

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: EASTER

Father God, thank you for the incredible gift of the life of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise you for his life-saving death and rejoice in his death-defeating resurrection. Thank you for Easter and for the time it allows us to spend reflecting on your love and grace poured out on the cross. Please be with us as we share the good news of grace this Easter and with our missionaries as they do the same. Strengthen CMS missionaries as they prepare for Easter services and seek to build strong connections with the local community. Above all, please help CMS missionaries to glorify you in all things at all times. Amen.

MONDAY 1 – ARGENTINA

Martin & Julie Field thank God for their HA and ask that God will bless their time with churches. **Peter & Terry Blowes** pray for their participation in the Mexico City regional annual Compa (student ministry) conference 14-19 April. Peter is the main speaker (Acts) and Terry is giving a workshop. **Amy Stephens** prays that she and those with her may be filled with grace and peace from God the Father.

TUESDAY 2 – MEXICO, BOLIVIA & PERU

Peter & Sarah Sholl pray that students will find the new MOCLAM online resources beneficial and an encouragement to study. Give thanks for those continuing to study with MOCLAM in Bolivia, while **Adrian & Anita Lovell** are on HA. **Nick & Kysha Davies** thank God for the great medical care Kysha is receiving. Pray for her recovery to enable them both to return to the field. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** pray for a positive response to the application for charity status for their new company, *Life Change through Christ Ministry Ltd.* (It has been set up to continue support of the Spanish book ministry *Libros Gran Panorama.*)

WEDNESDAY 3 – CHILE

Chris & Stef Overhall give thanks that they can attend the GBU staff retreat 4-6 April. Pray for ongoing progress as MOCLAM in Chile gets up and running. **Michael & Jo Charles** pray for the CEP students and staff as they start their academic year, that their study of God's word would transform their hearts in repentance, faith and joy. **Gary & Julie Haddon** pray for CEP students involved in a university outreach. **Frances Cook** prays for part-timers in CEP, that they would be able to persevere in their study together with other commitments.

CMS SANT EVENTS TO PRAY ABOUT

24 - 25 July 2019

CMS Winter Dinner 2019

26 July 2019

Inaugural CMS Winter Lunch

THURSDAY 4 – ETHIOPIA, KENYA & TANZANIA

Shane & Naomi Rubie praise God for 25 years of marriage, and for peace about making good family plans for their wet season break. **Roger & Lynn Kay** prays that the Passover meal, Good Friday services and Easter Day celebrations at St Matthew's will be meaningful for all who attend and that the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of visitors to hear the message of salvation. **Maggie Crewes** gives thanks for the successful support visit to the Cambodian team, and prays for wisdom as they meet with all their country directors to discuss future organisational strategy, country plans and their theory of change. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** give thanks for Diocesan youth leaders training 8-12 April. The focus is Islam—countering their intimidation, getting on the front foot sharing Christ with them, and discipling converts from Islam. Thanks for Janelle's Boran literacy and Bible training. As **Matthew & Samantha Archer** visit their final link church this week, *Christ Church St Ives*, pray that they will work hard and with great joy, serving the Lord wherever he leads them.

FRIDAY 5 – TANZANIA

Arthur & Tamie Davis pray for their boys continuing to grieve over the loss of Aunt Stephanie. **Glen & Dominique Turner** pray that the kids at Sunday School would be engaged and keen to participate and learn each week. **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** pray that many will be attracted to the new English service Kevin has been asked to start. Pray that the service will be used by God to make more disciples of Jesus who will in turn make more disciples. **Judith Calf** prays for evangelist students heading to their home churches for the Easter Break. May God give them safety in travel and encouraging times with their families and community. **Mike & Katie Taylor** pray for those studying and sitting exams, that not only will they learn much and do well but be able to take what they have learnt and apply it to their own lives, families and ministries. **Liz Burns** thanks God for the blessings that she has in Christ.

SATURDAY 6 – NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA & DR CONGO

Mike & Karen Roe pray for the curriculum review and for great wisdom for those involved in its preparation and implementation. Pray for home assignment logistics to be finalised well for the Roe family. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** pray for God to strengthen their local church and to use them to that end. May they be united, at peace, and on mission. **Kylie Zietsch** thanks God for the second-year course, and the 20 students who are thinking about how they can grow to serve and love Jesus. **Nathan & Diane Lovell** pray for Nathan as he speaks at two different multi-night events during the Easter week. **David & Prue Boyd** pray for their sick grandson Ned and his family. **Graham & Wendy Toulmin** continue to pray for the country of DR Congo: for peace and stability, for strong compassionate leadership in the churches, especially thinking of the millions of young people seeking change in their country.

