

NORTH PINE PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

February 19 to March 18

Dear Friends,

As we enter this Season of Lent we are reminded of our human condition and our need for a Saviour. There are many Lenten devotionals available online that are helpful in guiding our thoughts and prayers and helping us to seek God's forgiveness. I am currently working through a devotional put out by Redeemer Presbyterian Church called "Preparing Our Hearts for Easter". Let me share with you the commentary for Ash Wednesday:

The Lenten season has historically been a time of solemn reflection on the human condition. Ash Wednesday reminded us that human life is fragile - for dust we are, and to dust we shall return. But we learn quickly that the human condition is marked not merely by fragility, but by depravity. In fact, by the time of Noah, human corruption and violence had become so pervasive that God was said to be grieved to his heart and filled with regret.

Yet what pierces is that the Bible is not speaking about the human heart abstractly. No, it is speaking specifically about my heart, the sinfulness of my sin and, indeed, the divine regret as to how I have lived.

Yet, in the midst of gloom and in the aftermath of the storm of God's judgment, we see hope shine through. Noah looks up and sees against the gray clouds the dazzling glory of the rainbow emerging where the sun and storm meet. And there in the clouds he sees the bow of God's wrath laid aside in the promise of peace.

And that great promise is that no matter how dark our sin might grow, God will not turn his face against us again. Instead, God would sooner point the bow of his wrath upward, towards heaven, at his own Son, than unleash his wrath upon us again.

This Lent, let us pray for God to help us to look honestly at our sinfulness so that we can truly appreciate and value the great sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. May this Lent be a time of real repentance and renewal.

God bless,
Anne Kratzmann

DATE	TALK TO GOD ABOUT THESE THINGS
MONDAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for all who faithfully commit to Prayer Groups each week - may they be inspired as they seek God's will praise God with Bruce and Libby that the Home Ministry has approved their work visas for our Church Family to trust God with their daily demands: Harry Mayer; Sue McGoldrick; Michael, Michelle, Lily & Jacob McKenna
TUESDAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for all who contribute their time and gifts to the Care Cupboard - may they be a blessing to others for Bruce as he makes plans to finalise his registration process with the medical council for our Church Family to grow in their Faithfulness: Rod & Robyn McKewen; Audrey McKillop; Muriel Meahan; Andy, Kit & Ethan Meng
WEDNESDAY 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for heartfelt worship at Holy Communion this morning and for great fellowship and sharing at MU give thanks with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) that they have been able to witness Christ to many people for our Church Family as they grow in Generosity: Ellie, Lizzy & Ollie Meredith; Kim & Georgia Merrell; Geoff & Susan Michie
THURSDAY 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that Gary Gillies found great encouragement as he led student camps in China for Jeff Howard (SU) as he attends a SU Regional Managers meeting this month - for wisdom and good decision making for our Church Family to grow closer to God in Prayer: Cathy & Graeme Miles; Norma Miney; Carol Murray; Ron Murray; Dorothy New
FRIDAY 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Nicole Cunneen and the mainly music Team - may this outreach enable many more children to hear about Jesus with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for God's protection on seafarers - may they know His great love for them for our Church Family as they trust in God's enduring love: Gladys Neylon; Gary & Jenny Palmer; Daniel Palmer, Nathan Palmer
SATURDAY 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for a great night of celebration and fellowship at our Annual Gathering as we reflect on 2017 and make plans for 2018 for new parents at St Paul's School to feel welcome and for more mothers to join the Mum's Prayer Group for our Church Family to rely on God's timing: Raiha Paraha; Judy Parker; Nancy Parsons; Nola Patrick; Marcia Patten; Joan Penman
SUNDAY 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for new people to join our Church and to feel welcomed, loved and supported as they seek to know Jesus for good fellowship at Lazy Sunday Dinner this evening and for opportunities to invite people outside our Church for our Church Family to trust in God's faithfulness: Clive, Sophie, Nathaniel, Hayden & Naomi Peckham; Belinda Penman
MONDAY 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Dylan, Alex, Raiha, Millie, Daniel, Nathan & Rhonda to be greatly blessed as they prepare for confirmation with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) for their adult children Jess, Ellen, Nat & Tina as they face the challenges of life & faith for our Church Family as they live by our Values: Michelle, Shaun, Hope & Jorja Pinnock; Wayne & Sheena Polkinghorne
TUESDAY 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Gary and Penny to feel inspired and encouraged as they prepare to Reaffirm their Faith at the combined Confirmation Service for Bruce [CMS] to have wisdom, big picture planning and good working relationships in his new role as medical superintendent for our Church Family to grow in their love for Prayer: Barbara Pollard; Belinda Pollard; Jessica Punnard; Phil & Noreen Quinn
WEDNESDAY 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God to raise up leaders for various ministries throughout our Church that during this season of Lent more people will want to know about Jesus - may the Holy Spirit bring them to our Church for our Church Family as they entrust their lives to Jesus: Peter & Ros Rawlinson; Allen & Jovana Reed; Hugh Reed; Betty Reid

