
Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal ...

To whom do we pray? The wonder of the Christian gospel is that the God to whom we pray is one who has demonstrated beyond a doubt that he is committed to the welfare of his people and that he is able to bring it about. He is our Father, who loves to give good things to his children. He is the sovereign Creator of the universe who by his word and Spirit created all things, sustains all things, and brings all things to their proper conclusion. Nothing can keep his purpose from being achieved.

The Father who is God over all, the Saviour who is Lord, and the Spirit who gives life — the great triune God of the Bible is himself the very best incentive to prayer. It is an enormous privilege to pray to him. He not only speaks to us but invites us to speak to him, to bring our joys and sorrows before him, to confess our sins, delight in the forgiveness he alone provides, intercede for those in need around us, and call on him to advance the cause of his gospel in our dark world. But the point is that the invitation comes from him, the one who does not need us to pray to him but invites us to share in his work in the world through prayer.

It is worth pondering the character of the one to whom we pray. Except when we sing, I suspect we are not very good at praising him for who he is (which is not quite the same as thanking him for what he has done, though who he is and what he does are inseparable and provide insights into each other). God does not need our praise; rather praise is the appropriate response of creatures to God's glory and power and justice and compassion.

'The LORD is my strength and my song', Moses and the redeemed people of Israel sang following their deliverance, 'and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him' (Ex 15:2). King David wrote of how he would 'praise you, O LORD, among the nations' (2 Sam 22:50), words which would later be echoed by the apostle Paul when he considered the mercy of God shown toward the Gentiles (Rom 15:9).

As we bring our needs, the needs of our friends and the needs of this College before God in prayer, let this be a year when we consider afresh to whom we pray: 'the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy' (Is 57:15). He is able not only to hear but to answer our prayers and he delights to do so. He is worthy of all praise.

Mark Thompson

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Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS 2017.

Focus for March:

- **CCL Event 7 March**
 - **Graduation 12 March**
 - **College Missions 18-25 March (see back page for list of locations)**
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Week 1: Thursday, 1 March – Sunday, 4 March

- Give great thanks to God for the **new full-time and new part-time students** in first year this year. Pray that they will come to know God better as a result of all that they learn in their time at College.
 - Pray for the **Registrar's Department** in this extra busy time for them as they prepare for the students' graduation.
 - Each year **Moore College Missions** are held in Sydney, regional NSW and overseas. However, this year all the Mission teams will be partnering with the Wollongong Region of the Diocese of Sydney, working with many of the churches in this very large region. Give thanks that College students and Faculty can partner with local churches to engage in mission and ministry to their communities, to the glory of God. Pray especially for those involved in the **planning and preparation of mission events and activities**. Pray for boldness on the part of church members as they invite friends to the many events that are being organised, and for good relationships within the teams.
 - **Third year weekend away** (2-4 March) Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the third year students and their families. Pray for Lionel Windsor as he gives the talks.
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Event:

Dealing with Guilt and Shame

Dan Wu will expose the biblical truth about guilt and shame – what guilt and shame are, how they can be both negative *and* positive experiences in our Christian lives, and how they relate to the most important reality affecting human life: the glory of God in the cross of Jesus Christ.

Where: Moore College, 1 King St Newtown

When: Wednesday 7 March, 7.30-9.30pm.

Tickets: 9557 9999; <https://ccl.moore.edu.au/ccl-events/>

Week 2: Monday, 5 March – Sunday, 11 March

- **Ed and Joc Loane (Faculty, p59)** Give thanks for the opportunity study leave gives to think deeply and research issues in doctrine and church history. Pray that I use this time productively and it proves helpful in my teaching in the years to come. Please pray for our eldest daughter as she transitions into high school - that she makes some good friends and continues to grow in her faith through her teenage years.
 - **Miles & Morgan Stepniewski (2nd year)** Please thank God for providing for us and pray that we would honour him in all that we do.
 - **John (2nd year, p12) & Veronica (1st year) Costin** Thanks be to God that Veronica and I are able to both study this year at Moore. Please pray that we would be deepened in our knowledge and relationship with God and our walk with him.
 - **CCL Event: Dealing with Guilt and Shame** (7 March, 7.30pm) Pray that many people will come along to hear what the Bible has to say on this significant topic. Pray that Dan Wu will accurately and clearly explain God's truth and that people will find the night helpful.
 - Please pray for the women enrolled in the **Women's Ministry stream in the Advanced Diploma**, that God's Spirit will continue to work in them so that they will grow in their love and knowledge of God; that they will delight in God's word; and that they will grow to be more like Jesus. Please pray that as a result of doing this diploma the women will be stronger and more faithful teachers of God's word; that they will desire to seek the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ; and that they will be better equipped to train others in ministry.
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Graduation