SUNDAY 7 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: **K** prays for growth in needed areas in preparation for future life and ministry. **M** prays that she would get better at reflecting on her own sin and how to put it to death by God's grace. **M & O** pray for good rest over the mid-semester break, connecting with their kids during school holidays and finishing assignments from Term 1. **N & R** pray that God would open a door to a stable visa platform in their destination country. **I & J** pray that they will grow in grace and understanding as they study at St Andrew's Hall, and also for their adult children getting on with their lives in NSW and ACT. **A** prays for a closer walk with God daily, and for salty conversations with her cross-cultural friend, D. **A & M** pray that the amazing input and experiences they are having will prepare them for faithful ministry in Uganda. **P & J** thank and praise God for growing relationships at their new church, and pray for gospel opportunities while they're in Melbourne.

Mentac: Pray for divine appointments for the trainees and trainers to share Christ with their Muslim neighbours around Easter.

MONDAY 8 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

H & M pray that H's new language helpers will come consistently and for some strong sessions together. **I** prays that students find themselves asking the big questions of life despite, or because of, their study pressures. **J & I** pray that the transition into a new home will bring more opportunities for the gospel, and for wisdom as they follow up a large group of people who have just completed Life Explored. **T & E** give thanks to God who is our eternal comforter. **J** thanks God for his choosing of us before the foundation of the world.

TUESDAY 9 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

M & L praise our generous God for their church's two new plants; one in a new office building seeking to reach young professionals and one among factory workers. **N & R** give thanks for their church's one day retreat and the spiritual refreshment and encouragement for them and local believers. **S** gives thanks for an encouraging pastoral visit last week. She prays the religious festival this month will provide many opportunities for believers to share of the one who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The language centre where **Na** works needs to move this month because their landlord has decided not to renew the lease. Please ask God to provide a suitable new location and a smooth transition. **Ne** thanks the Father for his provision and encouragement while on home assignment and prays that he'd show the depth of his love more each day as she prepares for location.

WEDNESDAY 10 – CAMBODIA

Bethany Vaughan prays for her transition to a new church based ministry in Phnom Penh this month. **Wim & Maaïke Prins** give thanks for Wim's recent conversation with a long-lost contact, a monk who left the monkhood. Pray for their general health and wellbeing, with lots of pressures and the temperature going up. **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** pray for people of Cambodia as they celebrate Khmer new year, that the good news of new life in Christ will resound throughout Cambodia. Pray for **Dave & Leoni Painter** as they begin to make decisions regarding their return to Cambodia. **Andrew & Liz Glover** ask that they and those around them will live holy and blameless lives in Christ.

THURSDAY 11 – INDONESIA, SINGAPORE & TIMOR-LESTE

Alan & Helen Wood thank God for successful 200th Anniversary celebrations. Pray for evangelism during Easter and new *Alpha* courses starting soon. **R**, with **J & D**, pray for the presidential and parliamentary elections being held this month, that those who are elected to positions of responsibility will govern justly and fairly for all. **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** pray for suitable ministry opportunities as they return to Sydney. **Marty & Jenny Foord** pray that God would continue to provide prayer and financial support as they look for accommodation in Singapore. **Chris & Grace Adams** pray that young adults will be challenged with the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter youth camp.

FRIDAY 12 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Chris & Karen Webb thank God that they and those they work with have been adopted as sons of God (Eph 1:5) through Jesus Christ. **Matt & Lisa Pearson** pray that the churches they belong to would be unified in Christ. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray for KCC (4-5 May), that it would be successful in encouraging many to follow Christ and that the convention would glorify God, and for the *CMS Victoria Go-Explore Trip* to North Australia during this time. **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** pray for opportunities to engage with people over the Easter period who might consider attending church or other gatherings, and for training of local people in visiting Darwin hospital and ministering to their own people. **Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones** thank God for the completion of a busy first term including their first class in the new Diploma of Translating, and pray for the church leaders and Christians in communities preparing to remember the death and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus at Easter services.

SATURDAY 13 – NORTH AUSTRALIA, PNG & VANUATU

Terry & Liz McCoy thank God for his wonderful grace shown over their eight years with CMS and continue to pray for God to raise up more Aboriginal Christians to work for the harvest and more missionaries to partner with them in that work. **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** pray that they can find people to teach language, and opportunities to learn and practice. **Keith & Marion Birchley** are very thankful for answered prayers regarding their working relationship with the student leaders of TSCF. Praise God. **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** pray for their ministry trainee leading the campus work while they teach at Talua; and for Joel and his students to be captivated by Christ as they spend a three-week intensive in Acts and Paul's letters.

