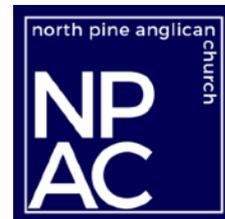


NORTH PINE PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

September 17 to October 21



Dear Friends,

We live in a democracy and I always thank God for the freedom that we have to attend Church and to worship publicly and freely. However, as our society becomes more secularised, our Christian values and beliefs are being challenged and we are seeing more legislation being put forward that goes against Biblical truth and more attacks on the religious freedom that we value.

The Australian Christian Lobby is an organisation that seeks to hold our state and federal governments to account. In a recent article, Martyn Iles talks about "sin" and "evil" as words that are no longer palatable to a society which prefers alternatives such as "brokenness, addictions, mistakes, errors and regrets".

As we have become less angry, less sad, less sensitive and less concerned about sin, so we have preferred to sanitise its image. But scripture is clear. To be gripped by the gravity of sin and evil is a non-negotiable hallmark of the touch of God on a person's life.

We need to pray for our state and federal politicians to be struck with this awareness of the gravity of sin and evil and to seek God's will as they legislate and govern. Martyn Iles goes on to say that "good laws restrain evil - that is God's mandate to governments. Bad laws permit evil to flourish."

Currently we have a number of issues that are being debated and we have ministers who are proposing new legislation or challenging existing legislation relating to religious freedom, abortion and euthanasia. Let us pray for our federal and state politicians to see with clarity our sinfulness and to seek God's truth and light as they govern. May they be enlightened in their deliberations and seek God's will for us all.

God bless

Anne Kratzmann

DATE	TALK TO GOD ABOUT THESE THINGS
MONDAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for God to guide Chris, Lynda & Parish Council as they make decisions about future staffing • for God to sustain farmers and their livelihood in drought-affected communities and for good quenching rain to fall where needed • <i>for our Church Family to grow as they read the Bible:</i> Laurie & Lawrence Thorpe; Kelly Tomlins; Alan & Peta Turner; Nev & Elise Victor
TUESDAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for God to raise up new leaders for Children's Ministry, Mission, Alpha and Pastoral Care on the Leadership Team • give thanks for St Paul's School Chaplain, Reverend Mark Leam and for the impact of his ministry on the whole school community • <i>for our Church Family to know the closeness of God:</i> June Vosper; Catherine Walker; Maree, Grace & Reuben Walker; Rhonda Watkins
WEDNESDAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for heartfelt worship this morning and for a time of good fellowship and sharing at the Mothers' Union meeting • for Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) to receive the financial support they need to relocate the Seafarers Centre • <i>for our Church Family to pray often and for all things:</i> Phyllis Watson; Dashe Wells & Reno Pisanelli; Dwayne & Colleen West
THURSDAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all who seek help through the Care Cupboard - may this outreach enable us to proclaim Jesus' love for us all • for our local SU Chappies: Dave (Pine Rivers High), Lindsay (PR Special School), Sonia (Petrie SS), and Tracey (Dayboro SS) • <i>for our Church Family to grow in faithfulness:</i> Ralda Wicks; Cam & Karen Wilson; Isis Wilson; Jeremy Wilson; Eileen Wittleton
FRIDAY 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Graeme Aldom and Youth Leaders to be inspired and encouraged in their preparation for Sound each week • for Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) to have safe travel as they cover long distances throughout the region • <i>for our Church Family to feel God's abiding presence:</i> Judy & Ivan Wilson; Roma Wood; Kelvin & Trudy Woodrow; Emma Worthington
SATURDAY 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all Liturgical Assistants, Readers and Team Prayers to prepare well for Sunday Services • give thanks with Bruce & Libby that PSC is welcoming two new teachers and pray for them as they settle into life and work in Pokhara • <i>for our Church Family to worship joyfully:</i> Bruce & Barbara Worthington; Paul & Gayle Worthington; Peter & Evelyn Wray-Brown
SUNDAY 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that each one of us will come to worship today with open hearts and minds ready to hear God speak to Job • give thanks for the work of BCA and for all who contribute through BCA boxes • <i>for our Church Family to grow in their love for Jesus:</i> Jeff & Dawn Acworth; Graeme Aldom; Don & Sharon Amos; Owen Anderson
MONDAY 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Jo, Rhonda, Carol, Anne and all who volunteer in the office to be blessed in their service • with Bruce and Libby that their country's draft 'National Integrity Document' will not impact negatively on Christian organisations • <i>for our Church Family to rely on God's timing:</i> Alison Anstee; Chris, Jenny, Emily & Joshua Anstee; Margaret Armitage
TUESDAY 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that each one of us will seek opportunities to contribute our time and resources to the Pastoral Care needs of our Church Family • give thanks for St Paul's School RAVE classes & Chapel Services where students are building their character on a godly foundation • <i>for our Church Family to trust in god's faithfulness:</i> Sharon, Pete & Lily Armstrong; Greg, Nerissa, Tahlia, Kyah & Amarli Baines
WEDNESDAY 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for opportunities to invite non-Christians to activities such as Table Tennis and Lazy Sunday Dinner • with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) for Susan's high school chaplaincy work and scripture teaching to bear much fruit • <i>for our Church Family to be truly Biblical:</i> Joan Baker-Winn; Dennis Balderstone; Claire Barrett; Peter & Gayle Beard; Jean Beattie
THURSDAY 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for the new look for our Church gardens and for all who have contributed plants to beautify our grounds • for Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) as they seek God's will as to the best new location for the Seafarers Centre • <i>for our Church Family to constantly turn to God in prayer:</i> Michael, Donna, Baily, Corbyn, Kalel, Roman & Castiel Barlow; Lorna Beattie
FRIDAY 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for the ultimate sacrifice of so many police officers as we honour them at the Police Remembrance Service today • with Bruce & Libby as PSC seeks to widen its student intake. Pray for more long term teachers and for wisdom in planning the future • <i>for our Church Family to feel confident to share God's Word:</i> Sarah & Elise Bennett; Joan Bird; Clare & Colin Birditt; Dylan Blocksidge
SATURDAY 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all involved in Children's Ministry to be blessed in their preparation of resources for Kids' Church • for SU Chappies as they run Splashout Camps during the holidays - may many children hear about Jesus • <i>for our Church Family to grow in their generosity:</i> Viva Blocksidge; Leonie Bond; Ralph & Sylvia Bowles; Beryl & Daphne Box

