

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Father God, we bring before you all those in positions of Christian leadership—church leaders, government and organisation leaders, and those leading families. We pray for your blessing upon your servants as they seek to point people to you and to your word. Please grant them wisdom as they make decisions, compassion as they consider the needs of those they lead, and faithfulness as they use their positions to advance your kingdom. We pray this in the name of our great servant leader, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY 1 – MALTA, EURASIA & SLOVENIA

G & R pray that their church in Malta would continue well while they are away on Home Assignment. **R** prays for smooth processing of her visa and a refreshing break while she is away. **Kingsley & Veronica Box** pray for people to come to their church camp (10–12 August), learn from God's word and grow in fellowship together.

THURSDAY 2 – ITALY & IRELAND

Gillian Law prays for a GBU evangelistic camp at the end of the month. Pray that unbelievers would come and be impacted by God's word and the lives of faithful Christian students. Pray for **Simon & Jessica Cowell** as they settle into their new home in Bari. Pray for good preparations for the national training conference in September, where Simon will be speaking on Titus. **Naomi Brunacci** thanks God for a visit from family. Pray for the InterAction Kick-off Conference (19–25 August) and the GBU evangelistic camp in Sicily (27 August to 2 September). **Erin Moorcroft** praises God for the camps, festivals and short-term mission trip over the summer. Pray that God would continue to grow what has been sown in many young people's hearts.

FRIDAY 3 – AUSTRIA & GERMANY

Rob & Arabelle Horne pray for God to raise up more faithful and godly leaders in their church through current and new members. **Rachel Gibbs** prays that she would be able to raise enough prayer and financial support to return to Austria in September. Pray for **Rob & Carol Nolan** as they transition back to life in Australia. Pray for their ministries in Austria to be continued by other faithful Christians. **Klaus & Jude Hickel** pray that God would speak and work through Klaus' sermon series on joy in August and September. Pray for Jude's continued healing from burnout.

SATURDAY 4 – SPAIN

Mike & Tania Snowdon pray for the GBU and GBE staff workers as they take a break this month. Pray for them to return refreshed and ready to start again in September. **John & Jodi Lovell** give thanks for the opportunity to visit and encourage the Anglican Church in Pontevedra (north-west Spain). Pray that God would continue to sustain those faithfully serving there. **Andrew & Dominique Gifford** pray that Ernesto, Alicia and Christopher would grow in their understanding and confidence in God as they read the Scriptures with the Giffords. **Jim & Tanja French** give thanks for safe travels back to Bulli, welcoming friends at home, and the Youthworks College mission trip to WA. Pray for strong connections with link churches, and more individual supporters.

CMS SANT EVENTS TO PRAY ABOUT

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SUNDAY 5 – FRANCE

Josh & Susannah Apieczonek pray that university and high school students would grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord during the national camps (18–24 August). **Caroline Evenden** prays that God would use the GBU national training conference (18–24 August) powerfully in the lives of students from all over France, growing them in knowledge and love of Jesus, and passion to serve him in their GBU groups this year and for the rest of their lives. **Daniel & Kate Morris** pray for good contacts with churches in preparation for the new academic year and the return of students in September. **Kelly Landrigan** prays for a mutually encouraging time as she visits Wyoming Anglican, St Philips Auburn and Chester Hill Anglican to share about her first term in France. Pray for God to raise up more workers to serve around the world. **Colin & Catherine Puffett** pray for gospel opportunities and good relationships with the community and church in their new city, Nantes. **M** thanks God for a holiday with an Australian family this month. Pray for salty conversations with friends during the big Muslim festival, Eid Al-Adha, starting on 21 August.

MONDAY 6 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Pray for wisdom for the **Federal Candidates Committee** as they meet together on 9 August. Pray for **Peter Rodgers** as he prepares for a pastoral visit to North Australia this month. Give thanks to God that he sustains senior staff as they travel around the world to visit and care for missionaries on location.

