

Church PRAYER CALENDAR JANUARY 2017

Prayer from Every Day with Jesus :- *"The ultimate triumph of good over bad is certain. God has the last word in everything. Let there be no doubt about it."*

1<sup>st</sup> "Almighty God, bless the coming year, and give us in Your mercy time for the task, peace for the pathway, wisdom for the work, and love to the last; for Jesus' sake."

2<sup>nd</sup> Pray for the work of the World Council of Churches and for the success of their Christmas Bowl Appeal.

3<sup>rd</sup> Give thanks that the Word came into the world; that the Word gave power to those who believe to become Children of God and that through the Word, God has become known.

4<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for Father John and Felicity and pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen them for the work to which God has called them, in our church, in the diocese and in the community.

5<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Universal Church in all parts of the world; that it may be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit and remain free from seeking power and wealth.

6<sup>th</sup> Pray for all who teach in schools, colleges and universities; all writers and artists, all whose work influences the way people think; pray that this influence may be positive and constructive.

7<sup>th</sup> "O Lord, show me how to decide to follow You and give me such trust in You that I may receive Your guidance and in calmness may act upon it."

8<sup>th</sup> Pray for all who have welcomed Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives; giving thanks that they have been reborn spiritually, have received new life from God and have been changed from the inside out with rearranged attitudes, desires and motives.

9<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for Father Gary and Margaret and their families, pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen them for the work to which God has called them, in our church, in their home and in the community.

10<sup>th</sup> As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord; pray that God's Holy Catholic Church may be true to the commission given to it by Jesus: to make disciples of all people, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

11<sup>th</sup> "O God, let me not interrupt You with my chatter. Let me listen, rather, to Your still, small voice."

12<sup>th</sup> Pray for all young people living within our district; may they be successful in this new year of their growth as they begin or continue their studies or join the work force.

13<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for the C.M.S. Summer School at Mount Tamborine; pray that it may continue to be a blessing to all who attended.

14<sup>th</sup> Pray for good stewardship over the world's resources and that God's generous will may prevail over human greed and prejudice.

15<sup>th</sup> "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."

16<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for Father Len and Sandy and their families; pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen them for the work to which God has called them, in our church, in their home and in the community.

17<sup>th</sup> 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.

18<sup>th</sup> 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.

19<sup>th</sup> Pray for all children at risk, those born prematurely, those with brain damage and deformity, pray that God will give them and their families the strength and courage they need.

20<sup>th</sup> Pray for our Prime Minister Malcolm, our Premier Anastacia and our Mayor Tom and all their advisors that they may be inspired by God to lead with understanding and sensitivity.

21<sup>st</sup> Pray for ourselves, our friends and those we meet in our daily lives; may we be so full of God's love that others may see it and be drawn to Him.

22<sup>nd</sup> Give thanks for our deacons Rosanne and Lyn, with Chris and Bruce and their families, pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen each of them for the work to which God has called them, in our church, in their homes in the diocese and in the community.

23<sup>rd</sup> "Lord, You have given so much to me, help me to give myself to You."

24<sup>th</sup> 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.

25<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for all those who worked to develop St. James, Holy Rood and St Matthews, Coomera Anglican College and Jubilee Primary School. Pray for all who continue the work of preaching, teaching, administration and maintenance.

26<sup>th</sup> Pray for all those who suffer or who are in trouble or grief, that they may be delivered from all their distress and may know the peace of God.

27<sup>th</sup> Pray for all involved in the missionary work of the church; Anglican Board of Mission, Church Missionary Society, Bush Church Aid, Anglicare, Anglican Aid Abroad, World Vision and other Overseas Aid and Development Agencies.

28<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for the leadership of Bishop Phillip Aspinall and his brother bishops, pray for them and their families, may the Holy Spirit strengthen each of them for the work to which God has called them, in our church, in their homes, in the diocese and in the community.

29<sup>th</sup> Pray for all who are under unbearable stress at work; those whose job demands great concentration and skill; those dealing with people in need and those working long hours.

30<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for Rod, Karen and the office volunteers, pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen them for the work to which God has called them, in our church, in their homes and in the community.

31<sup>st</sup> Pray for all of God's saints and people who have entered into His joy, may we also share in His Heavenly Kingdom and partake in His Heavenly Banquet.