

St Paul's and St Luke's

Prayer Collective

Our link to You



Saved by Jesus Christ
Growing in Jesus Christ
Proclaiming Jesus Christ

"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name." Psalm 86:11

Prayer Points....

- Uphold our health and essential workers who continue to work on the front line and protect them from illness. Praise God too for the response to Covid 19 we have had in Australia and that we all continue to work together to control the spread of infection.
- Give thanks for Madi Weekes coming on board as our MTS trainee. May we all soon have an opportunity to get to know her and her husband Cameron when we return to face to face church services.
- Pray for Isaac and the team as they hope to return to Friday Night Fusion in full next term. May the youth on the fringe return on Friday nights and they all reconnect together as a group.
- Pray for our 'Seeing Jesus Clearly' Year of Evangelism across the Diocese, that even with Covid 19, we will all do what we can to be Godly examples of Christian faith and share our love for Jesus at home, in our workplaces and amongst our local communities. Uphold the parish of Lightning Ridge as they deliver their new weekly newsletters and radio service to their church community and thank God for the work of BCA who support them in their ministry.
- Pray for all our parishes near and far right across the Diocese, that no one slips through the cracks in our extended church families and that we will continue to serve one another and build Christ's Church on the solid rock of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the ongoing need for food is met in Uganda and that the Lord graciously deepens the people's faith and knowledge of the bible.
- Those in sickness or trouble: Andrew Alexander, Peter Anderson, Megan Brown, Doris Campbell, Donna Condon, Naomi Danaher, Sophie Doran, Alice Eather, David & Marie Eather, Audrey Fraser, Alan Hartigan, Nick Lynch-Whitten, Diane Mason, Joyce Page, Bev Pitcher, Mary Shave, Becca Simpson, Jenny Simpson, Suzanne Turner & others that we know.

Prayer for our Missionaries

Andrew & Margie Newman - CMS, Rukungiri Uganda

Praise God for Andy and Margie's relationships with their neighbours and protect them as they move through the local area.

Lord help them in learning language and culture and give them energy as they help set up the library.

Give them peace of mind and trust in our Lord when their wobbly hearts fail them.

Following the sermon this week, I have spent much time reflecting on sin and how easily it takes hold of us no matter how hard we try. As Mark 6:1-6 points out, Jesus himself lamented that he was rejected in his own hometown and could do no mighty work there. I imagine many of us join Jesus in lamenting the way he was treated and is still treated today.

John Lennox points out in Gunning For God, that science emerged out of belief in intelligent design and a desire to expand our understanding of nature as God designed it. Yet today, atheists suggest that science disproves the existence of God. Scientists that step away from common thinking to follow where the evidence lies as did Kepler in when he discovered the elliptical cycle of the planets around the sun are celebrated. Yet, others are met with protest and criticism, as did Anthony Flew, when he announced his conversion to belief in God based on the evidence of the complexity of life.

However, sin and rejection of Jesus does not lay just in the court of unbelievers does it? It is firmly entrenched in us all is it not? It is why we join together in the Confession, it is why we humbly come before our Lord in prayer, asking for forgiveness, that can only be found at the foot of the cross.

*May we always be uncomfortable with our sin and mindful of our desperate need for God. May it drive us to pray for our family and friends and bring Him glory in our relationships. **AMEN***