

BRISBANE GFS/KIDSPLUS+

PRAYER DIARY **FEBRUARY 2023**



Wednesday 1st Lord, we give you thanks for the success of last month's GFS Australia AGM and for all members who were able to join in on Zoom or in person at St Francis College. We give you thanks for the commissioning of the 2023 National Executive at St John's Cathedral by National Chaplain, Rev Sandra Kjellgren. (L - R above) Helen Petering, Canon (Lay) Val Gribble, Hannah de Soysa (Junior Delegate), Christine Rooney, Bronwyn Barber (Treasurer), Deb Wadson, Julie Somerville (Secretary), Noleen Stewart (Vice President) and Suzanne Claire (President). We congratulate them and pray blessings on their ministry to GFS this year.

Thursday 2nd Lord, we lift up into your light and love those we know who are unwell and ask for blessings of health in body, mind, spirit and relationships. We especially pray for healing mercies on Margaret Humphries and Jeannie Cameron today.

Friday 3rd We pray for all those who have known sadness recently through bereavement. In our worldwide family, we especially remember our next World President, Jeanne Withanage, who mourns the passing of her husband, Lal, in Sri Lanka. May their loved ones know the comforting and uplifting presence of Jesus in their time of grief.

Saturday 4th Lord, we pray for those in our broken world who are facing disease, persecution and natural disasters. Pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones in the pandemic. Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world, especially in north Cameroon, and please Lord keep our GFS members safe. Let us give out of our plentiful resources to the World Project in Cameroon and the Barnabas Fund.

Sunday 5th ***"Since he himself has passed through the test of suffering, he is able to help those who are meeting their test now." Hebrews 2:18***

Monday 6th Give thanks and pray for the ministry of Cheryl Russell, our Grants Co-ordinator. Pray that the children's and youth ministry in parishes will prosper this year as a result of grants received, and that GFS will be recognised by all as a valued contributor.

Happy Birthday to Iris Dean today

Tuesday 7th Pray for the Townsend Headquarters Group who will be visiting Iris Dean today. Bless them all and pray for good health for all. Give thanks for Lesley Gee who keeps them all under her wing.

Wednesday 8th We pray for the children's ministry team of Kurt and Rebecca Langmead and Heather Robinson at Lightning Ridge in their weekly children's ministry and as they plan for their Kids Mission this Easter.

Thursday 9th Give thanks for and pray special blessings and healing mercies on Margaret in the Office today as she and the team make preparations for the GFS Diocesan Council Meeting next week and the AGM next month.

Friday 10th Pray for St Mark's GFS, Clayfield, older members as they meet fortnightly. Bless the leadership team of Bronwyn, Kym, Petrea and Ellie and pray for regular attendance. Also pray blessings on the Kids Plus group as they participate in Sunday services for their badges.

Saturday 11th Give thanks and pray for Ian Russell, IT Coordinator, as he brings us up-to-date with the new Office computer.

Sunday 12th ***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16***

Monday 13th Pray for AMUA and Lesley Gee as our representative at their meetings. Give thanks for their many years of prayerful and practical support to GFS.

Tuesday 14th On Valentine's Day we lift up our loved ones and thank God for bringing them into our circles of love.

Wednesday 15th Give thanks and pray for the National Conference of GBFS in South Africa that commences tomorrow in the Anglican Diocese of Mthatha. Pray for National President Zanele Ntenetyana and her Executive. As they build up towards GFS World Council in August, pray also for our World President, Thembeke Pama, and her world team.

Thursday 16th Plan to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day tomorrow with a kind gesture for someone who won't expect it. Remember with gratitude the bountiful gifts that God has given us unconditionally.

Friday 17th We pray for Bundaberg GFS Kidsplus+ as they start the new term. We lift up to you Kathleen Brecknell, her leadership team and members. Pray for healing mercies for Kathleen.

Saturday 18th Dear Lord, bless the GFS Diocesan Council meeting today. Give thanks for our Chairman, Lesley Briggs, and her team who faithfully serve you, giving selflessly of their gifts and talents, Jen Tutin, Dianne Bouqué, Rev Canon Cheryl Selvage, Lesley Gee, Roslyn Lumsden, Cheryl Russell, Bronwyn Barber, Margaret Humphries, Di Bell, Christine Rooney, Diocesan Leader Development Officer, and Ian Russell, Promotions/I.T. Officer.

