

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: MISSIONARY KIDS

Father God, we pray for the children of CMS missionaries. We thank you for sending people from all stages of life to do your work, including those with children. Bless the children of our missionaries. Enable them to share the gospel with their friends. Be with them as they cross cultures, learn languages and receive education. We pray for those children in times of transition either at the start or end of their parents' service. Protect and preserve them, keeping them strong in their love for you.

With the ever-changing situation around the world with COVID-19, we recognise that these prayer points may become out of date. Please pray for missionaries as they respond to the changing situation in their location. For those using the PrayerMate app, CMS will seek to update prayer points as much as possible.

MONDAY 1 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Pray for safety for **Tavis & Kate Beer** as they travel this month. Pray for **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** that their time debriefing with CMS will be helpful for reflection, review and future directions, and for good preparation for Home Assignment visits. Pray with **Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones** for the start of the new *Art and Faith* course today. Pray the students will reflect on how traditional designs and stories may be integrated with Christian faith. Give thanks with **Ian & Jenny Wood** for God's mercy in keeping the remote communities of the NT COVID-free, and the Territory safe for travel. Pray for **Chris & Karen Webb** to make good connections with people at their link churches during Home Assignment. Pray for **Simon & Claire Koefoed** as they settle into a new city and begin work and ministry in Darwin.

TUESDAY 2 – NORTH AUSTRALIA, PNG, VANUATU & SOLOMON ISLANDS

Pray with **Matt & Lisa Pearson** that God would continue to equip godly Kunwinjku men and women for the good works he has prepared for them. Pray with **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** for renewed diligence, opportunity and retention for learning Anindilyakwa. Pray that **Joshua & Stephanie Mackenzie** can foster good relationships with mission partners and supporters during HA. Pray for **Keith & Marion Birchley** to be strengthened as they continue deputation and for their PNG students to begin the semester well. Pray with **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** for the re-birth of local student ministry (EKF) at Emalus Campus, that God would show them potential leaders. Give thanks with **David Pettett** that the Solomon Islands have only had a few cases of COVID.

WEDNESDAY 3 – ARGENTINA

Pray with **Peter & Terry Blowes** for energy and vision for the new academic year. Most students have continued to study and sit exams during summer and aren't eager for another semester of online classes. Pray with **Martin & Julie Field** for Charlie as she begins university studies either in Argentina or Australia depending on the availability of flights. Praise God with **Amy Stephens** for the students and graduates who are studying with MOCLAM.

CMS SANT EVENTS TO PRAY ABOUT

23 - 24 June 2021

Annual Dinner & Lunch

THURSDAY 4 – BOLIVIA, PERU & URUGUAY

Give thanks with **Adrian & Anita Lovell** for those studying in online classes, and pray they would be disciplined in their studies and complete the assessment at the end of the course. Continue to pray with **Nick & Kysha Davies** for Peruvians and their safety, with this month marking one year of Peru in a state of emergency against COVID. Give thanks with **Pedro & Joy Oliveira Woolmer** for growing relationships over summer, and pray for Mark to settle well into a new year at school.

FRIDAY 5 – CHILE

Pray for **Michael & Jo Charles** to have rich spiritual lives that overflow with praise for Jesus. Give thanks with **Frances Cook** for the dozen new students at CEP, and ask that God help staff and students to build helpful relationships as a community despite the challenges of online learning. **Gary & Julie Haddon** were unable to return for Home Assignment last month. Therefore, pray for starting the academic year in Chile; for Annie and Elissa at school and for Gary at CEP as they manage a mixture of face-to-face and online teaching. Pray with **Chris & Stef Overhall** for Chris teaching *Creation to New Creation* (MOCLAM), ask that his students will grow in faith and knowledge.

SATURDAY 6 – NORTH AFRICA, UGANDA & DR CONGO

Pray with **M** that local brothers and sisters would be unified by one Spirit and one message; ask that where there is conflict there would be humility, conviction of the Holy Spirit, repentance and reconciliation. Give thanks with **Andrew & Margie Newman** for eagerness in the Bible College students to learn. Pray that they will get to know the students even through face masks. Pray for **David & Prue Boyd** to grow in knowledge of God's love and grace in every situation and reflect this to others. Give thanks with **David & Jennifer Juniper** for a wonderful commissioning service. Pray for patience as their departure has been delayed again.

