

NORTH PINE PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

December 17 to January 20

Dear Friends,

I love this lead-up to Christmas and the anticipation and excitement as Christmas Day approaches. The childhood memories I have are very much centred around celebrating the birth of Jesus. Unfortunately, our society today seems to be more focused on Santa and the birth of Jesus becomes almost incidental. It makes me very sad to think of my children and grandchildren growing up in a society that is rejecting Christian beliefs and traditions. It also makes me very sad to think that there are so many people who do not know that the greatest gift that they can get at Christmas is God's forgiveness through His Son, Jesus.

As Christians we are blessed because we have a religion that is based on real events and on a real person. As Selwyn Hughes explains:

God came to this world in the person of His Son at a certain hour in history, lived in a certain place, died on a cross, was buried and came back from the dead, then ascended back to His Father, and one day will return to this world. The Christian faith has at its heart certain facts, and none is more wonderful than God's taking upon Himself human form.

As Christians we are blessed because in Jesus we have a true picture of what God is like. It is because of Jesus that we can know God and it is because of His sacrifice on the cross that we are washed clean and able to approach God. There is no greater gift than this.

This Christmas we need to pray for our families and especially for our children to know about Jesus. May they experience the real joy of Christmas. Please pray also for many people to be inspired to attend Christmas services. May they come with open hearts and minds ready to hear the gospel message of love and forgiveness. Please pray for all involved in Christmas services here at NPAC and particularly for visiting ministers. Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften hearts and bring about transformation.

God bless

Anne Kratzmann

DATE	TALK TO GOD ABOUT THESE THINGS
MONDAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for new people to visit our Church this Christmas - may they feel welcomed and loved and encouraged to return • give thanks for the day of Celebration of Ministry yesterday, and lift Chris & Lynda up to God in these final days of administration • for our Church Family to grow as they read the Bible: Meryl Green; Jo & John Griffiths; Bob & Lyn Griffiths; Virginia Grosskopf
TUESDAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for the Holy Spirit to uphold and bring peace to those who are facing Christmas without loved ones • for Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) as they make Christmas preparations and particularly for Carols by Candlelight events • for our Church Family to know the closeness of God: Sarah, Scott, Joshua & Elise Gruar; Richard & Janet Haddon; Jane Harbour
WEDNESDAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for those in our Church Family who are in need or unwell (check e-News) - may they feel God's healing love this Christmas • give thanks with St Paul's School for the wonderful Celebrations of Achievement for 2018 • for our Church Family to pray often and for all things: Rick, Coralie, Tennyson & Stirling Hall; Frank & Raelyne Harrison; Cynthia Hart
THURSDAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for our Leadership Team and all who are involved in preparing and collating Annual Reports for 2018 • for healing and God's protection for Helen (Pt Hedland) as she deals with ongoing health problems • for our Church Family to grow in faithfulness: Jean Heathwood; Keith & Lyn Heaton; Joan Hile; Elizabeth Hoffmann; Ann Hogg
FRIDAY 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all who give their time to prepare our Church for worship - may their faithful service draw our attention to God • for families in need in our community to receive the support that they need - may they look for hope in Jesus • for our Church Family to feel God's abiding presence: Garth & Karen Hollindale; Amber Humphries; Eric & Margaret Jacob; Troy Juides
SATURDAY 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all preparing Christmas sermons to be inspired so the gospel message will be heard and taken to heart • give thanks for the Dayboro Combined Churches "Carols in the Streets" - may the real message of Christmas be joyfully sung • for our Church Family to worship joyfully: Chris & Lynda Johnson; Chris Johnson; Simon & Maren Johnson; Hazel Kennedy; Carol King
SUNDAY 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for each one of us to come to worship today with open hearts to praise Jesus, and for Rev Chris Boyce visiting 7 & 9am • give thanks with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) that they can share Christmas with all congregations in their region • for our Church Family to grow in their love for Jesus: Geoff, Kylie, Sarah & Hannah Jubb; Anne Kratzmann; Kerry & Janelle Laufer
MONDAY 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that many people will attend the Christmas Services to hear the truth of the Gospel and experience God's gracious love; please uphold Rev Don Campbell leading service at Petrie, and Rev Bruce Worthington leading at Dayboro • for Archbishop Phillip as he prepares his Christmas message - may it have an impact and encourage people to seek Jesus • for our Church Family to rely on God's timing: Scott, Melissa, Kate & Adam Laufer; Glen & Kay Lee; Nev & Lyn Leigh; Noela Lenton
TUESDAY 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks that on this CHRISTMAS DAY we can come with joyous hearts to worship Jesus as our Saviour and our King, and pray for Bishop Jeremy Greaves as he leads our Christmas Day Worship • that visitors and newcomers will understand that this Christ Child has brought joy to the world • for our Church Family to trust in God's faithfulness: Sue Lerch [and Flynn]; Will Lerch & Sharn Siebuhr; Margaret Leys; Rob Lucock
WEDNESDAY 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for God's gracious and unfailing love revealed to us in Jesus - may our lives witness this love to others • with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for God's protection on seafarers who are spending this Christmas far from loved ones • for our Church Family to be truly Biblical: Mark, Leigh, Maya & Annika Leschke; Michael, Louise, Lachlan & Maddison Lewis
THURSDAY 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for God to bless all visiting ministers during this time of transition for our church - may their preaching open up the gospel to us • give thanks with St Paul's School for the parents who make great sacrifices to enable their children to receive a Christian education • for our Church Family to constantly turn to God in prayer: Leigh & Emma Lukač; David & Sally Ludlow; Myra & Graham Luxton
FRIDAY 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that each one of us will commit to daily Bible reading and prayer time so that we can grow as Jesus' disciples • give thanks that Bruce and Libby have been able to spend time with family over this Christmas and New Year period • for our Church Family to feel confident to share God's Word: Merv & Adele MacDonald; Stuart MacKenzie; Russell & Liz Martin
SATURDAY 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give thanks for all welcomers and all who provide morning tea at our Sunday services - may all newcomers feel accepted and loved • give thanks for the work of Scripture Union in 2018 - for chaplaincy and for camping and outreach programs • for our Church Family to grow in their generosity: Prince, Jammie, Princess & Peilla Makedenge; Dylan, Clare & Edmund Malloch

