

Prayer points for Vigil April /May 2009

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Eph 2:6-10

There is a special teaching focus on **Growing in Grace** during May, pray that everyone will understand and experience more of God’s grace through this time.

Pray that our church will flow in God’s purposes as this year progresses. Thank Him for His many blessings to us. Pray that out of the many contacts we have in the community people will turn to God in faith and repentance. Pray that all of us will go deeper in our walk with Him. Pray for the Elders and Pastors as they seek God in leadership and direction.

- **Memorial Service** hosted by our church on May 1st – this is arranged by the Palliative Care unit of the Lyell McEwin Hospital. It opens up opportunities for bridges of relationship with the community and is a practical way our church links with and helps others in our local area. Pray grieving families will be comforted and people will be drawn to the Lord.
- **Sarah Watson** has just commenced her time with us in ministry as Children & Youth Discipleship Coordinator, pray for her as she adjusts to a new era and the many changes associated with that. Pray that God will enable her to raise up an effective team of discipling leaders.
- **Robin Mitchell** is on leave for the month of May, pray he and Anne have a safe and refreshing break as they catch up with their families interstate.
- Praise God for the positive **Northern Christian Leaders Lunch** held last month with a guest speaker. The next one is hosted by our church on May 6th, keep praying for deepening relationships and loving cooperation across the churches.
- **Mothers Day** falls this month on May 10, pray that all mums will be blessed on this special day and that our church will be a positive support and influence for all families. Be sure to pray for those who find this celebration painful and difficult.
- **Churches of Christ State Convention** is on over the weekend of May 15-17. Use this time to pray for the wider Churches of Christ churches of SA that God will lead and bless us as we seek to serve Him. Also pray for our delegates as they represent our church at the Convention for wisdom and spiritual encouragement.
- **Community Church lunch** on May 17 – pray for the team as they continue to learn and develop this ministry. Pray that the times spent over a meal will enhance and deepen community and relationships in our church. Also pray for the team as they work towards a Café to complement the community hub with the Boomerang Centre.
- **Vanuatu Venture 3** to repair the hospital on the island of Umbae and also bring teaching and training to the churches. Pray for the whole team, made up of people from across a number of different churches. On **May 23** a major fundraising dinner has been planned, making this the major focus for raising the money needed. Please pray that God will lay it on peoples hearts and that the money needed to fund this project will be met by donations into those envelopes.
- **Dad’s night Out on May 28** – Pray for Lindsay as he seeks to build a team of young dads to help support and grow them as God-centered fathers loving and leading their families.
- **Amazing Grace movie** – this will be the climax to the month of teaching on grace, pray that it will be a positive and edifying night of fellowship and blessing.