SUNDAY 7 – KENYA, NAMIBIA & SOUTH AFRICA

Pray with **Marty & Katrina Feltham** that God will provide for the 2.4 million households in Kenya in which the main breadwinner has lost their job in the past year due to COVID. Give thanks with **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** for the wonderful opportunity Norm has to work with churches in training lay leaders to handle God's word and to build the body of Christ. Give thanks with **Dan & Olivia Webster** for good rains in Namibia, and pray for clarity of direction for Liv's physio work amidst all the possible options. Pray with **Nathan & Diane Lovell** for a healthy community at GWC, and that not many would contract COVID-19. Pray with **Mike & Karen Roe** for a deepening of relationships between faculty and students, especially through hospitality and community groups. Praise God with **Kylie Zietsch** for a safe return to Johannesburg and the warm welcome received. Pray for wisdom and energy as she gets reacquainted with her role at JBC.

MONDAY 8 – TANZANIA

Give thanks with **Judith Calf** for the many opportunities to share with God's people during HA, may they be generous in prayer and giving for God's work in Lweru Diocese. Pray for **Mike & Katie Taylor** to have good connections with the students at Munguishi Bible college, and to understand how to best reach them with the gospel and skills for gospel-centred ministry. Pray with **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** for the distribution, wide readership and adoption of the Tanzanian Anglican Church's new book outlining its strategic plans for mission and evangelism for the next five years. Pray with **Arthur & Tamie Davis** that in the struggles of daily ministry, TAFES staff would lift their eyes to see Jesus and be encouraged by what he is doing in and through them.

TUESDAY 9 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: Praise God with **M & A** for sustaining them through the transition to SAH, and pray that their children will settle into and really enjoy school and childcare in Melbourne. Pray that **J & H's** time at SAH as a family would prepare and enthuse them for cross-cultural life and ministry. Pray for **J & S** to find an appropriate language-other-than-English church during their time at SAH and make good connections. Praise God with **D & M** for the great privilege to undertake training at SAH, for the dedicated staff and amazing new facilities. Pray for **K** as she continues to settle into SAH and Melbourne, that God would sustain her and be shaping her for future ministry. Pray for a timely visa approval for **H & T** so they can book flights to Belgium. Give thanks with **Z** that all the trainees have been able to get to Melbourne, and for the superhuman effort from the staff to get the new building ready.

Mentac: Give thanks for the group of more than ten keen believers who are gathering with B and M to pray and learn together about reaching Muslims in Sydney through Mentac. Pray that these men and women bear deep fruit for the Lord this year, in their own discipleship, and in sharing with others.

WEDNESDAY 10 – SINGAPORE, TIMOR-LESTE & PHILIPPINES

Give thanks with **Martin & Jenny Foord** for Andrew and Heather Reid's service to ETCAsia, and pray for godly replacement faculty members. Pray with **Ian & Narelle Hadfield** that their church would soon be able to restart (after COVID-19) their evangelistic ministry to mums and tots and that God would raise up volunteers for this. Pray with **Chris & Grace Adams** for Chris as he develops and teaches a preaching course, at the request of pastors and elders in the Dili church. Pray that this course may be used more widely in the future. Give thanks with **Chris & Julie Dean** for an encouraging commissioning service hosted by their home church, and pray that a departure for Timor-Leste will be possible soon. Pray with **Howard & Michelle Newby** for the Philippines, that the needs of the poor will be met as they are the hardest hit physically, financially and emotionally by the pandemic. Pray that many will come to see that they have an eternal and glorious hope in Jesus and that the sufferings of this world are temporary..

