

St Paul's and St Luke's Prayer Collective

Our link to You

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Practice hospitality." Romans 12:12-13*

Prayer Points

- Lord, we praise you for the privilege of being members of your kingdom family and pray that you bless our church collectivity with a spirit of joyfulness. May you help us to support one another in fellowship and look outward to those around us, all of whom are created and loved by you.
- Lord, we commit Madi and Cameron to you as they look to a new year of serving you and growing in ministry. We pray that you go before Madi as she prepares for her study in 2021 and that you will help her develop supportive and trusting relationships with her teachers.
- We commit our staff team – Darrell, Cedric, Isaac, Madi, Di and Carmen and pray that you will grow them in their knowledge and love for you and in their gifts in ministry this year. We ask that you will help us to fill Di's position in the office with the right person and in your good timing according to your will.
- As we reflect on the New Year, we thank you for the ministry of Rick Lewers as Bishop of the New England Diocese and his wife Janene. We pray for safe travel as they make the transition to Shoal Haven and that they will settle well into their new home and community.
- We commit Rod and Jenni Chiswell and their family as they finish up in ministry at St Peter's and prepare for Rod to take up the role of Bishop of the New England diocese and the transition to Armidale.
- God, you are alone are worthy of honour, glory and praise for you are in control of all things, including Covid-19. We commit to you nations around the world who are fighting this pandemic and pray you will bring healing, protect those who are well and help us to discover and distribute an effective and safe vaccine. We commit to you the current waves in NSW and pray that people will be mindful of restrictions for the safety of our communities. Most of all, through this pandemic, may you pave the way for spiritual renewal as people are drawn to you.
- May you bring comfort and peace to those in our church family and others that we know who are facing illness and trouble. Through their difficulties, may you grow them in grace and holiness, that they may point those around them to Jesus.
- Those in sickness or trouble: Peter Andersen, Reg Brody, Megan Brown (Ros O'Sullivan's daughter), Doris Campbell (Kaye Carmody's mother), Donna Condon (Lea Truman's daughter), Naomi Danaher, Sophie Doran, Alice Eather, David Eather, Lesley Hood, Nick Lynch-Whitten, Joyce Page, Chuck & Mary Shave, Becca Simpson, Joan Westerman, Gary Whale, Yvonne Whitten & others that we know.

Prayer for our Missionaries - Barnabas Fund

Lord, we uphold our Christian brothers and sisters suffering poverty and persecution around the world. May their trust in you remain unshaken as they live out their faith amidst great difficulty, and may we in our church be encouraged by their perseverance.

Lord, we praise you for the work of Barnabas Fund in bringing relief to many and bearing fruit for your glory. We commit Sam and Maryam in Iran to you and pray that they will be reunited with their adopted daughter Lydia, removed from their care for possessing Christian literature.

If you are interested in contributing prayer points to the Prayer Collective, please contact Simone Hurst on 0400112532 richmonee@dodo.com.au

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Growing in Jesus Christ
Proclaiming Jesus Christ

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As many of you may know, our church supports Barnabas Fund among our Level One Christian Mission Organisations. Recently, I was encouraged by an article, 'Trusting God in Uncertain Times'. I found this article such an encouragement to make God our first priority in all we do by living a life of desire, delight, dependence and devotedness to God every day this year.

It is so easy for us to become burdened and overwhelmed as we face each new difficulty or worry that comes our way or, continue to struggle through challenges that we never seem to overcome. Times like these require a great deal of faith and obedience, that outweighs our doubts and inadequacies and can only be developed as God works in our hearts. We are urged to turn to God's Word and trust in a God who loves and cares for us deeply and walks with us in our trouble. As we do this, 2 Corinthians 3:18 assures us that "we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

So too, in times of ease we can experience spiritual apathy, drawn away from our faith in our Lord and Savior, as we put our trust in ourselves or in worldly beliefs and values, instead of God who showed such love and grace in sending His Son to die for us that we may turn to Him and live for His glory. May we use these times to develop healthy habits of bible reading, prayer and fellowship. May we too, develop a "habit" of trusting God that will carry us through difficulties as they arise.

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- May I encourage you, if you are not doing so already, to subscribe to the Barnabas Fund bi-monthly magazine to be encouraged in your faith and be informed of how we are supporting their work around the world. The prayer for Sam, Maryam and Lydia above was also taken from the Prayer Diary that accompanies each Magazine. This can also be accessed on the website through the link to the January/February edition of their magazine below:

[Barnabas Fund: Hope and Aid for the Persecuted Church](#)