Sunday 19th ***"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me." Matt 18:5***

Monday 20th Pray for GFS Pastoral Carer, Alexandra Chuc as she brings hope and comfort to those in need today at the Multi Faith Centre of the Children's Hospital.

Tuesday 21st Pray for our 2019 Project, Hummingbird House, and Chaplain, Rev Lin Chu, and bless all those who care for children with life-limiting illnesses.

Wednesday 22nd Lord, during this period of Lent, help us to acknowledge our sins and our deep need for your loving forgiveness and grace.

Happy Birthday to Melissa Hodgetts today

Thursday 23rd

We lift up to you our GFS Diocesan Executive under the leadership of Lesley Briggs, and pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as plans are made for the AGM next month.

Friday 24th Give thanks and pray for the ministry of Clayfield GFS and Kids Plus members and leaders.

Saturday 25th Pray for all those affected by domestic violence, and especially the Home-away-from-Homelessness initiative of Anglicare, the Second Chance Program and the Zephyr Education Service, all of which we have generously supported in previous years. Wear orange today to show support for victims to show you care.

Sunday 26th ***“I am the door: anyone who comes into the fold through me shall be safe.” John 10:9***

Monday 27th Give thanks for our Leader Development Officer, Christine Rooney. Pray for Christine as she ministers tirelessly in her parish and in GFS. *Birthday blessings to Christine Rooney today.*

Tuesday 28th Give thanks for the ministry of Rev Canon Cheryl Selvage as the Diocesan Hospital Ministries Co-ordinator. Give her strength and encouragement in all that she undertakes, especially in this difficult time of COVID restrictions.

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Wednesday 1st Give thanks and pray for our GFS Diocesan Chaplains, Rev Canon Cheryl Selvage and Chaplain Emeritus, Rev Kaye Pitman, for our National Chaplain, Rev Sandra Kjellgren and our World Chaplain, Bishop Dintoe Stephen Letloenyane, that they will be blessed in all they do. Give thanks for the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women this year, and that Kaye was one of the first to be priested in 1992.

Thursday 2nd Lord, uphold Margaret with healing mercies and your strength in the Office today. Bless all her preparations for the AGM and Luncheon. May we give God the glory for all that has been achieved during the past 141 years through GFS, and ask for His guidance for the year ahead. Give thanks for the dedication of all who served on Diocesan Executive & Council last year, and

pray for all those taking on roles this year. *Happy birthday to Gwen Mullins*

Friday 3rd We pray for the GFS Kids Plus+ Bundaberg meeting tonight. Pray for Kathleen, Peta, Melissa, Indruh and Fr Keith as they encourage the children to have a real faith in Jesus Christ and give their lives to Him.

Saturday 4th Pray blessings on those who are attending the AMPLIFY Conferences all around Australia today. Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit on the presenters that they may inspire those of us who are reaching out to children and youth in GFS, RI and parishes in the name of Jesus.

Sunday 5th ***“Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17***

Monday 6th Give thanks for and pray for Alexandra Chuc’s ministry as GFS Pastoral Carer (Chaplain) at the Children’s Hospital.

Tuesday 7th We give thanks for our faithful Townsend members for their many years of service to you through GFS. We especially pray for good health and wellbeing for the Headquarters Townsend Fellowship Group who meet today.

Wednesday 8th Pray for your buddy and give thanks and pray for Sandy Smedley as she coordinates our Buddy Program.

Thursday 9th Pray blessings and healing mercies on Margaret in the Office today.

Friday 10th Pray for our Kids Plus+ and GFS branches at Bundaberg and Clayfield who meet tonight and Messy Church in Kenmore.

Saturday 11th Pray for the development of a new Townsend group at Kenmore parish.

Sunday 12th ***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and never rely on what you think you know.” Proverbs 3:5***

Monday 13th Pray for GFS in PNG, for people to be vaccinated in larger numbers and for a lifting of COVID restrictions. Give thanks and pray for Girika Sanata, GFS Coordinator in the Diocese of Port Moresby, who is waiting to resume the Feeding of Orphans Program once it is safe to do so.