THURSDAY 11 – CAMBODIA

Pray for **Dave & Leoni Painter** as the new semester begins at Phnom Penh Bible School, when Dave will commence teaching Romans for the first time. Pray with **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** as Craig prepares to teach Systematic Theology (*Holy Spirit, Church and Eschatology*) online in Khmer, beginning classes at the end of this month. Give thanks with **Wim & Maaike Prins** that churches can start meeting together in-person again. Give thanks with **Matthew & Melissa Lindfield Seager** that they have managed their first six months in country, and pray for all the HOPE school vacancies that have yet to be filled for August.

FRIDAY 12 – CAMBODIA

Pray for **Tim & Olivia Mulherin** as they prepare to do Home Assignment 'Part B' in person: that they will connect well with their link churches and supporters. Pray with **Maggie Crewes** that God would provide a skilled and committed person to serve as the new Director of Programmes with Hope for Justice Cambodia, who will serve side-by-side with Maggie in outreach to and restoration of young victims of exploitation. Pray with **Maurice & Amanda Jacobson** for open doors to allow them into Cambodia next month. Pray with **Andrew & Liz Glover** that God would continue to teach them and give them wisdom in directing people's faith.

SATURDAY 13 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

Pray for **J** to have continued strength and discernment to teach well, and that the light of God will shine unmistakably into students' lives and the lives of others she meets. Pray for **K** to finish well in Adelaide and for a healthy transition to location, in the Father's good and perfect timing. Give thanks with **M & L** that they have been able to return to location, and pray for deepening relationships with locals. Join **N** in thanking our Father for opportunities to spend time reading his word with younger believers D and H. Ask that they would be transformed by his powerful word.

SUNDAY 14 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

Pray for **I** to have meaningful contact with students as she continues online teaching this semester. Pray also for the many students in villages that have very little internet. Give thanks with **J & I** that K, a student from the Middle East, has become a follower of Jesus. Please pray that he will grow in his faith and share it with his friends. Give thanks with **N** for the large number of students in her online English course this term. Pray for **N & R** for grace, patience, and peace as they grieve and transition from one culture to another, including for their daughter S at school.

MONDAY 15 – INDONESIA

Pray with **Andrew Buchanan & Abi Tandiseru** for Andrew's Masters' lecture course on Biblical Criticism, starting this week online. Pray with **J & D** for students at the Bible College as they write their final year mini-theses. Many struggle with this – so pray for perseverance, good feedback from supervisors (including J) and that they will finish on time. Pray for **Robin & Sarah Kinstead** learning Bahasa Indonesian, and for Robin serving at Ermington, and Sarah submitting and presenting her research proposal. Praise God with **J & N** for providing lots of support during their transition back to Sydney, a great new church and some wonderful new friends for their kids.

TUESDAY 16 – INDONESIA

Pray with **R** that GAI (Gereja Ankliran Indonesia) clergy, pastors and congregations will be salt and light in this time of great uncertainty and economic hardship brought about by COVID. Pray that God would use **J's** week on campus at UNSW (14th-19th) to encourage students to be passionate for global mission for their whole lives. Pray with **T & E** for the national workers who joined their team's training course in February and who are now applying holistic ministry and development principles in the community where they serve. Join with **N & R** to praise God who is the first and the last, and besides whom there is no other (Isaiah 44:6).

WEDNESDAY 17 – SPAIN & MALTA

Pray with **Jim & Tanja French** for their MOCLAM study groups to deepen their knowledge and love of Jesus. Thank God they can continue online in pandemic times, but pray for physical and emotional health in the midst of difficult situations. Give thanks with **Miriam Bradshaw** for a year in Valencia, and for God's kindness through his people. Pray for Christian parents to keep growing in teaching their kids about Jesus. Pray with **Mike & Tania Snowdon** for those grieving losses due to COVID in Valencia, that God would point them towards himself and they would recognise their need for Jesus. Give thanks that **Chris & Kristy Galea** were able to fly out to Malta in January and enjoy a time of rest over the last month. Pray that their kids would settle well in school and that they would quickly find a language tutor and establish some good routines.