All Welcome

Where: City Recital Hall, Angel Place, Sydney
When: Monday 12 March 2018
7.30pm – 9.30pm
Doors open 7.00pm, please be seated by 7.20pm
Speaker: Peter Jensen
Enquiries: 02 9577 9999
info@moore.edu.au

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Week 3: Monday, 12 March – Sunday, 18 March

- **Graduation (Monday 12 March 7.30pm)** Give thanks for the opportunity to **celebrate graduates** going out into the Lord's harvest and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray particularly for **Peter Jensen** as he gives the address. Pray that this will be an encouraging night as the word of God is clearly proclaimed. Give thanks for the wide variety of ministries our graduates have taken up, and pray that they might effectively and lovingly serve God's people, to his glory.
- **Day of Prayer for Missions (14 March)** Give thanks for the opportunity for students to focus on prayer. Please join with them in praying that God will use the Moore College Missions to bring many people to himself.
- Please pray for the College **mission teams** and particularly for students finalising sermons and talks for mission. Please pray for safety in travel and for joyful fellowship in the gospel.

Week 4: Monday, 19 March – Sunday, 25 March

- **Mission week (Sunday 18 March – Sunday 25 March)** Give thanks for the opportunity to hold College missions in many churches in the Wollongong Region. Pray that the gospel will be presented clearly in the various events and that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those who attend. Pray for **energy and stamina** for all those involved. Pray for good rest and eagerness to work hard for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray that **College mission team members** will be servant-hearted as they get to know their host churches and learn from the ministers, team leaders and parishioners during the week. Pray that they would be an encouragement to the saints in each church.
- Pray for **safety** for families left behind while students are on mission. Pray that families will care well for one another during the mission week.
- Pray that God will use the mission week to deepen the **unity** of students and Faculty at College as they share in reaching out to others.

Week 5: Monday, 26 March – Saturday, 31 March

- Pray for churches running Christianity Explored and similar courses as a follow up to mission. Pray for the organization of these courses and that many will attend and have their questions answered.
- Pray for all the **mission churches** as they follow up contacts. Give thanks for all those who attended events and pray that they will continue to reflect on all they heard and that many might respond in repentance and faith.

Focus for April:

- **Mission follow-up over Easter**
- **Research and writing**

Week 1: Sunday, 1 April – Sunday, 8 April

- **Easter Break (30 March - 2 April).** Praise the Lord for the wonderful salvation won for us on the cross. Thank God for the opportunity to remember all that Jesus has done for us, and to celebrate his resurrection.
- **Johnson & Cherry Ho (3rd year, p23)** Pray that our baby, due in April will arrive safely and healthily. Also pray for our godliness as we learn to be parents and be thankful in sleeplessness.
- **Archie & Ainsley Poulos (Faculty, p59)** Give thanks to God for his care of our children. We rejoice that our son, Archie, who has developmental concerns has shown great progress this year, especially in his speech. Please pray that he will develop in his decision making capacity. Zoe has begun Uni this year, and we are delighted that she is going to UNSW. Pray that the Campus Bible Ministry will be a great blessing to her, and she to them. We are thankful for our daughter Georgia's marriage to the wonderful Ben, and how they seem to be growing and serving well.
- Pray for students enrolled in the online **Diploma of Biblical Theology** that they may grow in their knowledge of and love for God and that they will be diligent in their studies wherever they may be based in the world.

Week 2: Monday, 9 April – Sunday, 15 April

- Many students in **4th year** have the opportunity to complete a **research project** on a topic of their choice. Please pray for students as they finalise their topics. Give thanks for their in-depth study into an area of interest and pray that they will be better equipped to serve others as a result of undertaking this research.
- **Sam & Tania Darmo (2nd year, p12)** Please pray for us as a family to continue growing in Christlikeness. Please pray for strength from God to carry us on as he faithfully has carried us through 1st year, and for us to grow in trusting God through all situations.
- Pray for all **those who expressed an interest** in knowing more about Jesus as a result of mission activities. Pray for wisdom for those following them up and ask that many might come to a saving faith in Jesus.
- **Chim Ho (2nd year)** Thank God for his mercy in allowing me to continue studying at College. Second year is really a big jump from first year. Pray that God will grant me wisdom, particularly in study and time management.

