

Parish Prayer Calendar - January 2017

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<u>1</u>	(Sunday - Epiphany) "Lord of the Ages, we ask Your blessing on the year to come. Give us the resilience to bear its disappointments, energy to seize its opportunities and openness to accept the more abundant life which You promised to us in our Lord Jesus Christ."
2	(New Year's Day public holiday) "Loving Lord, watch over Don and Lurline and all the members of their family throughout the coming challenging year, keep them always in the light of Your presence."
3	Pray that Archbishop Phillip will be able to appoint two priests as Priest-in-Charge and Associate Priest with hearts to accept responsibility for such a large and diverse parish.
4	"Creator God, we pray for the world, for peoples of all nations, for places of conflict, famine and distress."
5	Give thanks that the Word came into the world and that all who believed in Him would receive forgiveness of sins and be given power to become children of God. May we truly believe this promise.
6	"Loving Lord, watch over Gary and Margaret and all the members of their family throughout the coming challenging year, keep them always in the light of Your presence."
7	Pray that the 2015 A.C.C. Christmas Bowl appeal was a financial and heartening success.
<u>8</u>	(Sunday – Baptism of our Lord) Give thanks that God broke into human history and at the baptism of Jesus publicly announced that Jesus was His Beloved Son, in whom He was well pleased.
9	"Loving Lord, watch over Len and Sandy, Peter and Julie, and all the members of their families throughout the coming challenging year, keep them always in the light of Your presence."
10	Pray that the peace of God, which passes all understanding, might be planted in the hearts of all nations, leaders and peoples throughout all the world.
11	(11-14 January – Primary Ichthus camp) "Living God, we pray for our community, for welfare organisations, for emergency service personnel, for the homeless, the lost and the lonely. Help us to be generous and find ways to be of service to others in our community."
12	Give thanks for all the organisations associated with our parish. As many are having a well-earned break at this time, pray that their members might be renewed and revitalised for the coming year.
13	Pray for the Universal Church in all parts of the world; make it open to the workings of the Holy Spirit, see the areas of its darkness and free it from seeking power and wealth.
14	"Loving Lord, watch over Lyn and Bruce, Rosanne and Chris, and all the members of their families throughout the coming challenging year, keep them always in the light of Your presence."
<u>15</u>	(Sunday) John the Baptist declared that Jesus was the Lamb of God, pray that we might always acknowledge Him as the one who takes away the sins of the world, "the One who baptises with the Holy Spirit."
16	Give thanks for all bishops, priests and deacons and for their work in God's Kingdom, pray that they may always be faithful ministers of God's holy work and sacraments.

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17	"Father of love, we bring to You all who preach and teach the Christian Message of Salvation and we pray for those who hear it, that through Your Spirit, its reality, truth and hope may take root and grow."
18	"Loving God, we pray for those in need, for Your comforting, healing hand to be upon the sick, the injured and the infirm and those who mourn. We pray for the doctors, nurses and allied medical staff taking care of them."
19	"Loving Lord, watch over new priest Trevor and Debbie, and all the members of their family throughout the coming challenging year. As they begin ministry at Surfers Paradise, keep them always in the light of Your presence."
20	Pray for all who teach in schools, colleges and universities; all writers and artists, all in the media and all whose work influences the way people think; may this influence be positive and constructive.
21	"Gracious God, we give thanks for the time and work of those from our parish who are on our school boards of Jubilee Primary School and Coomera Anglican College."
22	(Sunday) As the Disciples responded to the call by Jesus, pray that we too might follow Him and live our lives in love and in obedience.
23	(School resumes – state schools) "Loving Lord, watch over new deacon Pauline Harley and Peter, and all members of their family throughout the coming challenging year. As they begin ministry at Mount Gravatt , keep them always in the light of Your presence."
24	(School resumes – Coomera Anglican College) Remember with thanksgiving the members of our own family, grandparents, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and ask Lord Jesus to bless them all.
25	(Baptism Information Evening @ St Matthews) "Loving Lord, You have made us to do Your will; deliver us, we pray, from ignorance and desire, and set us free to show Your love to all we meet in our world."
26	(Australia Day) "Gracious God, as we celebrate Australia Day, we ask that You will bless our people. Help us to be a land of tolerance and respect and be a blessing to other peoples and nations."
27	"Loving Lord, watch over Heather and Wayne, Karen and Dave, and all the members of their families throughout the coming challenging year, keep them always in the light of Your presence."
28	"Merciful God, we pray for those who are returning from holidays at this time, may they travel safely, refreshed in body, mind and spirit; and give You thanks and praise for the glory of Your creation they have seen during their vacation."
29	(Sunday) Pray with sincere thanks that God sent us His Son to teach us how to love, died that our sins might be forgiven, gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us each day, and promised us eternal life.
30	"Loving Lord, watch over our Parish Council and all the members of their families throughout the coming challenging year, keep them always in the light of Your presence."
31	Pray for all our family and friends who are now in the presence of our Lord Jesus, may we share in God's Kingdom of Heaven and with them take part in the great Heavenly Banquet.