grace)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

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My Weekly Prayers

“I thank my God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.” *2Timothy 1:3*

Use the spaces here to record people and things that you pray for weekly.

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Church Prayer Meetings

Before Morning Church

A group meets at 8:45am before Morning Church to pray for church and associated.

In Need of Prayer?

If you have a particular prayer concern, why not pray with a Christian friend or contact one of the elders or ministry team: www.slbc.org.au