TUESDAY 7 – SOUTH ASIA

S & I pray that the new school year would be full of opportunities for students to learn and grow academically, spiritually and in character. Pray for I's role in their partner network's leadership team and as member care coordinator. **L** prays for Muslims around the world celebrating the Eid of sacrifice this month. Pray that many would hear of Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice on the cross and turn to him in repentance and faith. **S (& T)** pray for smooth visa processing for them both—S for South Asia and T for Australia. **E** prays for a visa and for good communication with local people who might be able to help. Pray that she would trust God in the uncertainty. **D & S** pray that supporters in their link churches would develop an enduring, prayerful and loving attitude towards believers and non-believers in Pakistan. **David & Georgina Newmarch** pray that they would be open to the opportunities they have with SMBC students. **K** thanks God for many opportunities to share at small groups in Tasmania. Pray that these times would be mutually encouraging. **M & K** pray for good communication and God's leadership as they have conversations with family, CMS Victoria and CMS-A regarding departure dates and other logistics.

WEDNESDAY 8 – NEPAL

S gives thanks for her time in South East Asia with a residential teacher training program. Pray for her return to Kathmandu and reconnection with Nepali staff and teachers. **K (& B)** pray that they would grow in love for each other and that God would provide appropriate work for B. **K & M** pray for a good start to the new academic year in their various roles and ministries. **D & E** praise God for the quick and easy issuing of visas for staff for the new academic year. Pray for the school as it becomes involved in the local community. **J** prays for wisdom and grace as she takes on her new role as school director.

THURSDAY 9 – NEPAL

G & R give thanks for opportunities to invest in many enthusiastic lives during the Sydney University Christian group's annual conference. Pray for strengthened links with supporters in Eastwood, North Sydney and South Brisbane parishes. **L & T** pray for the continued rehabilitation and healing of L's hand after he severed two tendons in May. Pray for local believers as they prepare for law changes this month further restricting practice of religion. **B & L** give thanks for a summer holiday break. Pray for the start of the new school year on Monday and for long-term commitment from teachers in the coming two years.

FRIDAY 10 – MIDDLE EAST

J prays for each person in the new seekers' study group to grow into a personal relationship with God. Pray for the leaders to grow in wisdom as they lead amidst complex challenges. **S** prays for her time with Syrian refugees in a neighbouring country this month reading Bible stories together. Pray for God's word to change hearts, and for the families they meet to have a deepening understanding of who Jesus is. **L** gives great thanks and praise to God for opportunities to share stories about Jesus with majority-faith women. **B** prays that the new people joining her team in September would experience God's grace during the transition. Pray for bonding and gospel unity in the team. **S & C** pray for S as he starts working at the college. Pray for wisdom in teaching and good relationships with staff and students. **C** gives thanks for the prayers and support she has received as she leaves Australia today. Pray for two conferences she is attending run by the organisation she will work with in the Middle East.

SATURDAY 11 – UAE, JORDAN & MIDDLE EAST

W & C pray for planning for the year ahead this month—W with ministry internships and C in establishing an ESL ministry. **K** prays for preparation and good contacts with Japanese people so that ministry can start when her visa is approved and an apartment rented. **J & D** pray for J's first sermon later this month. Pray that their visas would come through. **Malcolm & Charissa** pray for Charissa as she prepares for the new school year. **T & K** pray for valuable time with their link churches. **M** praises God that she has left Australia. Pray for special and refreshing times with family en route to the Middle East.

SUNDAY 12 – TANZANIA

Mike & Katie Taylor pray for good conversations with ministry partners as they visit link churches. **Geoff & Martha Boye** pray that the Spirit would guide them through the

transition back to Australia. **Liz Burns** prays for direction for future ministry. **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** give thanks for the Lord's provision and protection on a recent long safari. Pray for his help as they begin to establish their roles and learn about people, parishes and ministries in their diocese. **Arthur & Tamie Davis** pray that TAFES staff stipends would be paid regularly and on time.

MONDAY 13 – TANZANIA

Glen & Dominique Turner pray that Tanzanian leaders would be servant-hearted as they set the future direction of the nation. **Matthew & Samantha Archer** pray that their every word would be filled with grace, love and thankfulness during their last week in Bunda, Tanzania. Praise God that he chose to use them in the proclamation of his kingdom. **Judith Calf** prays for those involved in village evangelism during the mission and evangelism focus month in Lweru. Pray that public gospel gatherings would clearly proclaim Jesus so that many would come to faith and repentance. **Joash Arnold** thanks God for being his strength when he first arrived in Rwanda for his student elective overseas placement. Thank God for many opportunities to share his faith. Pray that students in Butare would know Christ.