Tuesday 14th Pray for the newly elected Executive of Popondota Diocese in PNG and for Vivian Jirega (President). Pray for financial matters to be sorted and a lifting of her burden to pay for utilities for GFS Haus. Pray for a Diocesan structure to be established for the three Dioceses. Pray also for an increase in vaccinations. Give thanks and pray for Rev Canon Cheryl Selvage and Canon (Lay) Val Gribble, GFS Australia consultants to PNG. *Birthday blessings for Jeannie Cameron*

Wednesday 15th We pray for GFS in Melanesia, and for Gail Orchard and Julie Somerville who are GFS Australia consultants for them. Pray for the new GFS Coordinator to be appointed and for resources for the newly formed GFS group in Port Vila, Vanuatu. Pray also for GFS in the Solomon Islands.

Thursday 16th Pray for all those parishes accessing GFS grants for their children’s ministry so far this year; Lightning Ridge, South Brisbane, Clayfield, Aspley/Albany Creek, Bramble Bay, North Ipswich and Kenmore Brookfield.

Friday 17th . Pray for all members of the Southside Townsend Fellowship as they meet together to pray, chat and encourage each other tomorrow. May they be blessed with good health and happiness.

Saturday 18th Give thanks for Bush Church Aid Nomads, especially Rhys and Marj Wellings, for their dedicated ministry to those isolated from family, services and support. *Birthday blessings for Marj Wellings*

Sunday 19th ***“It is God himself who called you to share in the life of his son Jesus our Lord; and God keeps faith.” 1Cor.1: 9***

Monday 20th Give thanks for and pray for Alexandra Chuc's ministry in the Multi-faith Centre of the Children's Hospital.

Tuesday 21st Pray for the 2022 Diocesan Project to support Anglicare as they fund raise to build a 30 bedroom Youth Homeless Facility.

Wednesday 22nd Pray and give thanks for Marjorie Morton and the Second Chance program, the Women's Shelter and the Prisoner Release Program. Give thanks for the continued support of Suzanne and Celia Claire, St Aiden's primary school children and the Kenmore Parish with the huge number of care packs they donate to the Hostel.

Thursday 23rd We pray blessings on the youth ministries of GFS 2022 Bursary recipients: Nia Viviani and Justen Nasona..

Friday 24th Pray blessings on St Mark's, Clayfield, GFS branch, for Bronwyn, Kym, Petrea and Ellie as leaders and all the members.

Saturday 25th On Orange Day today, wear orange to spread the message and pray for an end to violence against girls and women.

Sunday 26th **"Since he himself has passed through the test of suffering, he is able to help those who are meeting their test now."** Hebrews 2:18

Monday 27th Give thanks for our 2020 Diocesan Project, the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program. Pray that the children who received gifts at Christmas and their parents will come to know the love of Christ through the mentoring love of Christians.

Tuesday 28th We give thanks for the re-establishment of GFS in the Diocese of Guyana under the leadership of the Executive Body: Miss Trinette Cosbert - President, Miss Beyoncé Sparman - Vice President, Jonetta Wallace - Secretary, Ayanna Maynard - Treasurer, Althea Seymour – Assistant Secretary and Shemiah Barton - Committee Member. Pray for them and the safeguarding of girls and women through GFS.

Wednesday 29th Pray for the Spirit's leading on the agenda for the new GFS Australian Executive: Suzanne, Noeleen, Sandra, Deb, Julie, Christine, Bronwyn, Val, Helen and Hannah. Bless them all, dear Lord.

Thursday 30th Pray for the World Council Team in South Africa. Pray for Thembeke Pama (President), Lay Canon Val Gribble, Nokanda Benya, Bekiwe Gijana, Pumeza Magona, Kundai Matikiti, Lois Frankforter and Jeanne Withanage. Pray for plans for World Council in South Africa in August, Sri Lanka in 2026 and USA in 2029.

Friday 31st Lord, we lift up to you the people of Ukraine, and pray for an end to the violence and suffering. We pray that democracy and freedom will prevail in this war-torn country.

I WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
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