SUNDAY 14 – UAE & JORDAN

K gives thanks for the women who come and invite friends to her English classes. Please pray for a further five weeks of class to happen, and also good contacting of people for a new class in a different area of the city. **J & D** pray for their Easter Sunrise Service—that it might be a great opportunity for people to hear the good news of Jesus for the first time. **W & C** pray for some Kenyan interns arriving this month and working with them. **Malcolm & Charissa** pray that their Easter service will help all those who come to see the joy and power of the resurrection.

MONDAY 15 – MIDDLE EAST

J thanks God for working out his purposes in and through her. **L** prays for her relationship with friend **A**. **A** expresses faith, but their times together are not spiritually rich and **L** would like to be an encouragement to **A**. **S & P** thank God for the blessings given to them in Jesus. **L & I** thank God for **I**'s meetings with women involved in Muslim ministry.

TUESDAY 16 – MIDDLE EAST

S & C pray for protection and safety for churches across the Middle East as they celebrate Easter this month. **M** thanks God for a great team and prays for local friendships to grow. **C** asks for perseverance and help in pronouncing the more difficult sounds in Arabic. Give thanks for patient Arab friends & teachers who help. **B** prays that those of the majority faith who are open to the truth will deepen in their understanding of it and respond with repentance and faith; particularly friends **M**, **M** and **H**.

WEDNESDAY 17 – NEPAL

K & M L praise God for the exceptional growth of *Young Life Nepal* over the last 12 months. **I & R** give thanks for God's over-ruling grace and peace. **D & E** pray for acceptance of many new changes being introduced into KISC. **J** thanks God that gospel faith is being proclaimed.

THURSDAY 18 – NEPAL & PAKISTAN

K (& B) pray for time with family and church in the village over Easter, that the message of hope in the resurrection can be clearly understood. **B & L** are thankful to know that God is sovereign in all that goes on in life in Nepal. Please continue to pray for getting timely visas especially for teachers and for specific needed doctors. **G & R** give thanks for the pastoral care that CMS provides and pray for the visit of the **ID** and spouse to Nepal this month. **L & T** give thanks for opportunities to meet with other workers from CMS and partner organisations, and pray for safety as **L** travels to Australia to present his Masters research. **S** prays for her visa renewal to be done by the end of the month. This requires helpful officials and speedy processing of the various documents needed for the visa. **D & S** pray for **D** as he is privileged to preach monthly in their local church, that the Spirit will bring insight, conviction, love and thankfulness.

FRIDAY 19 – SOUTH ASIA

E prays for the transition to longer term accommodation. **S (& T)** pray that they and those around them will be enriched in speech and knowledge, not lacking in any spiritual gift. **K** prays for good health and energy so she can learn well and continue to build relationships in her third month in South Asia. **L** asks that this Easter, God in his mercy would open the eyes of many Muslim to see who Jesus is and experience the power of his resurrection. **M & K** in their first Easter on location are praying for a special time reflecting on God's love this weekend, and that they could continue to develop friendships with team members and neighbours. **S & I** pray for strengthened marriages amongst believers in South Asia and growth in understanding how the Bible changes the meaning of marriage from the surrounding culture.

SATURDAY 20 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Peter is on a pastoral visit to Nepal this month. Thank God for the sacrifices senior staff make in spending time away from family each year and ask God to grant them wisdom as they meet with CMS missionaries.

SUNDAY 21 – FRANCE

Caroline Evenden, together with **Daniel & Kate Morris** and **Josh & Susannah Apieczonek** pray for God's work in GBU's national gathering this Easter (19-22 April). **Colin & Catherine Puffett** wish you a happy Easter today, and pray for more French people to meet the risen Lord this year. **Kelly Landrigan** prays for her church as they try to make the most of Easter and sharing Jesus with friends, particularly at this time. Pray **M** would be bold in sharing and that her friends' hearts would be softened so that they understand and respond to the good news of Easter.

MONDAY 22 – ITALY, IRELAND & MALTA

Simon & Jessica Cowell pray for their national student conference (25-28 April) to give glory to Jesus and that it will provide a good opportunity for students from their region, Puglia, to feel connected to and encouraged by the national movement. **Gillian Law** prays for the national student conference this coming weekend, especially that students from Rome will be encouraged in the Word and return enthusiastic to share Christ at university. **Naomi Brunacci** prays for permission from the Venetian universities to present a Bible Exhibition produced by the GBU. **Erin Moorcroft** gives thanks for the many events over Holy Week and across the Easter weekend to share this great news that Jesus has risen! Pray for good follow up in the coming weeks and months. **G & R** pray for the Christian students to make a priority of meeting together for building each other up and outreach.