TUESDAY 14 – D R CONGO, SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA

Graham & Wendy Toulmin give thanks for the opportunity for a two-week break following a very busy academic year. **David & Prue Boyd** pray for wisdom as they make future decisions in light of their grandson's ongoing cancer treatment. Pray for fluency in English for Amani, a student traveling to Kampala to begin a diploma in audiology, and for his family back in Bukavu. **Nathan & Diane Lovell** pray for GWC alumni in Rwanda who are trying to pastor parishes that are now deemed illegal, following a government decision to close 6000 churches due to health and safety issues. **Kylie Zietsch** praises God for an encouraging time in Zimbabwe at a women's conference. Pray for preparations for next term, especially wisdom for a session on sexual abuse. Pray that God's Spirit would convict or heal the listeners as needed. **Mike & Karen Roe** thank God for the arrival of the Oudshoorn family from the Netherlands to work at NETS. Pray for them and their four girls to settle in quickly. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** thank God for his saints who have helped them get set up in Windhoek in every way. Give thanks for a sense of fellowship with them.

WEDNESDAY 15 – ETHIOPIA, EAST AFRICA & KENYA

Roger & Lynn Kay pray that M, who has a psychiatric disorder requiring hospitalisation, and Z, who is pregnant following an assault, as well as deaf, would know that they are precious to God through the love they experience at Retrak. **Maggie Crewes** gives thanks that Retrak Uganda's registration has been reissued by the government for another five years. Pray for the three transitional centres as they now go through the inspection process to continue operations. **Shane & Naomi Rubie** pray that they would teach and disciple their students in a way that would have an everlasting impact. Pray for wisdom for Bingham's new director. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** give thanks for the opportunity to train Moyale District high school students at a four-day conference earlier this month. Pray for a mission trip this week with GSU soldiers teaming up with Marsabit Christians, as well as another mission trip planned for next week.

THURSDAY 16 – JAPAN

Chenny Thie prays for the smooth running of KGK-Kanto Summer Camp (21–24 August) and Challenge Camp (28 August to 1 September). **Nathan & Maki Clapham** pray for students attending summer camps this month to come to faith and grow in the gospel. Pray for Nathan preaching at church on 28 August. **Matt & Jen Lim** pray for temporary accommodation for when they first arrive in Tokyo. **Adam & Helene Ramsay** pray for strong connections for Jesus with their new link churches. Pray for Leo and Ellie to settle into Australian school and make friends. **Steven & Sandra Parsons** praise God for four new long-term TEAM missionaries who have recently arrived in Japan. Give thanks for the opportunity to help them settle in and prepare for ministry. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** give thanks for friendships made during their church's book club meetings. Pray for more opportunities next session to explain the Christian faith. Pray that they would encourage KGK students in faith and evangelism while attending campus Bible studies.

FRIDAY 17 – JAPAN, TAIWAN & HONG KONG

Brad & Michelle Jackson give thanks for the CSK summer youth camp that ends today after four days of fun and Bible teaching with youth from across Kobe. Pray that the Holy Spirit would make all the youth alive to Christ. **Kellie Nicholas** gives thanks for the opportunity to reconnect and share about God's work in Japan with supporters at All Saints Petersham and Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. **Dene & Rachel Hughes** pray for endurance and wisdom during camp season, when nearly every organisation runs kids and youth camps. Pray for expanded networks and deepened relationships with young people. **Dave & Beck McIntyre** give thanks for the CSK summer youth camp, which Alyssa attended and Dave led for the first time. Pray that the teenagers would continue to follow Jesus and grow in their faith. **Marshall & Julie Scott** thank God for CMS and the privilege of serving with them for the past nine years. Pray for the provision of a new job as they transition into the next phase of ministry. **Ian & Narelle Hadfield** give thanks for the Bowral Anglican women's conference and that Narelle was able to speak on Philipians.

SATURDAY 18 – EAST ASIA

L & J pray for students using biblical storytelling to share Luke's gospel as a performance for international students. Pray for God to open a way for more partnerships with local friends eager to connect with international students. **D & L** pray that those they meet during deputation would give thanks to God for his work in Asia and be compelled to partner in gospel mission. **S & K** give thanks for the survey trips they made over the summer. Pray that God would provide a way for them and other workers to live in the mountains long-term, alongside the Bonba people. **D & T** pray that they would settle back into location well. **E** prays for improvement in language, and wisdom and grace for her language tutor. Praise God for a strong and welcoming team in East Asia. Pray for her visa to be granted. **L** prays for God's help, strength and patience in preparation for transition and farewells.