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THURSDAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God to guide Chris, Lynda and Parish Council as they make decisions about Staffing in 2018 for God to raise up suitable people to fill current School Chaplaincy vacancies with Scripture Union for our Church Family to be renewed as they read the Bible: Yvonne Reik; Dell & Allan Robertson; Margaret Sansom; Verney Sayers
FRIDAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for young people at Sound this evening to truly engage with the Gospel and to grow in their love for Jesus give thanks with Bruce and Libby that they are hosting an ITEEN study group with nine participants - may this be a great blessing for our Church Family as they seek to love Jesus & others: David & Robyn Sargent; Sandy & Pete Sayer; Millie Schoermer
SATURDAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for all who serve each week to prepare our Church for worship - may this service bring great blessing to us all praise God for the outreach of BCA and pray for good attendance at the Bush and Bible Day with Bishop Condie speaking for our Church Family to feel God's presence through worship: Peter Schofield; Beth Schwede; John & Doris Scouller; Dan Simonds
SUNDAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that at our Confirmation Service today the Holy Spirit will come in great power to inspire those being confirmed & reaffirming give thanks for the opportunity to meet today with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) and to hear about their ministry for our Church Family to trust in God's healing power: Iain, Julie & Sonya Simonds; Marg Skewes; Kelvin & Mandy Slade; Joan Smith
MONDAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that during this Lenten Season we will seek to love Jesus more and to grow as His disciples give thanks with Bruce and Libby that their INF orientation has finished and for all that they have learnt for our Church Family as they seek to grow Disciples: Penny & Maurie Smith; Mary Snell; Mal & Shirley Sprott; Thelma Sprott
TUESDAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the outreach of the Furniture Ministry - may there be opportunities to talk about Jesus for uplifting worship and good fellowship at the Inverpine Service this morning for our Church Family as they share Jesus' love with others: Daryll & Kim Stein; Joan Stephenson; Glen & Kris Stevens; Leila Stock
WEDNESDAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for our Growth Groups to be welcoming and for group members to feel inspired and encouraged to grow as disciples with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for God to bring healing to injured seamen as their families depend on their financial support for our Church Family modelling their lives on Jesus: Helen & Chris Stoneham; Ken & Janice Suddick; Charles & Chris Sweeney
THURSDAY 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for those who are suffering or in need (check e-News) to feel God's healing power in their lives for all School Chaplains (SU) to be blessed with wisdom and patience as they work with students for our Church Family as they entrust their daily lives to Jesus: Judy Tainton; Jeanette Taylor; Ken & Margaret Thompson
FRIDAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Chris and Lynda and all who preach to be Spirit-led as they prepare sermons for Sunday services with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) that each seafarer and tourist visiting the centre will hear about Jesus and respond to his call for our Church Family showing Jesus' love to others: Laurie & Lawrence Thorpe; Kelly Tomlins; Chris & Helen Towsey & Doris Nunn
SATURDAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Sandy Sayer and her team of helpers to be inspired as they prepare resources for Kids Church for Susan (BCA Longreach) to have a good year of study. Praise God that she is now over half way and her results are very good for our Church Family to be uplifted as they love Jesus: Alan & Peta Turner; Nev & Elise Victor; June Vosper; Catherine Walker
SUNDAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for all attending the Families Gathering today - may there be good fellowship and friendship give thanks that Bruce and Libby are enjoying more routine in their lives and finding direction in the work assigned to them for our Church Family as they learn more from the Bible: Maree, Grace & Reuben Walker; Rhonda Watkins; Phyllis Watson
MONDAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for good discussion, prayerful deliberations and wise decision making at Parish Council this evening for John Naumann (Tanzania) to have good health and continuing financial support for the Amani Centre for our Church Family as they grow in fellowship with others: Dwayne, Colleen & Brooke West; Isis Wilson; Judy & Ivan Wilson
TUESDAY 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the great dedication of our musicians and singers as they lift our voices in joyous praise to our God for wisdom for the St Paul's School Council and Senior Leaders as they review and update the School's Strategic Plan for our Church Family to worship joyfully: Eileen Wittleton; Roma Wood; Kelvin & Trudy Woodrow; Bruce & Barbara Worthington
WEDNESDAY 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for wisdom and discernment when Chris and the Wardens meet with Bruce and Libby for two new INF families that they will have a good transition process and settle quickly for our Church Family to grow ever closer to Jesus: Emma Worthington; Paul & Gayle Worthington; Peter & Evelyn Wray-Brown
THURSDAY 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God to give us generous hearts so that we will use His good gifts to serve and change the world for Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) to have wisdom in knowing how to effectively grow ministry in the region for our Church Family, growing in their Prayer lives: Ann, Scott & Brodie Youngman; Jeff & Dawn Acworth; Graeme Aldom
FRIDAY 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the Youth Leaders at Sound and for Graeme Aldom as he mentors them to develop their leadership skills for Jeff Howard (SU) and his team as they make preparations for upcoming Easter camps - may this be a great outreach for our Church Family to encourage others to be Biblical: Don & Sharon Amos; Owen Anderson; Chris, Jenny, Emily & Joshua Anstee
SATURDAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Liturgical Assistants and Readers to be Spirit-led as they prepare for Sunday worship with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for God's blessing on the centre and for ongoing financial stability for our Church Family as they spend quiet time with God: Alison Anstee; Margaret Armitage; Sharon, Pete & Lily Armstrong
SUNDAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the Gospel of John and for the truth that it reveals about Jesus for Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) to have good health and to cope with the extreme heat in western Queensland for our Church Family as they seek ways to serve: Greg, Nerissa, Tahlia, Kyah & Amarli Baines; Joan Baker-Winn; Dennis Balderstone