TUESDAY 23 – AUSTRIA, GERMANY & SLOVENIA

Rob & Arabelle Horne pray for their church as they plan towards their first church weekend away in May, that it would help grow them further together in Christ. **Rachel Gibbs** gives thanks for the national ÖSM conference (held 13-18 April) and prays that the students would grow in their faith and passion to share Jesus with others. **Mimy Gardner** thanks God for unity and ideas to improve the music at Leipzig English Church, and prays the atheist East German husbands of recent converts **S & D** will come to believe in Jesus too. **Klaus & Jude Hickel** thank God that he has won over death! Pray that the good news of the gospel would continue to work in all those who heard it over the Easter period. Pray with **Kingsley & Veronica Box** for opportunities to speak with friends and neighbours about Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 24 – SPAIN & EURASIA

Jim & Tanja French thank God that Evie and Silas enjoy (mostly) their Valencian local public school. Please pray for their Spanish and Valencian language to get better every week. **Mike & Tania Snowdon** pray that their gospel work will bring eternal glory to God. **John & Jodi Lovell** pray the Easter services in Valencia will enable people to grow in their understanding of God's grace and love demonstrated through the Jesus' death for us. **R** prays for Easter to be a wonderful reminder to locals there of who we believe in, and a beautiful light to those who do not yet know God.

THURSDAY 25 – EAST ASIA

Ian & Narelle Hadfield ask that the God of Easter will reveal himself to the irregular attenders visiting church. **Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp** thank God for their partner churches they've been visiting, and for brief rest and family time away over Easter. **S & K** ask for ongoing motivation for language study and opportunities to encourage supporters while in Australia. **L** prays that she and those around her will have joy and peace in believing at all times.

FRIDAY 26 – EAST ASIA

D & T pray for wisdom for their leaders as they navigate a new environment of scrutiny & suspicion. **E** prays for continued hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **D & L** pray for protection and safety, that they will keep choosing to trust, obey and not fear. **L & J** pray that these school holidays will be restful and refreshing for the whole family and give thanks for J's involvement in the Mark Drama with Melbourne Uni CU in mid-April.

SATURDAY 27 – JAPAN

Adam & Helene Ramsay pray for Albert settling into Kindergarten, and Leo and Ellie starting the new school year in Grades 3 and 5. Pray for the team to work out a sustainable rhythm of meeting and worshipping together, and to have wisdom and courage as we work together. **Steven & Sandra Parsons** thank God for the opportunity to step away from responsibilities to be refreshed while connecting with other CMS Japan missionaries this weekend. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** thank God for his grace and peace revealed in Jesus Christ. **Nathan & Maki Clapham** pray for Nathan as he runs staff training in Biblical Theology. Give thanks for new KGK staff. **Chenny Thie** thanks God for new academic year in Japan and prays that God will bring many first-year students into fellowship with Christians at KGK. **Matt & Jen Lim** pray for Obi and Theo who begin Japanese kindergarten and daycare this month; and for the whole family adjust to this big change in daily life and routine.

SUNDAY 28 – JAPAN

Dene & Rachel Hughes give thanks that *Music for Fun* (music appreciation for little kids and their mums) continues to see surprising numbers of mums coming into the church every second Tuesday. Pray for more mums to stay for Bible reading time. Give thanks that **Kellie Nicholas** gets to meet with other CMS missionaries in Japan this weekend. **Brad & Michelle** Jackson praise God that from this month Y and her daughter are allowed to start attending church. The daughter became a Christian a couple of years ago and Y just recently, but because of severe family opposition they have been unable to come to church. **Dave & Beck McIntyre** pray for their kids as they settle into schools and classes for the new school year, and as the whole family adjusts to the new routine.

MONDAY 29 – CMS PARTNERS

Pray that the beneficiaries of the Mission Support Fund would grow in their knowledge of God and understanding of his word. Pray that they would have servant hearts that seek to grow his Church and support his people in their faith. Pray for wisdom for the Mission Support Fund Committee as they make decisions about who to support through the fund.

TUESDAY 30 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Pray for the annual CMS *Lasting Hope Appeal*, beginning tomorrow. Pray that many would be encouraged to support CMS missionaries as they hear stories of the gospel bearing fruit across the world.

QNSW: Pray that those who attended *Autumn Encounter* in Tamworth would be challenged and encouraged as they consider cross-cultural ministry.

SANT: Pray for the ongoing Branch budget process during the next few months, that they would make informed and wise decisions.

TAS: Pray for *World Mission Conference* 3-4 May, with keynote speakers Paul Barker, Mikey Lynch and Peter, and all who attend. Give thanks for those who serve CMS Tasmania on Branch Council.

VIC: Thank God for those involved in the *Beautiful Feet* campaign and the money raised for CMS through sponsorship and awareness raising.

WA: We give thanks for a great *SummerFocus* conference.