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SUNDAY 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for the work of BCA and pray for David Rogers-Smith to be inspired as he speaks to us this morning • with Graeme & Susan (BCA Longreach) that people will take their eyes off material things and turn to Christ in the central west • for our <i>Church Family to be obedient to God's calling</i>: Shirley Bretherton; Alicia, Matthew & Harrison Brough; Noelene Brown
MONDAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all in our Church Family who are sick or in need of support (check e-News) - may they feel God's healing power • for St Paul's students and staff during these school holidays to have safe travel and a time of relaxation • for our <i>Church Family to entrust their lives to Jesus</i>: Wilma Brown; Alex & Raiha Browning; Paul & Bec Browning; Meryl Cahill
TUESDAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for God to bless Troy Juides & his team on this opening day of Kids Holiday Club - may there be great excitement & anticipation • for loving worship and good fellowship at the Inverpine Service this morning • for our <i>Church Family to know God's truth</i>: Steve, Melanie, Matti & Savannah Burtle; Joe, Felly, Rukudzo & Tana Chapeyama
WEDNESDAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the children attending Kids Holiday Club will go home excited and eager to share what they have learned about Jesus • for our local SU Chappies: Troy (Beachmere SS), Sharon (Tullawong High School), and Marie (Dakabin High School) • for our <i>Church Family to trust in the power of prayer</i>: Rob & Joy Cardwell; Jean Chapman; Yvonne Chapman; Philippa Christie
THURSDAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for each one of us to find a Growth Group where we can develop good friendships and grow in our love for Jesus • that the faith of Christians living in drought affected communities will be a shining light to all who are struggling • for our <i>Church Family to know the joy of worship</i>: Marj Churchyard; Pat & Cathy Clark; Bruce & Kay Coates; Barbara Cook
FRIDAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for the 9am Music Team and pray for a productive rehearsal time this evening • for our NPAC reps: Chris, Lynda, Frank and Stuart to have wisdom and discernment as they participate at Synod • for our <i>Church Family to model their lives on Jesus</i>: Bob & Barbara Cooke; Lyn Cooper; David, Julie, Ben & Freya Crooks
SATURDAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Chris, Lynda and others who preach - may they be inspired in their preparation and may their sermons bear much fruit • for God to bless Abp Phillip, Bishops Cameron, Jeremy and John and to inspire them as they manage Synod discussion • for our <i>Church Family to share God's love with others</i>: Ross & Nicole Cunneen; Jill Cutlack; Alison Dash; Evan & Maureen Davies
SUNDAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for God to bless Amarli, Maya and Princess as they prepare for Admission to Communion next month • with Bruce & Libby for a new generation of doctors and dentists to be bold in bearing witness and serving in the health fields • for our <i>Church Family to seek ways to serve & change the world</i>: Carol Davis; Greta Dawson; Bob Day; Paige Deifel-Carlino
MONDAY 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for each one of us to be open to God's call on our lives so that we can find a place of ministry to serve and change the world • give thanks that Bruce & Libby have the opportunity to share the hope they have in Jesus and their dependence on God for all things • for our <i>Church Family to rest in God's enduring love</i>: Nikki & Pierre Demandolx; Destyn & John Dennison; Peta Dixon; Jo Draper
TUESDAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for all who provide so generously to the Care Cupboard and who give of their time each week to help others • give thanks that students at St Paul's School are developing an awareness of social justice and environmental stewardship • for our <i>Church Family to feel God's healing power</i>: Chris, Claudia, Anton & Amelia De-Vitry; Nic De-Vitry; Joyce & Graham Duncan
WEDNESDAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for inspired and focused intercession as Prayer Groups meet each week • 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 grow in discipleship</i>: Peter & Glenda Ebert; Luke Eggleton; Geoff, Frances, Eliana & Charissa Dutton
THURSDAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for wisdom and good decision making whenever Chris and the Wardens meet • for Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) as they build up a base of volunteers - may God work in the hearts of local people • for our <i>Church Family to use their gifts to serve</i>: Steve & Diane Eldridge; Di Evans; Hazel Fealy; Laura Fisher; Deanne Frew
FRIDAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Nicole and the mainly music Team - may many new parents bring their children to hear the gospel story • for St Paul's School International students living and studying far from home in an unfamiliar culture to know the peace of God • for our <i>Church Family to grow in their love for the Bible</i>: Alicia, Shaun, Hailee & Chloe Foley; Maree Gardner; Jill Garvey; Alma Gibb
SATURDAY 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for the Men's Choir and pray for a good time of rehearsal today • for Graeme & Susan (BCA Longreach) to have perseverance, resilience and inspiration in a region that is physically and spiritually dry • for our <i>Church Family to show God's love every day</i>: Gary & Kathy Gillies; Helen Gilliland; Nick & Gail Goodwin-Smith; Joan Graham
SUNDAY 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for new people to join our Church and that we would grow in invitation and welcome • with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for seafarers who are injured that they can continue to support their families • for our <i>Church Family to be obedient to God's calling</i>: Rachael, Nathan, Charlotte & Christian Goldstiver; Craig & Michele Graham
MONDAY 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for good discussion and prayerful consideration of all agenda items at Parish Council this evening • for all attending St Paul's School Council Meeting that there will be good discussion and inspired decision making • for our <i>Church Family to pray together</i>: Dave, Sarah, James, Matt & Simeon Gover; Nigel & Ros Grant; Meryl Green; Jane Harbour
TUESDAY 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for Tarquin and Marelice preparing for Christian marriage next month to know God's sustaining strength in their lives • with Bruce & Libby for the ongoing chapel building work at Green Pastures and for the right person to lead the Pastoral Care Team • for our <i>Church Family to bask in God's goodness</i>: Brad Griffiths & Millie Browning; Jo & John Griffiths; Bob & Lyn Griffiths;
WEDNESDAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for uplifting worship at 10am Holy Communion and good outcomes at the MU Branch Annual Meeting • with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for shipping agents to allow ill or injured seafarers to access Australian medical services • for our <i>Church Family to meditate on God's Word</i>: Virginia Grosskopf; Sarah, Scott, Joshua & Elise Gruar; Richard & Janet Haddon
THURSDAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for the generous donations to the Furniture Shed and for the opportunities to witness our faith to people in need • for each one of us to have opportunities to witness our faith to our families, our friends and our work colleagues • for our <i>Church Family grow in their love for Jesus</i>: Rick, Coralie, Tennyson & Stirling Hall; Frank & Raelyne Harrison; Cynthia Hart
FRIDAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for God to give us generous hearts and the inspiration to use his good gifts wisely and for his glory • with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) for Susan to be inspired as she develops a young women's inquiry group • for our <i>Church Family to give thanks in all circumstances</i>: Jean Heathwood; Keith & Lyn Heaton; Joan Hile; Liz Hobman
SATURDAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for all who clean and maintain our Church facilities in preparation for worship each week • for Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) and all who work at the Seafarers Centre to be a Christian witness to all who seek help and comfort • for our <i>Church Family to be Mission focused</i>: Elizabeth Hoffmann; Ann Hogg; Garth & Karen Hollindale; Amber Humphreys
SUNDAY 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for great worship and thanksgiving at the Confirmation Service today and for Marelice, Tapie, Jeremy & Tarquin to be filled with joy • for more families to bring their children to be baptised and to nurture their faith so that they grow to know and love Jesus • for our <i>Church Family to live by our Vision values</i>: Eric & Margaret Jacob; Russell, Bec; Peter & Ethan Johns; Chris Johnson