SUNDAY 19 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: Give thanks for the new missionaries-in-training: **Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp, Marty & Jenny Foord, N** and **S & P. Mentac:** Pray for trainees Y and A, who have extra responsibilities for the three months that trainer M is away.

MONDAY 20 – CAMBODIA

Dave & Leoni Painter pray for the PTC class they left behind in Cambodia, who are beginning a new subject. Pray that the class would see purpose in their studies in the midst of turmoil. **Wim & Maaïke Prins** give thanks for an encouraging time visiting churches and making connections with old and new supporters. **Bethany Vaughan** gives thanks for great farewells in Phnom Penh and for her new house in Siem Reap. Pray for wisdom in setting up ministry at home and a new outreach ministry in the city. **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** pray that the Cambodian election results would be worked out peacefully, no matter the outcome.

TUESDAY 21 – INDONESIA & TIMOR-LESTE

J & D pray that the graduating Bible college students would have confidence and trust in God's provision as they start their new ministries. **R** thanks God for the many partners in the gospel who he has shared with and been encouraged by during Home Assignment. Give thanks for good farewells with family and friends. **Alan & Helen Wood** praise God for the twelve people who were confirmed last month, including five refugees. Pray for their continued discipleship. Pray for preparations for the parish retreat and 200-year anniversary celebrations. **Chris & Grace Adams** pray for Chris as he teaches Daniel to Dili church leaders. Pray for Grace as she teaches a weekly religion class in a local Christian school using the Tetun *Big Picture Story Bible*. **Andrew Buchanan (& Abi Tandiseru)** pray for valuable and mutually encouraging times on deputation. Pray for good progress on Abi's visa application.

WEDNESDAY 22 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

J & I pray that their family would grow closer relationally and spiritually. Pray that those who completed the *Christianity Explored* course this month would decide to follow Jesus. **T & E** pray that new and returning students would respond to the good news and join groups of believers. **I** prays for energy as the new academic year begins and she gets to know new students. Pray for a new house to be found for her to rent. Pray for ongoing conversations with B's step-dad and some neighbours. **H & M** pray that K would settle into life at school easily and make new friends quickly. Pray that the rest of the family would adjust to life without K at home. **L & I** give thanks for God's blessing on the *When Women Speak* conference and the opportunity it was for women's voices to be heard on issues such as faith and mission.

THURSDAY 23 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

T & J thank God for connections with people from their location. Pray that God would give understanding that leads to faith to the students coming to the FOCUS ministry who still don't believe. **N** gives thanks for a great group of students last term. Pray that many would continue classes this coming term and for relationships to develop for God's glory. **M & L** pray for effective ways to reach and train leaders in the largest ethnic group in their country, who are resistant to the gospel. **J** prays for the intake testing at the language school which is happening this week for the next semester. Pray for classes to be able to start on Monday as planned. **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** pray that their church would be welcoming to the new families who often arrive at this time of year. **S** prays for perseverance and reliance on God's strength in language study and education work. Pray for God's protection, joy and wisdom for the education team as they plan, consult, research and travel.

FRIDAY 24 – CHILE

Gary & Julie Haddon praise God for a restful winter break. Pray that they would be faithful in teaching and that students would grow in their understanding of God's word this semester. **Frances Cook** prays for patience and trust for final-year students as they and their church leaders consider their futures. **Michael & Joanne Charles** pray for focus and discipline as they begin study leave. Pray that they would grow in Christ-likeness, not just knowledge. **Chris & Stef Overhall** praise God that their visas have finally been approved. Give thanks for the winter break and pray for renewed energy for the final semester.

SATURDAY 25 – MEXICO & BOLIVIA

Peter & Sarah Sholl pray for Lucy and Miriam as they return to Mexico to restart school after Home Assignment. **Adrian & Anita Lovell** give thanks for MOCLAM's partnership with another discipleship ministry, ESI. Pray for good contacts to be made at the ESI annual conference in La Paz this month. **Nick & Kysha Davies** pray for planning and preparation for two conferences over the next two months. Pray that the theological students and pastors would love God, be refreshed and seek to serve him even more. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** give thanks for the many pastors and church leaders in the Spanish-speaking world who want to study the books from *Libros Gran Panorama* in seminars and conferences.