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SUNDAY 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for all our talented musicians and singers as they lead us in praising Jesus our Saviour with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for a new Senior Chaplain who has a heart for seafarers and a desire to serve for our <i>Church Family to be obedient to God's calling</i>: Gail Masters; George, Evis, Tapie, Tadie & Tino Masvaure; Don & Joan May
MONDAY 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for our Vision 2020 and for all that we have achieved this year in God's strength and for His glory for safe travel on our roads over these Christmas holidays and for people to be patient and considerate of others for our <i>Church Family to entrust their lives to Jesus</i>: Harry Mayer; Tia McCleary; Sue & Ross McGoldrick; Rod & Robyn McKewen
TUESDAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for this New Year and for the promise that it holds - pray for the Holy Spirit to guide each one of us into an area of ministry for our nation Australia in this new year of 2019 - that our political leaders would seek God's will and legislate with His justice in mind for our <i>Church Family to know God's truth</i>: Audrey McKillop; Kim & Georgia Merrell; Geoff & Susan Michie; Norma Miney; Ron Murray
WEDNESDAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the Nominators - Dylan, Ros & Neville as they meet today and pray together for Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) to have safe travel as they drive long distances in western Queensland for our <i>Church Family to trust in the power of prayer</i>: Carol Murray; Tarquin & Marelise Nesbitt-Foster; Dorothy New; Gladys Neylon
THURSDAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for our newly elected Parish Council to be blessed with wisdom and discernment and a spirit of co-operation and unity with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for seafarers to be able to access Australian medical services whenever needed for our <i>Church Family to know the joy of worship</i>: Craig & Melanie Page; Gary & Jenny Palmer; Nathan Palmer; Judy Parker
FRIDAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for our Ministry Leaders and Growth Group Leaders as they prepare and plan for this year for safe travel for all who are attending CMS Summer School - may there be a great time of fellowship and learning for our <i>Church Family to model their lives on Jesus</i>: Nancy Parsons; Nola Patrick; Clive, Sophie, Nathaniel, Hayden & Naomi Peckham
SATURDAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Chris and Lynda to be blessed as they leave today on long service leave - may they have safe travel and enjoy great experiences for the speakers at CMS Summer School to be inspired as they focus on "Pursuing Love" with studies from Song of Songs for our <i>Church Family to share God's love with others</i>: Joan & Belinda Penman; James Phillpotts; Michelle, Hope & Jorja Pinnock
SUNDAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for uplifting worship at all services today and for Rev John Arnold as leads services at Petrie with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) that after seven years of drought there will be good soaking summer rains for our <i>Church Family to seek ways to serve & change the world</i>: Barbara Pollard; Belinda Pollard; Jessica Punchard; Yvonne Reik
MONDAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for all who commit to weekly prayer groups - may they be inspired as they seek God's will and intercede for others with Bruce and Libby for a quick renewal process for Bruce's visa as this has impacted his ability to run his own clinic for our <i>Church Family to rest in God's enduring love</i>: Phil & Noreen Quinn; Peter & Ros Rawlinson; Allen & Jovana Reed; Hugh Reed
TUESDAY 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the Care Cupboard to start well this year and for many people to be blessed by God's provision for ongoing good health for John Naumann (Tanzania) and for good financial support for the Amani Centre for our <i>Church Family to feel God's healing power</i>: Dell & Alan Robertson; Anne Roulston; Roberta Ruback; Margaret Sansom
WEDNESDAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God to bless our Leadership Team and to raise up new leaders for vacant ministry areas for St Paul's School Leadership as staffing appointments are made for 2019 for our <i>Church Family to grow in discipleship</i>: Verney Sayers; Millie Schoermer; Beth Schwede; John & Doris Scouller; Dan Simonds
THURSDAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for a time of reflection and a revisiting of our Personal Growth Plan so that we can consider ways to grow in discipleship in 2019 with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for the ability to secure freehold title to Seafarer's Centre or funding for a new location for our <i>Church Family to use their gifts to serve</i>: Iain, Julie & Sonya Simonds; Kelvin & Mandy Slade; Penny & Maurie Smith; Mary Snell
FRIDAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God's wisdom and discernment for Wardens - Nicole, Garth & Don as they work with visiting ministers give thanks with St Paul's School for Homestay Families who offer support and guidance to international students for our <i>Church Family to grow in their love for the Bible</i>: Mal & Shirley Sprott; Daryll & Kim Stein; Joan Stephenson; Glen & Kris Stevens
SATURDAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for inspiration for Liturgical Assistants, Readers and Team Prayers as they prepare for Sunday Services with Bruce and Libby for a quick and easy visa process for a new teacher arriving this month for our <i>Church Family to show God's love every day</i>: Leila Stock; Helen & Chris Stoneham; Ken & Janice Suddick; Judy Tainton
SUNDAY 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God's guidance for Jo Griffiths in her role as Administrator and as she works with Council re future staffing; and give thanks for the ministry of Rev Masanja Ngweso over the next three Sundays for Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) to find funds to upgrade buildings and to make them safe for our <i>Church Family to be obedient to God's calling</i>: Chris & Charles Sweeney; Jeanette Taylor; Lyann Taylor; Kelly Tomlins
MONDAY 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the outreach of the Furniture Ministry - may there be many opportunities to share the Gospel with others for our local SU Chappies to be blessed in their preparations for this new school year for our <i>Church Family to pray together</i>: Ken & Margaret Thompson; Laurie & Lawrence Thorpe; Alan & Peta Turner; Nev & Elise Victor
TUESDAY 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for all who give so generously of their time to the Care Cupboard - may they be blessed in this service for St Paul's student leaders to have wisdom and strength as they take up their roles this year for our <i>Church Family to bask in God's goodness</i>: Catherine Walker; Maree, Grace & Reuben Walker; Rhonda Watkins; Ralda Wicks
WEDNESDAY 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for wisdom and discernment for Council and especially the Nominators as they engage in the process to appoint a new Rector give thanks with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) that God has opened doors for school chaplains across the region for our <i>Church Family to meditate on God's Word</i>: Phyllis Watkins; Dashe Wells & Reno Pisanelli; Cam & Karen Wilson
THURSDAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for those preparing for marriage this year: Kevin & Caroline, Kate & Grant, Brad & Millie, and Will & Sharn with Chris and Helen (Pt Hedland) for continuing financial support for the running costs of the Seafarer's Centre for our <i>Church Family grow in their love for Jesus</i>: Dwayne & Colleen West; Jeremy Wilson; Judy & Ivan Wilson; Eileen Wittleton
FRIDAY 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give thanks for the opportunity to invite non-Christians to social events such as Table Tennis and Lazy Sunday Dinners for St Paul's School as planning is underway for the ninth annual Outreach to Vanuatu for our <i>Church Family to give thanks in all circumstances</i>: Kelvin & Trudy Woodrow; Bruce & Barbara Worthington; Jeff & Dawn Acworth
SATURDAY 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for more people to be encouraged to join a Growth Group so that they can grow as a disciple of Jesus with Graeme and Susan (BCA Longreach) for Susan's preparation for high school chaplaincy and scripture teaching this year for our <i>Church Family to be Mission focused</i>: Paul & Gayle Worthington; Graeme Aldom; Don & Sharon Amos; Alison Anstee
SUNDAY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for God to give us generous hearts so that we can achieve our vision to serve and change the world with Bruce and Libby for the ongoing chapel building work at Green Pastures and for the right person to head up Pastoral Care for our <i>Church Family to live by our Vision values</i>: Owen & Margaret Anderson; Chris, Jenny, Emily & Joshua Anstee