

NORTH PINE PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

April 16 to May 20



Dear Friends,

As Christians, our Easter isn't confined to just one long weekend. The empty tomb is foundational to our faith and something we can celebrate every day. In the current devotional put out by the Bible Society - "Live Light" - the focus is on our ongoing response to Easter. The two women who go to the grave on that Easter morning must have felt that everything had come to an end. However, the Angel invites them to **come and see** that Jesus is no longer there because He's risen and then tells the two Marys to **go and tell** the others.

See. Come and see. What should we see when we look upon that empty tomb? Firstly, we should see the condescension of Jesus Christ, that he would die for us. Second, we should see the horror of our sin, because it was our sin that put him there. Third, as we look into that tomb we should be reminded that we too will die. Fourthly, and most importantly, when we look into that tomb we must see that Jesus is not there. He is risen. He has conquered death. And fifthly, as we look into the tomb, we learn that we shall also rise from the dead just as he did if we are joined with him.

All that remains then is to 'go and tell'. Now that we have come and seen the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the testimony that has been handed down to us, it is over to us to go and tell others, just as they did.

Question: *Do you see how Jesus' death and resurrection changes everything? Are you obeying his call to go and tell others the good news?*

This month, let us give thanks that through Jesus we no longer need to live in fear of death and pray that God will provide us with many opportunities to go and tell the good news of Easter.

God bless, Anne Kratzmann

DATE	TALK TO GOD ABOUT THESE THINGS
MONDAY 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for feedback regarding our next staff position from our survey and pray for God's guidance in 2018 • for St Paul's students in Years 11 and 12 who are about to begin their first exam block for the year • for our Church Family to grow as they read the Bible: Garth, Karen & Mykaela Hollindale; Amber Humphreys; Eric & Margaret Jacob
TUESDAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Chris and Lynda on Annual Leave that they will have safe travel and wonderful experiences - may they be refreshed & renewed • for Sharon Armstrong as she moves into School Chaplaincy at Tullawong High School this term - may she be blessed in this role • for our Church Family to know the closeness of God: Russell, Rebecca, Peter & Ethan Johns; Chris Johnson; Troy Juides
WEDNESDAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for loving worship at 10am Holy Communion and a time of great fellowship and sharing at Mothers' Union • give thanks with Graeme & Susan (BCA Longreach) that God is faithful and is upholding them in ministry in the Central West • for our Church Family to pray often and for all things: Simon & Maren Johnson; Geoff, Kylie, Sarah & Hannah Jubb; Hazel Kennedy
THURSDAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks to all who support the Care Cupboard and praise God for all who have been helped by this ministry • for all students returning from holidays - may they settle quickly into their school routine and commit to hard work and study • for our Church Family to grow in faithfulness: Carol King; Anne & Ron Kratzmann; Kerry & Janelle Laufer; Steve Lawrence
FRIDAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for God's inspiration and leading whenever Chris and the Wardens meet • praise God for blessing Chris & Helen (Pt Hedland) with the opportunity to witness to seafarers • for our Church Family to feel God's abiding presence: Scott, Melissa, Kate & Adam Laufer; Glen & Kay Lee; Margaret Leys
SATURDAY 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Bruce Worthington & Ralph Bowles as they fill in for Chris & Lynda who are on leave - may they be blessed in their service • for more young families to seek Baptism for their children and to commit themselves to follow Jesus • for our Church Family to worship joyfully: Nev & Lyn Leigh; Noela Lenton; Susan Lerch; Mark, Leigh, Maya & Annika Leschke
SUNDAY 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that we will be generous in our giving so that we can achieve our Vision to serve and change the world • that our Link Missionaries will know that they are loved and supported - may they be protected and guided in their ministry • for our Church Family to grow in their love for Jesus: Michael, Louise, Lachlan & Maddison Lewis; Barbara Lorroway; Rob Lucock
MONDAY 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all in our Church Family who are in need of God's comfort and healing love - please check E-news • for Bruce & Libby to grow into their leadership roles in the hospital and school so they can serve their colleagues well • for our Church Family to rely on God's timing: Leigh & Emma Lukač; David & Sally Ludlow; Myra & Graham Luxton; Stuart MacKenzie
TUESDAY 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for the outreach of the Furniture Ministry - may it provide opportunities for people to hear about Jesus • give thanks with St Paul's School Community for their new Strategic Plan (2018-20) • for our Church Family to trust in god's faithfulness: Merv & Adele MacDonald; Rhonda Madden; Dylan & Clare Malloch; Gail Masters
WEDNESDAY 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • praise God for the commitment of our Parish Councillors and pray for their leadership and decision making role • on this Anzac Day give thanks for all who have made sacrifices to maintain our freedom and pray for families who have lost loved ones • for our Church Family to be truly Biblical: Prince, Jammie, Princess & Peilla Makedenge; Russell & Liz Martin; Don & Joan May
THURSDAY 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for our Growth Groups to encourage us to gather around God's Word and to grow as disciples of Jesus • with Bruce & Libby for new teachers for the small international school and for the negotiations currently taking place • for our Church Family to constantly turn to God in prayer: George, Evis, Tapie, Tadie & Tino Masvaure; Harry Mayer; Sue McGoldrick
FRIDAY 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Nicole Cunneen and the mainly music Team that this ministry will be a great outreach to young families • praise God with Graeme & Susan (BCA Longreach) for all their faithful, prayerful, financial supporters and link parishes • for our Church Family to feel confident to share God's Word: Michael, Michelle, Lily & Jacob McKenna; Rod & Robyn McKewen
SATURDAY 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks to all who clean and prepare our Church for worship - may this be a blessing to us all • with Chris & Helen (Pt Hedland) for seafarers to feel safe in the knowledge that God will never abandon them • for our Church Family to grow in their generosity: Audrey McKillop; Muriel Meahan; Andy, Kit & Ethan Meng; Ellie, Lizzy & Ollie Meredith