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Week 3: Monday, 16 April – Sunday, 22 April

- **Autumn Break (14-22 April)** Pray that students and Faculty will have a refreshing break.
- Pray for those among the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **writing commitments** to fulfill. Pray for discipline, energy and faithfulness.
- Give thanks for the dedicated **staff of the College** and all they do to support the students and Faculty. Please ask God that he would keep them in good health, particularly as the winter months approach.
- **Mathea & Kevin Yeung (3rd year, p25)** Thank God for the women in the church Bible study I co-lead. Please pray for his wisdom in how to love them, and for God to work powerfully through his Word to care for and transform them (and me!)
- **Simon & Fiona Tsang (2nd year, p16)** Give thanks for a smooth transition into Newtown accommodation. Pray for the establishment of a new and healthy routine, particularly as Fiona returns to work this year after completing the Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry in 2017. Pray that God will provide a suitable job for her.

Week 4: Monday, 23 April – Sunday, 29 April

- Praise God for the opportunity that College students have to teach **SRE Scripture** in two local primary schools, Newtown North Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray for good relationships with the schools, that parents will encourage children to attend Scripture and that the children will delight in learning about Jesus and his love. Pray too for the witness of College families in our local schools.
- The College timetable for this term includes a **Research Week for Years 2, 3 and 4** this week. Pray that students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching week. Pray too for the first year students as they continue lectures this week.
- Please pray for Archie Poulos as he heads up the **Centre for Ministry Development (CMD)**. Pray particularly for wisdom and energy for Archie and pray that the activities of the CMD will be beneficial for graduates of the College and the people they serve.
- **Paul & Bronwen Cooper (2nd year, p12)** Give thanks for a challenging and rewarding first year at College and a supportive family. Pray for our change in church to go smoothly and for us to find our role in contributing to the people there. Pray that the family would make the change well and continue to be positive during another year at College.



Open Events

Open Week

21-25 May

Open Night

21 May, 7.45pm – 9.15pm

Come and visit our Newtown campus!

Experience an actual lecture and meet faculty and students. You will be greeted by a student who will give you a tour, introduce you to other students and take you to class. **You can drop in for a day or part of any day during this week** and attend regular classes, meet students and Faculty, plus share in a meal (on us!).

For more information or to arrange your visit, please email openevents@moore.edu.au.

MAY 2018

Focus for May:

- **PTC students around the world**
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Week 1: Monday, 30 April – Sunday, 6 May

- **Term 2 commences (30 April)**. Pray that students start the new term refreshed, rested and prepared for the challenges ahead.
 - **First Year Weekend Away (4-6 May)** Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the first year students and their families. Pray that the time away together will help students to develop good relationships with their fellow students and for Chase Kuhn as he gives the talks.
 - Please pray that in all that happens in the **busy College program**, students and Faculty alike would all grow in their knowledge of and love for God. Pray for wise decisions and faithfulness in every area of their lives.
 - **Matt & Felicity Sheridan (2nd year, p15)** Please pray that we would be wise as we investigate ways we can serve God after College. Please pray that what we are learning at College would be growing our love for Jesus daily.
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Week 2: Monday, 7 May – Sunday, 13 May

- Give thanks for the **PTC course** and those in the Registrar's Department and the Centre for Global Mission who administer these courses and facilitate the PTC studies of thousands of students all over the world. Give thanks for the **constant stream of opportunities** and requests to assist in the theological education of brothers and sisters, particularly in the developing world.
- Give thanks that quite a few church groups and school groups have students enrolled in **Introduction to the Bible** for the start of the year. Pray that the course will help strengthen the ministries of those churches, and that the high school students will grow in their faith in God and their understanding of the Bible.
- Give thanks for existing relationships with **international partners** and pray for wisdom as we negotiate formalised agreements which hand them more freedom and responsibility for their programs.
- Pray for the **IT team** who are exploring the best way to develop systems that will enable our overseas partners to operate more independently. Pray that God would raise up supporters and through them provide the significant amount of money needed to develop the IT system that these ministries need.