THURSDAY 18 – EURASIA, NETHERLANDS, IRELAND & AUSTRIA

Pray with **R** that the various political leaders of Eurasia will have wisdom in leading their respective countries, especially in times of discontent and unrest. Pray with **David & Cathie Sandifer** for David to be effective in equipping and training future Christian leaders. Pray with **Erin Topley** (nee Moorcroft) that, as St Patrick was celebrated yesterday, the gospel he shared would once again ring out across this land even while it struggles with uncertainty. Pray with **Rachel Gibbs** for the *ÖSM Forum* (27 Mar-1 Apr) – that it can take place in person and be an encouragement and catalyst for students to commit their lives to the service of Jesus.

FRIDAY 19 – GERMANY & ITALY

Pray for **Mimy Gardner** to stay disciplined in her spiritual walk with God. Pray for **Klaus & Jude Hickel** and their church in Leipzig, that God would grant contentment through uncertainty. Pray with **Simon & Jessica Cowell** for the GBU groups as they restart after the February exam break, and that the second half of the academic year would be fruitful despite the ongoing COVID challenges. Pray with **Gillian Law** for GBU Rome as they collaborate with a Bible college to run an online mission week next week using social media and online platforms to reach students with the good news of Jesus.

SATURDAY 20 – FRANCE

Pray with **Kelly Landrigan** for core church members, that they would be growing in their faith and caring for one another, even amidst the current restrictions. Pray for **Colin & Catherine Puffett** as they seek new discipleship relationships, that God would guide them to keen individuals. Pray for **Daniel & Kate Morris** to make good connections as they spend time with supporters during Home Assignment. Pray with **Josh & Susannah Apieczonek** that God would help students struggling with mental health during lockdown, and that they would be drawn to him.

SUNDAY 21 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Give thanks that the senior staff team were able to meet this month at a planning retreat. Pray that their decisions will be honouring to God and strategic for mission. Pray also for **Peter Sholl** as he adjusts to his role as a Regional Mission Director.

MONDAY 22 – MIDDLE EAST

Pray with **B** for openness to the gospel amongst the many tribes throughout the Middle East, and for godly wisdom for Christian workers in how best to invest time and resources, that Jesus may be known and glorified. Pray for wisdom and leading for **C** over the next six months as she considers future ministry options, both within her country and in other locations. Pray for **J** to continue speaking a message of hope to those who have been deeply wounded. As restrictions ease, pray that **M** will have the energy and opportunities to connect more with friends to share the truth. Pray for **S & P** to form meaningful relationships in their new neighbourhood and that restrictions wouldn't hamper efforts to disciple, support and meet new believers who are already so isolated. Give thanks with **S & C** for eight years of serving the Lord in the Middle East. Please pray for them as they adjust to life back in Australia.

TUESDAY 23 – UAE & JORDAN

Give thanks with **E** that she has received her visa, and pray for a strong core group of young adults who can help others grow in maturity. Give thanks with **J & D** that their staff of 35 have only been mildly affected by COVID infections. Pray that this may continue, and that there will be no serious outbreak among them. Give thanks with **K** for the two new people who have joined Coffee Time classes. Pray for meeting restrictions to be eased so she can begin the Mums and Kids group that was planned to start in January. Pray with **M & O** for strength and creativity to continue to meet with and encourage people amidst increasing restrictions. Give thanks with **W & C** for the apprenticeship programme, and pray that they can raise up more apprentices for the next academic year (2021/22). Pray with **M & C** for wisdom for their new church council, that they will be godly examples and lead the church well.

WEDNESDAY 24 – NEPAL

Pray with **B & L** for the ongoing work of INF Nepal, including Green Pastures Hospital, and for God's wisdom and guidance for the leadership, including negotiating agreements and visas. Give thanks that **G & R** have returned home and are reconnecting with many faithful supporters. Pray for the leadership of INF Nepal as they face many challenges. Pray with **L & T** for believers across Nepal as they celebrate Easter, in person this year (unlike last year), but still not able to hold their mass Easter rally. Pray for their light to shine brightly, and for opportunities to share the hope they have. Pray with **S** for the number of COVID infections to decrease.