SUNDAY 26 – ARGENTINA

Peter & Terry Blowes thank God for many opportunities to encourage friends in mission and be encouraged by their faithful prayers. Pray for a fruitful time with their last two link churches, St George North and UNSW Unichurch. **Martin & Julie Field** pray for a solid start to second semester as the small groups on campus start up again. **Amy Stephens** praises God that this year ABUA will celebrate 50 years alongside students in Argentine universities. Pray for her team as they plan a special celebratory event in September.

MONDAY 27 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Pray for **Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones** as they return to college life following an encouraging Home Assignment. Pray for the students currently doing a music intensive course, with graduation on 7 September. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray that discussions at the Mission Partners Conference (12–15 September) would lead to great gospel outcomes. **Terry & Liz McCoy** praise God for Matt & Kate Vinicombe, who are spending a week visiting in preparation for coming to Groote long-term next year. Pray for God to use them greatly to support the Anindilyakwa Church. Pray for continued energy and good endings during the McCoys' last 10 weeks on Groote. **Matt & Lisa Pearson** give thanks for the dedication of the Kunwinjku New Testament earlier this month. Pray that God's word would be kept safe and passed onto the next generation. **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** pray for their arrival on location and initial orientation in Darwin. Pray for safe travel to Ngukurr and that they would settle in well to their new community. **Chris & Karen Webb** pray for the group of Aboriginal men who meet on Monday mornings to watch a Gospel of Mark DVD. Pray for God to help them choose to follow Jesus as their king. Pray that those struggling with alcohol addiction would be set free.

Pray for **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** as they visit Groote Eylandt to be introduced to the church leaders and life there by the McCoys.

TUESDAY 28 – VANUATU, FIJI & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Keith & Marion Birchley pray for students and staff travelling to Vanuatu for the IFES South Pacific Regional Conference (SPARC) from 31 August to 2 September. Pray for a time of growth and discipleship in the word. **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** pray for profound teaching of God's grace at SPARC, rich fellowship between movements and much growth in Jesus, especially for the 'small island' groups.

WEDNESDAY 29 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Give thanks for the recent CMS missionary advocates' training day. Pray that the advocates program would grow awareness and number of participants in churches so that missionaries are better cared and provided for.

QNSW: Pray for the branch team following Mark Fairhurst's commencement as General Secretary this month.

SANT: Give thanks for the positive response to the 100-year appeal. Pray that God would continue to raise up additional regular financial partners so they can maintain their current gospel workers and send more workers to new locations.

TAS: Pray for K, the branch's newest worker, as she spends the second half of 2018 on Home Assignment connecting with her eight link churches. Praise God for these Tasmanian churches, who are praying, caring and giving so K can go to South Asia.

VIC: Pray that participants at the *When Women Speak* conference earlier this month would put their training into practise as they share the gospel with Muslims.

WA: Pray that D & S would be encouraged on their Home Assignment and that their link churches would be challenged in their mission involvement.

THURSDAY 30 – CMS FELLOWSHIP

Join with **CMS QNSW** in thanksgiving and praise for the commissioning of their new General Secretary, Mark Fairhurst, earlier this month. Thank God for his answer to many prayers in providing Mark to serve the branch. Pray for Mark and Leanne as they continue to settle into their new home, life and church in Brisbane. Praise God for the refocusing of the branch vision to contribute to the CMS vision of *a world that knows Jesus*. Pray for the work that CMS QNSW does to enable churches to pray, care, give and raise up people to go.

Former Missionaries' Fellowship: Praise God for his blessings on GAFCON and the warm remembrances of many Africans for the ministries of CMS missionaries. Pray for peace and comfort for Keren Boyd (Tanzania 1996–2003) and David & Prue Boyd (D R Congo) in the bereavement of their father and father-in-law, Don Boyd, who died on 16 June.

FRIDAY 31 – CMS PARTNERS

Give thanks for the international partners and workers that CMS supports through the Mission Support Fund. Pray for the 40 international students who currently receive scholarships or funds. Pray that God would grow them in love and knowledge of himself, equipping them for a lifetime of following Jesus and sharing the gospel with those they meet.