Week 3: Monday, 14 May – Sunday, 20 May

- Pray for the team of **women chaplains** who assist in the pastoral care of our students. Pray for good relationships with the women they serve and that the chaplains will balance their College ministry and other responsibilities well.
- **Peter & Emma Orr (Faculty, p59)** Give thanks for last semester's study leave and for a recent trip to Ireland for Peter to speak. Please pray for evangelical reform in the church of Ireland. Please pray for the Orr family to grow in love for one another and for the Lord Jesus.
- **Jie & Athena Yeo (2nd year, p16)** We recently changed churches to Naremburn Cammeray Anglican and we continue to be thankful for our home church. This includes the relationships we have made and how we have grown in knowledge of God and godliness there. Pray that we will settle well into our new church.
- Pray for those undertaking **postgraduate studies** at College either full-time or part-time. Pray that they will be wise in management of their time and that their learning will be a blessing to God's people.

Week 4: Monday, 21 May – Sunday, 27 May

- **Open Week (21-25 May) and Open Night (21 May, 7.45pm – 9.15pm)** Give thanks for the opportunity for people to come along and find out more about the College. Pray that many will be guided to pursue full-time ministry training with us.
- **David and Michelle Anthonisz** (3rd year, p22) Pray that our family continues to grow in Christ's love and rely on his goodness.
- Pray for **students and spouses struggling** with infertility. Pray that they would have a deep trust in God and his goodness toward them and that they might be granted the gift of children. Pray too for those students struggling with depression, anxiety and other issues. Pray for strength, patience and perseverance and that they would be well supported and make good progress in their studies.
- Give thanks for the Dean of Students, Paul Grimmond, and the Dean of Women, Tara Stenhouse, and their focus on the **personal needs of the students**. Please pray for new students still adjusting to College life, especially those who have moved to Sydney and away from family and friends, and for those who are adjusting to study again after a long time. Pray for part-time students as they adjust to the demands of work and part-time study.
- **Moore Distance Graduation (25 May)** Give thanks for the students who have completed the PTC, ITS or Evening Course Awards. Praise God for their perseverance and dedication to their studies. Pray for them as they seek to serve the Lord in all that they do.

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Week 5: Monday, 28 May – Thursday, 31 May

- Please pray for the **Finance team** as they maintain the College's financial records. Pray that they may be given wisdom and discernment as they relate to students about tuition fees and accommodation charges that need to be paid. In God's grace may they pursue their work with diligence and enthusiasm as they play their part in the College's mission.
- **Lionel & Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p59)** Please pray that the material on evangelism that Lionel is writing will encourage Christians to be involved in the great work of gospel proclamation, according to the opportunities that God gives them. Please also pray that as we both juggle the many commitments in this busy life-stage with three adolescents, we would keep looking to Jesus in everything.
- Pray that God would be pleased to use the efforts and resources of the **Centre for Global Mission** to grow men and women to maturity in Christ and prepare them for works of service around the world.
- **Dan & Belinda Tooma (2nd year, p16)** Please pray that our family would continue to live lives aligned with the gospel, and that our passion and convictions serve the gospel we seek to proclaim. Also, pray for the safe arrival of our second child due in June.

Personal Prayer Notes



MOORE COLLEGE MISSIONS 2018 Wollongong Region

Location	Faculty leader and female chaplain
Macarthur	Paul Grimmond & Wendy Swanton
Macarthur	Philip Kern & Marcelle Rodgers
Macarthur	Peter Tong & Deb Earnshaw
Macarthur – Leppington	Paul Williamson & Sarah Seabrook
Southern Highlands	Colin Bale & Joan Young
Lake Illawarra	Lionel Windsor & Alison Blake
Lake Illawarra – Berkeley	Phil Wheeler & Julia Williams
The Shire	George Athas & Ali Muscat
The Shire	Chase Kuhn & Anna Hu
The Shire	Archie Poulos & Caroline Spencer
Shoalhaven	Chris Thomson & Cathy Smith
Shoalhaven	Andrew Leslie & Juliette Antoon
Wollongong	Simon Gillham & Isobel Lin
Wollongong – Cathedral	Peter Orr & Lesley Ramsay