THURSDAY 25 – PAKISTAN & SOUTH ASIA

Pray with **D & S** that D's decision-making and communication, despite person-to-person restrictions, will reflect Christ in humility, discernment and patience. Praise God with **K** for her believing local colleagues and the regular opportunities they have to read, pray and share life together. Pray for **A** to have opportunities to share Jesus with her neighbours. Give thanks with **M & K** that, after 12 months of being the only workers in their town, two other families of cross-cultural workers are hoping to return. Pray they can return and that reconnections would be encouraging and motivating. Pray with **E** for young people struggling with depression and identity issues, may they come to know their truest friend Jesus. Pray with **M & K** that God would open up many gospel opportunities among the international community, and that there would be a hunger for God's word.

FRIDAY 26 – EAST ASIA

Pray for **D & T**, while they wait to return to East Asia, that they would make the most of the opportunities God has given them in Australia. Pray for **E** to be refreshed and encouraged during Home Assignment. Give thanks with **K** for the opportunities to talk with supporters about partnership in her work in East Asia. Pray with **L & J** for L preaching regularly and training an eager group of young budding preachers. Pray for **L** to hold firm to the hope she has in Jesus.

SATURDAY 27 – JAPAN

Pray with **Nathan & Maki Clapham** that KGK might have many new students join, despite all meetings being online. Give thanks with **Matt & Jen Lim** for God's provision of a loving and supportive church family at Eifuku Minami Christ Church. Praise God with **Steven & Sandra Parsons** for the opportunity Steven has had to grow through the Arrow Executive Leadership Program over the last year. Pray that he can apply many great techniques in his role of empowering missionaries in Japan. Praise God with **Chenny Thie** for bringing a handful of new International students into the OCF Tokyo fellowship. Pray for **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** as KGK groups continue to meet online, that they and other KGK staff will have opportunities to encourage students in their walk with Jesus as they graduate and face uncertain times. Pray with **Adam & Helane Ramsay** for Leo's graduation and transition into international school, and for Ellie and Albert moving into their next academic year. Pray also for the Ramsays' congregation as they transition to a new pastor.

SUNDAY 28 – JAPAN & TAIWAN

Praise God with **Dene & Rachel Hughes** for the chance to re-confirm the meaning and importance of fellowship during COVID-19. Give thanks with **Kellie Nicholas** for the opportunities over spring break to meet with students at online conferences, and pray that she will be able to connect well with first years as the new academic year starts. Pray for **Dave & Beck McIntyre** and their role at Mondo Bible Church as they seek to minister to the kids God gives them. Pray also for Dave as he takes up the role of PTA president at the local primary school. Pray with **Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp** for God to raise up more faithful men and women to lead the Church in Taiwan.

MONDAY 29 – CMS PARTNERS

Pray for **T & S** in Pakistan as they begin to run small group Bible studies and marriage enrichment workshops. Pray that they would unpack God's word faithfully, and that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide them as they teach.

TUESDAY 30 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Praise God for the wonderful partnership shared with hundreds of churches around NSW and ACT. As they prepare for Easter services, pray that they would be encouraged by remembering brothers and sisters around the world who will also be celebrating the risen Lord Jesus.

QNSW: Praise God for *Keith & Marion's* refreshing and encouraging time during Home Assignment, and ask for his blessing on their travels back overseas mid-April.

SANT: Ask God to help the office run smoothly over Easter, and with staff on leave or working away from the office. Pray also for preparations for the upcoming lunch and online dinner events.

TAS: Pray that *Maurice & Amanda Jacobson* can deploy to their location, Cambodia, in April as scheduled. Pray for good registration numbers for both the youth and adult *CMS World Mission Conference* in May in Hobart.

VIC: Pray for the *Young Adult Collective*, who have their first meetings this month. Pray that this group be the seeds of hope that the next generation will take ownership of cross-cultural mission as their own.

WA: Give thanks for a successful *SummerFocus*, and ask that God would bless *B* as she interacts with churches and individuals during Home Assignment.

WEDNESDAY 31 – CMS FELLOWSHIP

Pray for missionaries who have recently completed their service and ministry with CMS. Pray for comfort as they grieve, and patience as they readjust to life in Australia. Ask God to open new doors for them as they transition out of missionary life.