



MOORE
COLLEGE

**September -
November 2017**

Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal ...

The critical place of prayer is shown in a number of places in the New Testament. Among the most intriguing are the two brief references to 'the prayers of the saints' in the Book of Revelation.

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (Rev 5:8)

And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. (Rev 8:3-4)

Why are the prayers of the saints so significant that they appear in these scenes from the heavenly throne room at the end? The prayers are like incense rising before the throne of God, offered in one instance by the living creatures and the elders and in the other by an angel. They are holy and precious and pleasing to God. That much is clear. Our prayers matter to God and are recognised as extremely significant by all in the heavenly court.

God has chosen to give our prayers a place in his purposes. They are an important part of his will to bring all things under the feet of Christ. Your prayers for the College fit in at precisely this point. They are part of God's good pleasure to bring about his will for our College as an answer to the prayers of his people. Your prayers matter.

At this time of year the prayer that God would raise up a large number of gospel workers who would prepare for their life of ministry at Moore College is often on my lips. The need in Sydney and elsewhere is enormous and we need a very large number of people who are well-equipped, deeply convicted and who humbly reflect the character of Christ. Will you join me in this particular prayer and for the others you will find in this bulletin? Thank you for your partnership in this work.

Mark Thompson

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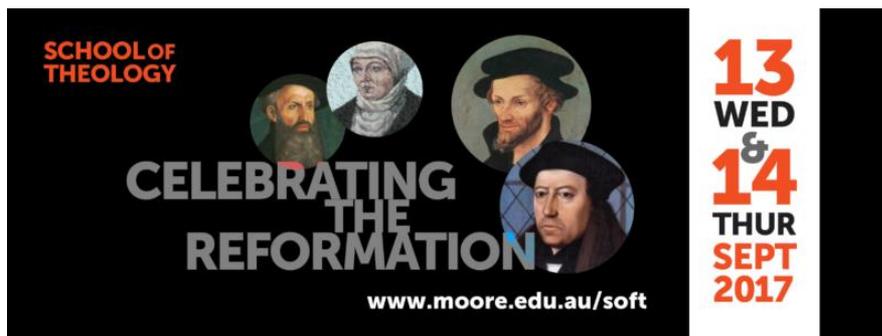
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Focus for September

- **New students for 2018**
 - **Spring break (9-17 September)**
 - **Priscilla & Aquila Centre**
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Week 1: Friday, 1 September – Sunday, 3 September

- Give thanks for the **Open Week** last week. Please pray that God would give people a desire to study at Moore College either full-time or through our Moore Distance courses, in order to know him better and serve him in the world.
- Give thanks for the **Annual Moore College Lectures** held in August and that the students were greatly challenged by the six lectures delivered by Dr Carl Trueman on 'Reformation Preaching and the Modern Mind'.
- **David & Amelia Höhne (Faculty, p58)** Give thanks for the many opportunities we have to minister to our church family at Church in the Graveyard (Newtown & Erskineville). Give thanks for God's many kindnesses as our household navigates through the challenge of supporting an HSC student in the household again. Please pray for wisdom and grace as we seek to honour the Lord in the way we care for elderly parents.
- Pray for ongoing **issues concerning visas** for some of our Faculty from overseas following recent changes to various visa categories by the government. Pray for wisdom and skill in dealing with these issues and that they will be quickly and positively resolved.



Week 2: Monday, 4 September – Sunday, 10 September

- **Spring Break (9-17 September)** Please pray that this will be a refreshing break for students and Faculty.
- Give thanks for the **Reformation Rally** held on 26 August at St Andrew's Cathedral for the time of blessing and thanksgiving for all those who attended the talk by Dr Gerald Bray followed by the 1552 service of Morning Prayer.
- **Paul & Cathy Grimmond (Faculty, p58)** Pray for patience and wisdom and a deep sense of God's goodness as we go through the process of packing up our family home of the last 16 years and move into College in December. Please pray too for our daughter Anna who is sitting her HSC this year.
- Give thanks for **Moore College Sunday** last month and the opportunity to invite parishes to partner with the College in prayer. Give thanks for all those who faithfully pray for the College and ask that God might raise up more people to be praying for us regularly.
- **Seth & Abigail Addo-Bekoe (1st year, p11)** Thank God for his calling into the ministry and the opportunity to study at College. Please pray for God's guidance and strength as I study, and for financial provision. Also please pray for our two children Emmanulla and Sethina who are still in Ghana, that the Lord would protect them from the evil one.

