

Parish Prayer Calendar - April 2017

<i>Lord, help us each day to live to your praise and glory. Amen.</i>	
1	Lord, you stood and cried out for all who are thirsty to come to you for living water. Some said you were a prophet, others that you were the messiah. We proclaim you as the Son of the living God who has indeed given us living water, the Spirit.
2	Father, today we pray giving you thanks for Archbishop Philip and Bishop Alison. Guide them we pray in their work for You. Strengthen and encourage them.
3	Lord, we lift to you John and Felicity and their family. We pray your protection, wisdom, health and provision upon them. Establish them in their ministry here, we pray. We pray too for those who meet today to study your word, that you would grow it even more in their hearts and minds.
4	Father, we pray for our Parish. We praise you for your unity, your love, and your peace over us. Protect your work and prosper it in us we pray.
5	Lord, we pray for Gary and Margaret Smith, giving you thanks for their work among us. Lord, your guidance, love, strength, health and provision over them and their family.
6	O God, you have called us to be your children, and have promised that those who suffer with Christ will be heirs with him of your glory: Arm us with such trust in him that we may ask no rest from his demands and have no fear in his service. We pray particularly for those who courageously spread your word in other lands.
7	Lord, please watch over your roads as people travel this Easter. Avert accidents and maintain safety on the roads. Please grant drivers forbearance and patience with others on the roads.
8	Lord, we lift Amer and his ministry to you. Thank you for raising him up. We pray your financial provision over him; and also health and safety over him and his family. For the women who are being helped, we pray for their healing and wholeness.
9	Almighty God, you sent your dear Son, our saviour to die for humanity's salvation. Grant that we will always witness to the power and all-sufficiency of his sacrifice. Grant too that we shall not be like the crowd who welcomed and worshipped him then jeered him later.
10	Father we lift to you the Ramsay family and ask your provision over and discernment into them as they build relationships and speak about your dear Son. Guide them and keep them well.
11	Lord, we lift to you all the home and study groups who meet to learn more of you and to love you. Please keep them abiding in you, growing and flourishing in understanding and love. We also lift to you all who serve you in our parish, thanking you for them and their servant hearts.
12	Lord, we thank you for the wonderful Sunday School teachers and helpers. We pray your refreshment over them as they have 'down time'. We also lift to you the children; may your word keep growing in them as they are on holidays too.
13	Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
14	Almighty God, this Good Friday we lift to you all those who live in darkness and who do not realise the greatness and goodness of the Lord. Open their eyes this Easter, we ask, and awaken them from their sleep. Bring them to know and love your Son.
15	Lord, all over the world, we wait in vigil this day. Please watch over the police and defence forces as they work to maintain law and order in both Australia and foreign lands. Protect them, and enable them to do their work, we pray.
16	Lord Jesus, this day we remember the empty tomb. Death could not hold you, and we worship you for all you've done. There is nothing more to be done, and no-one who is outside your great love. Send your gospel even more into our land today to set people free.
17	Lord, this Monday holiday, again please keep the roads safe. Bless families we pray as they get ready for school tomorrow. Turn the parents' hearts to the children and children to the parents, that the family units will be strengthened.
18	Thank you Lord for schools. We lift to you the principals, teachers, support staff and students of CAC and Jubilee in particular, and the other schools in our parish in general.
19	Father, we pray for Mainly Music and Mothers' Union as they minister and outreach. Bless them, we pray, and strengthen those who work in this way for you.

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20	Loving Father, we pray for the work that is done in the nursing homes. We pray your blessing, love and strength over those who visit, and your encouragement and love over those who are visited. May they realise even more your enormous love and care for them.
21	Lord, we pray for BCA and the western churches. Thank you for those who minister in outback areas. Please pour out your refreshment upon them, bringing life to the west. We pray too for Stephan – guide and protect him and his ministry. We also lift to you our wardens and parish councillors, that you would guide them in their decisions.
22	Father, we remember the Nigerian church and lift it to you. There are still the cries of the parents as they miss their daughters. Lord, please completely defeat Boko Haram and release the daughters back to their families. We pray too for the North Korean church, that you'd strengthen them in their suffering and protect them as they witness and meet in secret.
<u>23</u>	Father, this second Sunday of Easter, we thank you for the reconciliation made possible by your Son. We ask that each of us realise this even more, and take reconciliation to new levels according to your will and purpose.
24	Heavenly Father, we pray for the breaking of new ground in the dioceses damaged by child abuse. We lift the survivors and their families to you, and ask for your healing over their bodies, minds, spirits and emotions.
25	Lord, this ANZAC Day we pause and remember those who have fallen in wars. We pray for their families as they live without their loved one. We pray you protect Australia from wars and terror, that any and all plans to harm our nation would fail. Please guide the police and authorities as they work to keep us safe.
26	Father God, you call us to pray for our governments, that all will go well for us. So, we pray, Father, for Malcolm Turnbull, Annastacia Palaszczuk, and Tom Tate lifting them to you. Please guide them, grant them good judgment and wisdom, enabling them to govern according to your will, and keeping them safe.
27	Lord, we pray for the Religious Education teachers, praising you for raising up such a band, and praying that their words will be remembered and cherished by the students as they grow.
28	Lord, we lift to you Bishop Geoff Smith, today being installed as Archbishop of Adelaide and Metropolitan areas of South Australia. We pray your wisdom and might over him as he guides and mentors, giving you thanks and praise also for his ministry in our diocese in past years.
29	Father God, we thank you for this month. As we get ready for May, we ask your blessing upon the work we've done for you and in your name this month, and pray willing hearts and hands into May as well. You are so good to us, and we praise you for all you've given us to do.
<u>30</u>	Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you-- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? Lord, we worship you.