

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Such prayer for one another is most effective, and is a profound expression of love and solidarity within the Body of Christ**

**Any others known to us: (personal list)**

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**Reflection:** John 6.35

Hear the words of Jesus:

"I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

If you have any specific prayer requests or any event you would like to be included in the prayer diary please contact Graham Bartlett on 6291 8570 or [bartmgt@inet.net.au](mailto:bartmgt@inet.net.au).



**St Mary in the Valley and St Edmunds Tharwa  
Prayer Notes – May 2017**



Thank you for your support in this prayer ministry for St Mary in the Valley.

**Give thanks that God has called us to be a part of SMIV, the Tuggeranong Valley Community, St Edmunds Tharwa and the ministry that we have to each other.**

**Pray that through the Holy Spirit, God will continue to share His vision for this parish and that He will continue to provide all of the resources we need for the growth and administration of SMIV, including people and financial resources.**

**Give thanks for our Rector Dave, praying that the Lord will strengthen him and fill him with his Spirit, we also pray for Cath and their family keep them safe from all harm.**

**Give thanks for all who are involved in parish ministry and pray:**

- **that more people will volunteer their time to assist in the various ministries,**
- **give prayerful consideration to the concept of 'messy church' and the involvement of the faith community**
- **share their gifts of hospitality, and**
- **Give thanks to God for the beginning of a family oriented service, pray that those attending will come to know Christ's love through this outreach.**

**Give thanks for those:**

- **gifted with their hands and maintain the building, grounds and gardens,**
- **care for us,**
- **facilitate worship, teach our young, lead or assist in groups, and**
- **pray those elected to parish council and other positions will be energised, and**
- **Uphold the Parish Council, the wardens and councillors, praying for wisdom and guidance.**

**You may also wish to select eg 10 families per week from the Parish Roll and pray for them.**

### **Sunday**

Pray and give thanks for:

- The community of SMIV for freedom to worship God openly and for the calling to be a beacon to others in the Valley.
- Sunday worship, for all who are involved in setting up for the services, the sacristan, ushers, servers, lay readers.
- Pray for those who develop our services and for our forthcoming worship
- praying that we will continue to be open to the touch of the Spirit especially as they prepare for services; may our services continue to be a true expression of our love for You
- The ministry we have to each other.
- The ministry to the sick and dying.

- Pray for those affected by cyclone Debbie, for assistance in crop recovery and rebuilding their lives and homes.
- For those who are studying to improve their relationship with the community of faith.
- Those attending church today that all will be blessed, in a way that they will know can only be of God.

Pray for companionship for the lonely, comfort for the sorrowing and relief for those in pain. Increase in us a spirit of compassion that we may not add to the suffering of others, but comfort and befriend those who are in need.

### **Monday**

Pray for:

the Diocese, Bishop Stuart, as he leads us, and Assistant Bishops Trevor and Matt., for protection and refreshment pray also for Bishop Stephen.

the people of St Edmunds Tharwa, countries experiencing and recovering from natural disaster and the peoples particularly for the people of Peru for those who have lost loved ones and incomes, for those who lost homes and livelihoods and the floods.

For those people who have fled persecution, praying for their safety and rescue by the international community.

Sunday Club activities, upholding and giving thanks for the teachers and assistants and for the children and the blessing they are to us. Pray for that God will continue to raise up new people during the year to offer their gifts and talents in this important ministry

For the Kingdom Kids the leaders, the children and their families

- Youth Group – Praying for increased membership.
- We pray for peace in the Middle East, for an end to the violence and bloodshed. For those people who suffer from injustice and the difficulty of everyday life, praying that they will not lose hope in your justice and mercy. We pray that they do not give in to despair and continue to place their hope for a better future in the strength of your hope.

Those involved in pastoral care and ministry to the sick, pray that God will raise up others who want to share in this ministry.

### **Tuesday**

Members of the parish with surnames beginning with A - F

We pray for our nation, especially for those both in federal and local governments and faced with the task of making difficult decisions which will affect us all.

Ask God to raise up leaders who will seek peace.

Give thanks for and pray that God will strengthen and protect those who work for peace, for those who care

for the widows the orphans, for those who seek to eliminate poverty and those who work to reduce the suffering in the world.

- Pray for the world that needless destruction of our rainforests will cease.
- Continue to pray for rain in those areas that have had little.
- Pray for those who support and minister to the farmers and their families as they recover from this period of drought.
- Pray for outreach programs such as Cursillo and Alpha, and for new ways of sharing our faith for the organisers and for their safety, pray that God will raise up those necessary for the task,
- Members of our Defence Forces serving in areas of conflict we especially remember those who gave their lives so that we may have peace we also remember the camaraderie among those in the forces,
- The Christians of in all areas of conflict will know the close presence of Jesus, the guidance of the Spirit and the protection of the Father. Humanitarian assistance would reach all who are in need.

### **Wednesday**

Pray for:

- Members of the parish with surnames beginning with G - K

Give thanks for and uphold the:

- ✓ Pray for musicians have a heart for music will continue to offer their services.
- ✓ Give thanks for the newcomers and pray that they will find warmth and refreshment with SMIV.
- ✓ For the leaders of all the nations, looking for ways to work together beyond fear and suspicion,  
For people of goodwill, responding generously to the needs of suffering communities,  
For the Australians who have friends and family involved in areas of conflict and disaster,  
For the vulnerable and defenceless in conflict zones, for the children, the elderly, the disabled, the sick:

### **Thursday**

Members of the parish with surnames beginning with L - Q

Pray and give thanks for:

- that our parish will be encouraged and strengthened through the vision of the Mission Plan.
- Pray for all either returning or coming to SMIV for the first time that they will want to "press-in" and seek the heart of God,

Pray for those with depression and eating disorders, especially our children. Pray for doctors and specialists who treat them, that they will be able find effective solutions and reverse the damage. Pray also for individuals who suffer may they also come to understand the damage and gain the will to want to change.

### **Friday**

Members of the parish with surnames beginning with R - Z

Give thanks to the Lord for all he has provided to us, praying that we will be responsible stewards of those gifts and also pray that He will continue lead us and provide those resources we need to fulfil His will, Give us a heart for prayer,  
Pray for an effective solution to bullying in our schools; for the victims and the bullies. May the bullies have their hearts changed and come to know the hurt this causes.

### **Saturday**

Pray and give thanks for:

- ❖ Our Sunday worship and for all involved in the worship.
- ❖ Pray that all who attend church tomorrow will be blessed in a special way by God.
- ❖ Uphold the Wednesday services and Thursday Evening prayer and for blessing of all attending.
- ❖ Uphold the parish prayer ministry, praying that more people will seek to be involved.
- ❖ Gracious God, We pray for peace in our communities this day. For calm in our streets and cities, that people may go about their lives in safety and peace. We uphold our Muslim sisters and brothers as they feel victimised, praying that they will recognise that not all in the community are against them.

### **Prayers of the People for Reconciliation and Recognition of all Indigenous People**

Praying also that we will give thanks for His provision, for His creation and the care that we need to preserve the environment. Praying further that we look for Jesus in all those we meet.

### **For the Sick**

Continue to pray for those we know are sick, giving thanks for healing.