

High School Ministries

Pray for year 7 kids, that they would go to SRE classes this year, and for year 7 kids to connect with Christian groups at their school.

Northmead High

- Pray for Lisa Massey and her family as she teaches scripture at Northmead. Pray classes might start early, and for good arrangements for timetabling and facilities.
- Give thanks for the opportunity we have through SRE classes and the dedicated Christian workers. Pray God would prepare the hearts of students to learn from his word. Give thanks for the new arrangements through Generate ministries, and pray for continued financial support.

Model Farms High

- Please pray for the Model Farms lunchtime group, MAD, as they advertise to the new year 7s.
- Pray for the new staff & students (especially Yr 7) to settle in quickly, and please pray for students that are being mentored.

The World and World Mission

Prayers for the persecuted church

Twenty Christian families (105 people) in a rural part of Laos were given one month to abandon their Christian faith, leave the village or be put in prison. The church leaders responded by showing to the local district head the national constitution/laws stating that Christianity is a recognised religion in Laos. But the district head simply replied that in his area Christians will not be allowed. At the time of writing, the church leaders are trying to get their case brought to the attention of the central government. Five of the 20 families have given up their faith, because they are so frightened. Pray that the other 15 will stand firm.

Mark and Renee Santich, in Christchurch, NZ, with Christian Union (CU) at Canterbury University, and children Zac, Josh, Jesse and Ethan.

- Please pray for Mark & Renee Santich and Christian Union as they meet many first year students over the next few weeks as Uni starts.
- Pray for good conversations and that many would want to find out more about Jesus.

Mike and Tania Snowden in Valencia, Spain, with children Will, Sam, and Tom

- Mike has been working on a book for the last two years, to help Spanish teenagers consider ethics from a Christian perspective, to help them trust God's word is good for his world, and to equip the students to discover and live out that goodness.
- Pray that Jesus would use this book for his glory so Spanish teenagers might meet him, know and trust God's goodness, and live that out. The manuscript will be submitted on about 18th.
- Continue to pray for Tania and the baby due March 14th, for God to give them strength in the last weeks of pregnancy and for the birth.
- Pray for the Frenches, the new CMS family in Valencia, as they learn language and culture. Pray they will have a smooth transition into life in Spain.



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"Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with Me"
(Revelation 3:20)

**Please pray for –
February 22-24 6pm Weekend Away**

Please send any items for next month's Prayer Matters to Ros Burgess:

brian.burgess@optusnet.com.au

If you are aware of someone who needs prayer for sickness, I would be pleased to include them in the list. Similarly, if anyone who is significantly recovered, or no longer 'needs' prayer, please let me know so I can update the list appropriately and add a note of praise.

Prayers for the sick, the grieving and the struggling

- Pray for Amber Edmonds and family as they grieve the loss of her mother.
- Pray for Lenise Williams as she also grieves the loss of her mother.
- Pray for those who are ill or struggling in various ways, some with cancer. Pray they would walk day by day in faith in Jesus. Pray for healing.
- Give thanks that Hedley Mooney's health is much improved.
- Pray also for Dave Wilde, Sharon Ore, James Dyer

Northmead Church and local mission

- Pray for Adrian, Mark, JJ, Matt and Jacquie as they lead us. Pray for Matt and Molly, for the safe delivery of the new baby.
- Pray for ministry teams as they form after Start Up Sunday, that they would be effective in their work. Pray also that each of us would prayerfully consider how we might serve.
- Pray for marriages, that God might guard them, for God's grace in relationships, and that people might remember their promises. Pray that we would be a community where marriages and family can grow strong.

Gospel Teams

- Pray for Gospel teams as they form and start up, that we would seek to encourage and challenge each other through God's word throughout the year.
- Pray for leaders and members of new groups to get to know one another and be able to minister to one another and serve together well.

MAP

- Pray for Josh as he continues into the second year of his apprenticeship.
- Pray for Dan and Alex as they begin at College and their new Student Minister roles.
- Pray also for Sam and Simon Graham in their new church and new roles. Give thanks for the young leaders God is raising up.

Woodberry Village

Give thanks for the Woodberry Village chaplaincy and Sunday Services. Give thanks for and pray for the various people who preach there. Please continue to pray for the congregants at Woodberry, in their physical weakness. Give thanks for their faithfulness. Pray for residents who don't know Jesus.

9am Family Church

- Pray for the leadership team as they finalise plans for the year.
- Pray that new members will be welcomed and integrated well.

6pm Night Church

- Pray for JJ as he settles into pastoring the 6pm congregation.
- Pray for the weekend away 22-24, that it would be a good time of fellowship and learning, for development of relationships, and that 6pm would grow together in Christ.

Friends at Northmead (FANS)

- Please pray for the six events planned for this year. Pray that these events will have broad appeal but more importantly that they will provide an opportunity for people at Northmead to invite friends and family to social occasions where Christians chat in a relaxed way and the welcome is warm and inclusive. Pray that these events will also be opportunities for members at Northmead to support and encourage one another.
- Pray specifically for the first event on Wednesday March 13th - speakers who lead tours to the Holy Land.

English Conversation Classes Monday mornings)

- Please pray for this group as the year begins - that God will send people who are interested in improving their English conversational skills and also are willing to explore the truths of the Bible.
- Give thanks for a very worthwhile training day organised by Anglicare and attended by over 300 volunteers who meet with small groups of people across the diocese.
- Pray for the team at Northmead: that they will prepare well, be welcoming and take every opportunity to speak the name of Jesus.

Playmorning (Tuesday morning)

- Praise God for the many opportunities he has provided through Playmorning to reach into the community with the gospel.
- Pray for Bernie Johnston as she steps into the role of Playmorning Coordinator.
- Pray that the Lord would help the Christian mums and carers interact with others who come, and for many opportunities to speak of Jesus and show his grace.

Youth and Children

Kids' Ministry in 2019

Pray for all our kids ministries as they start up. Pray kids might quickly settle in and be receptive to the teaching about Jesus

YAK (youth and kids leaders)

For the leaders to work well as teams, for new leaders to learn quickly in their roles. Pray they would be able to put into practice things learnt in training. Pray they would bond well with the kids and communicate well.

KidsAlive (Sunday Kids' Ministry)

- Give thanks for all the leaders who work to faithfully teach, lead and care for the kids in our church. Give thanks and pray for the 6pm members who serve in the morning services with the children.
- Praise God, that by his word, he has grown and shaped our kids to know him better and love him more. Pray that he would continue to grow them in passion for Christ.

Germinate (years K-3, Thursday afternoon)

- Pray that the kids at Germinate would understand some of the depth of the Gospel of John.
- Pray that the Germinate team will continue to work together well in the new year.

Boost (Years 4-6)

Pray for Boost as it starts up on 8th. Pray kids will return with energy and enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Pray they will invite others and be open to newcomers.

Forge

- Pray for our year 7 kids as they have moved to Forge. Pray that each child would continue coming, and love meeting with their new group to hear from God's word. Pray that each kid would grow to be unashamed for Christ in their time at youth.
- Pray that invites to 'Forge' be well-received and attract new kids.

SRE (Scripture in Schools)

- Give thanks for the new SRE teachers this year.
- Give thanks for the privilege we have to go into public schools to teach the Bible.
- Pray God will change the hearts of those in the community who are agitating to remove SRE from schools.
- Pray that permission notes will be sent out and returned in good time, and that parents and children might choose SRE.
- Pray for the scripture classes as they start up in our local public schools: Northmead, Winston Heights, and Winston Hills.