

Parish Prayer Calendar – September 2017

From Every Day with Jesus: "The deepest form of joy is not dependent on passing moods or events but springs from trust in and dependence on Jesus Christ.

1	Give thanks for spring and for all of God's creation. May we always nurture our wonderful plants, flowers, trees and shrubs and work with, not against nature and the environment. Pray for the success of the "St Matthews Camp Out" this weekend that all who attend may be greatly blessed.
2	Martyrs of New Guinea Day. "We thank You, loving God, for the example of the Martyrs of New Guinea and we ask that we are enabled to live our faith as they did, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Pray for the Combined Breakfast at St James this morning that all may be filled with good things in body, mind and spirit.
<u>3</u>	When Jesus told His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem to suffer and to die, we might have been horrified as they were and joined Peter in stating that it must never happen; but give thanks to our wise, heavenly Father who knew better and had a perfect plan for us all. Please pray for all Fathers on this day when we especially honour and remember them.
4	Pray for Father John and Felicity and their family, may our loving and merciful Lord be with them in their individual and shared ministries.
5	Thank God for the gift of music and for our musicians who play at our services and for those who have composed sacred music over the years.
6	Pray for the second of our "Equip Nights" to be held at St Matthews tonight, may all be encouraged and equipped for parish development and growth.
7	Give thanks that Jesus said, "When two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
8	Pray for the Men's Breakfast at Holy Rood this morning, may those who attend be inspired by the fellowship and the speaker.
9	Pray for all the staff at Coomera College for their sense of vocation, for their commitment to Christ, to the care of the children and to professionalism. May the Holy Spirit strengthen, encourage and gift them.
<u>10</u>	Pray for the visit of Bishop Allison to Holy Rood today and for a wonderful celebration of the Holy Rood Patronal festival.
11	Pray for Canon Gary and Margaret and for their extended families, may our loving and merciful Lord be with them in their individual and shared ministries.
12	Pray for our Sunday Schools and young people, that they will grow as we reach out to the wider community. Bless and guide all who teach and nurture them.
13	"Heavenly Father, we pray for peace in our world, be with all governments and nations as they try to communicate and come to peaceful resolutions. Let them hand all problems over to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, so that He is the One guiding and speaking through them."
14	"Gracious, Merciful Father, help me never to take Your love for granted. I am what I am because You are who You are. Never let me forget that, though You love me as if I were Your only child, You love others all over the world in the same way.
15	"Bless all our Christian Churches from house church to Cathedrals, so that we can spread the Gospel far and wide. May we change the lives of men and women to receive God's Word and to become His disciples."
16	"Pray for Father Don and Lurline and for their extended families; may our loving and merciful Lord be with them in their individual and shared ministries here and when they relieve overseas in Jordan.
<u>17</u>	Pray that we might forgive those to whom we are indebted and not be like the servant in the parable of the unforgiving Servant as was told by Jesus. "Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your command in Peter to forgive" seventy times seven.
18	Pray for Reverend Mary-Anne , and for her extended family, may our loving and merciful Lord be with them in day to day living.
19	"Gracious and loving Lord, I am so thankful for the assurance that my prayers count for something. When I begin to flag in my prayer times, please bring this truth to my mind."
20	Pray for Doctors and nurses as they care for those in pain and distress of their mind and body, praying especially for those whose lives are passing away into God's loving hands.
21	Pray for our Father in heaven for more courage amongst Christians to stand up against evil and injustice in the world and to give thanks for His many blessings.

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22	Please pray for peace in our world especially in the many trouble spots; give thanks for the aid workers, medical and nursing staff who minister to people who suffer in wars, terrorism and from natural and man-made disasters.
23	Pray for all the staff at Jubilee Primary School for their sense of vocation, for their commitment to Christ, to the care of the children and to professionalism. May the Holy Spirit strengthen, encourage and gift them.
<u>24</u>	Give thanks to our Loving Father for His unstinting generosity in our undeserved gift of forgiveness and eternal life; as was the approach of the big-hearted landowner in Jesus' parable.
25	Pray for Bishop Len and Sandy, and for their extended families, may our loving and merciful Lord be with them in their individual and shared ministries.
26	Pray for all in our church who serve, read, administer the sacraments, prepare the intercessions, and act as servers, lay assistants, sides persons and welcomers.
27	"Almighty God bless me with tears to shed for those who suffer so that I will reach out my hand to comfort and with Your help to change their pain into joy."
28	"Loving Lord, bless those who are often in danger, tired and under stress – ambulance officers, fire-fighters, SES volunteers and lifesavers. May You give them rest and the knowledge that You are there with them."
29	" <u>St Michael and all Angels Day</u> . Pray for those who are single and live alone, may they find companionship and Christian community with others in their lives.
30	"My Father and my God, how grateful I am that You have revealed Yourself to us through Jesus Christ Your Son. How different our thoughts of You would be had not Jesus come into this world. Now may we see You, and see clearly."