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SUNDAY 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the 5.30pm Leadership Team to be inspired and guided in their preparations for tonight's first 530 OUT at the Petrie Pub for opportunities to invite people outside our Church to come along to Lazy Sunday Dinner this evening for our <i>Church Family to be obedient to God's calling</i>: Kim & Georgia Merrell; Geoff & Susan Michie; Cathy & Graeme Miles
MONDAY 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for all who commit to weekly prayer groups - may they be inspired as they intercede for others with the St Paul's School Community for Mr Rob Law in his first year as Council Chair for our <i>Church Family to entrust their lives to Jesus</i>: Norma Miney; Carol Murray; Ron Murray; Tarquin Nesbitt-Foster & Marelice Ras
TUESDAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for loving worship at the Inverpine Service this morning and for good fellowship at morning tea for our local SU Chappies: Troy (Beachmere), Marie (Dakabin High) and Dave (Pine Rivers High) for our <i>Church Family to know God's truth</i>: Dorothy New; Gladys Neylon; Gary & Jenny Palmer; Daniel Palmer; Nathan Palmer
WEDNESDAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God to raise up new leaders for various ministries throughout our Church for wisdom for St Paul's School Council & Headmaster, Dr Paul Browning as they lead and set the strategic direction of the school for our <i>Church Family to trust in the power of prayer</i>: Judy Parker; Nancy Parsons; Nola & Brad Patrick; Marcia Patten; Belinda Penman
THURSDAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for our Young Families and pray that as a Church we can provide a supportive network for parents for children of CMS missionaries as they cross cultures, learn languages and cope with education challenges for our <i>Church Family to know the joy of worship</i>: Clive, Sophie, Nathaniel, Hayden & Naomi Peckham; Joan Penman; Barbara Pollard
FRIDAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Graeme Aldom and our Youth Leadership to be inspired and encouraged as they develop activities for Sound each week with Graeme & Susan (BCA Longreach) for local graziers to have encounters with active Christians & to put their trust in Jesus for our <i>Church Family to model their lives on Jesus</i>: Michelle, Shaun, Hope & Jorja Pinnock; Wayne & Sheena Polkinghorne
SATURDAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for good inter-generational fellowship and productive outcomes at this morning's Working Bee give thanks that Bruce has received his medical registration from the Nepal Medical Council for our <i>Church Family to share God's love with others</i>: Belinda Pollard; Kellie, Troy, Adam, Alyssa & Ella Postle; Jessica Punchedard
SUNDAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Newcomers to our Church to feel welcomed and loved - may they be encouraged to find a place of ministry in our Church for Susan Liersch (BCA Longreach) to be blessed in her Chaplaincy work at Longreach High School for our <i>Church Family to seek ways to serve & change the world</i>: Phil & Noreen Quinn; Peter & Ros Rawlinson; Allen & Jovana Reed
MONDAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for our Leadership Team as they meet today - may there be prayerful deliberation and good decision making with Chris & Helen (Pt Hedland) for seafarers who are injured - that they will be able to support their families for our <i>Church Family to rest in God's enduring love</i>: Hugh Reed; Betty Reid; Yvonne Reid; Dell & Allan Robertson; Roberta Ruback
TUESDAY 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for more people to be encouraged to join a Growth Group so they can hear God's Word and grow as disciples with Graeme & Susan (BCA Longreach) for those they have witnessed to and led to the Lord - that they will grow in faith for our <i>Church Family to feel God's healing power</i>: Margaret Sansom; David & Robyn Sargent; Sandy & Pete Sayer; Verney Sayers
WEDNESDAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for each one of us to find a place of ministry as we discover our spiritual gifts and seek God's will for us with Chris & Helen (Pt Hedland) for God to ensure that whoever visits the centre will have a better understanding of the Christian faith for our <i>Church Family to grow in discipleship</i>: Millie Schoermer; Peter Schofield; Beth Schwede; John & Doris Scouller; Dan Simonds
THURSDAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Chris, Lynda and all who preach to be inspired in their preparations for Sunday Services give thanks with St Paul's School Community for RAVE classes and Chapel Services - God's word is being shared for our <i>Church Family to use their gifts to serve</i>: Iain, Julie & Sonya Simonds; Kelvin & Mandy Slade; Joan Smith; Mary Snell
FRIDAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for more young people to come to Sound each Friday to hear about Jesus and to seek a relationship with Him give thanks with Graeme & Susan (BCA Longreach) that they have survived a very hot summer & pray for good health and strength for our <i>Church Family to grow in their love for the Bible</i>: Penny & Maurie Smith; Mal & Shirley Sprott; Thelma Sprott; Darryl & Kim Stein
SATURDAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Liturgical Assistants & Readers to be inspired as they prepare for Sunday worship give thanks for the Men's Ministry and pray for good fellowship and fun for all who are going abseiling for our <i>Church Family to show God's love every day</i>: Joan Stephenson; Glen & Kris Stevens; Leila Stock; Helen & Chris Stoneham
SUNDAY 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for this Mothers' Day and pray for God to bless our young mothers as they teach their children about Jesus for a good attendance at the Monthly Family Gathering - may there be good fellowship and new friendships forged for our <i>Church Family to be obedient to God's calling</i>: Ken & Janice Suddick; Charles & Chris Sweeney; Judy Tainton; Jeanette Taylor
MONDAY 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for focussed discussion and inspired decision making when Parish Council meets this evening for John Naumann (Tanzania) to be blessed with good health and for ongoing financial support for the Amani Centre for our <i>Church Family to pray together</i>: Ken & Margaret Thompson; Laurie & Lawrence Thorpe; Kelly & Klane Tomlins; June Vosper
TUESDAY 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God to bless Alex & Raiha and also Tarquin & Marelice who are preparing for their weddings later this year for Bruce & Libby to have good relationships within their workplaces - with boards, staff, patients, students and parents for our <i>Church Family to bask in God's goodness</i>: Alan & Peta Turner; Neville & Elise Victor; Catherine Walker; Rhonda Watkins
WEDNESDAY 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the outreach of Table Tennis - may God provide opportunities to invite people from outside the Church for our local SU Chappies: Lindsay (PR Special School), Sonia (Petrie SS) and Dayboro SS for our <i>Church Family to meditate on God's Word</i>: Maree, Grace & Reuben Walker; Phyllis Watson; Dwayne, Colleen & Brooke West
THURSDAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Jo & other office staff attending the Parish Administrators Day - may there be good learning and skill development for St Paul's Student Worship Band - that they may have courage and be blessed for their service for our <i>Church Family grow in their love for Jesus</i>: Ralda Wicks; Isis Wilson; Judy & Ivan Wilson; Eileen Wittleton; Roma Wood
FRIDAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for all involved in our Kid's Church Ministry to be guided and inspired as they prepare resources for Sunday services for all who are attending the Mathew Hale Public Library Annual Dinner and for the speaker, Steve Austin, to be inspired for our <i>Church Family to give thanks in all circumstances</i>: Kelvin & Trudy Woodrow; Bruce & Barbara Worthington; Emma Worthington
SATURDAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the 9am Music Team and the 7am Men's Choir as they encourage us to lift our voices in joyful praise for all attending the Encouragement Day for Women - for great teaching, encouragement and learning for our <i>Church Family to be Mission focused</i>: Paul & Gayle Worthington; Peter & Evelyn Wray-Brown; Ann, Scott & Brodie Youngman
SUNDAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> praise God for this Pentecost Sunday - may the Holy Spirit come in power and glory and inspire us as we worship for St Paul's students and staff who identify as believers - may their light shine for our <i>Church Family to live by our Vision values</i>: Jeff & Dawn Acworth; Graeme Aldom; Don & Sharon Amos; Owen Anderson