Week 3: Monday, 11 September – Sunday, 17 September

- **School of Theology (13 & 14 September):** Celebrating the Reformation. Please pray for the speakers (Gerald Bray, Dean Zweck, Martin Foord, Tim Patrick, Jane Tooher, Mark Thompson, Andrew Leslie, Rhys Bezzant, Ed Loane, David Hühne, Andrew Bain) as they prepare to present on the legacy of the Reformation and its significance 500 years on. Pray that those who attend would be encouraged in their faith and spurred on in their service of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks for the opportunity to launch the book *Celebrating the Reformation* at the School of Theology. Pray that this volume will be of great value to God's people.
- **Dan & Bec Ford (1st year)** Please pray for our family as we adjust to life with two kids, and that I would be faithful in both my family duties and study.
- **Pete & Katelyn Tong (Faculty, p59)** Give thanks for the partnership with St Andrew's Wahroonga in allowing Pete to split his time between parish and College. Pray for Pete as he preaches a series on the topic of same-sex marriage. Pray for Katelyn as she completes her Masters of Psychology part-time. Pray for Chloe (11), Lily (8) and Sam (6) that they will grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.
- Pray for the **Governing Board of the College** and its various committees. Thank God for the great skills and talents that the Board members bring to their task. Pray for wisdom as, under God, they plan for the future of the College.

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Week 4: Monday, 18 September – Sunday, 24 September

- **Term 4 commences (18 September)** Please pray for energy and enthusiasm for the students as they return to the final term of assignments and exam preparation.
- **Priscilla & Aquila Evening Seminar (20 September): Women & Work.** Pray for Phillip Jensen as he prepares. Pray for the women who will be interviewed about their work situation, how they have thought about work and made decisions from a Christian perspective. Pray that the evening will be encouraging and helpful for those who attend. For more information see www.moore.edu.au/news/pa-centre-evening-seminar-women-work/
- **Jireh Jang (1st year, p13)** Thank God for revealing how small a picture of him I had. Pray that God will continue to reveal his fullness to me.
- Give thanks for the **ministry roles** some of the students have finalised for 2018. Please pray for ongoing discussions and interviews for those who are still looking, and for kindness and sensitivity amongst the College community in the way we speak to one another about these things.

Week 5: Monday, 25 September – Sunday, 1 October

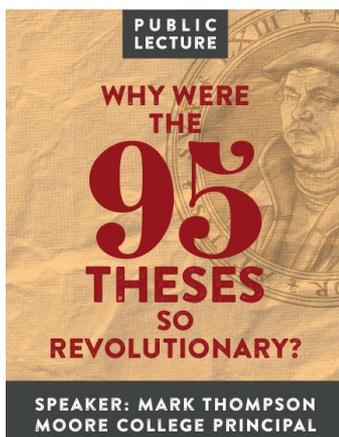
- Thank God for the provision of students for our **Distance courses** – they continue to come from all over the world to learn more of God's word. Pray that these courses would have an impact on lives into eternity, as students learn from God's word and are equipped to speak it to others.
- **James & Sarah Piggott (1st year, p14)** Give thanks that Sarah is pregnant and ask for safety for her and the baby. Please pray as I will be looking for a new church and ministry role in 2018.
- Please pray for students, spouses and other members of the College community who struggle with **mental health issues**, especially depression and anxiety. Pray that they would receive good treatment, that they would be healed, and that they might know God's love and comfort. Pray also for wisdom, love and perseverance for those seeking to support them.
- Give thanks for the time George Athas, Peter Orr and Tara Stenhouse can spend on **study leave** this term. Please pray for refreshment for them, and that they would make good progress on their research projects during their time away from regular teaching commitments.

Focus for October

- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (9-11, 16-17 October)**
 - **Day of prayer (19 October)**
 - **Finance and Property Departments**
 - **Scripture teaching**
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Week 1: Monday, 2 October – Sunday, 8 October

- Thank God for the members of the College's **Finance team**. Pray for perseverance, accuracy and timeliness as they maintain the College's financial records and that they might be enabled to encourage each other as they work together as a team.
 - Give thanks for the **Property team** and their continued support of the College residents and staff. Please pray for wisdom in being good stewards of our properties.
 - **James & Melody Hoey (1st year, p13)** Praise God for a smooth transition moving from interstate to study at College and for the College community being our home away from home. Pray that we would be diligent in our studies so we may appreciate more greatly what Christ has done for us.
 - **Chris Thomson (Faculty, p59)** Please pray for a close walk with the Lord and for wisdom in using time and balancing priorities.
 - Please pray for **all the planning** that needs to be done for next year before students finish College for the year. Pray particularly for those planning orientation and other welcome activities for new students.
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31 October
7pm-8pm
Marcus Loane Hall
Moore College

The lecture will be followed by supper.
All welcome.

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

- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (9-11, 16-17 October)** Pray for Faculty involved in Synod. Pray that they will make valuable contributions to the debates in Synod and for energy as they lecture during the days and attend Synod in the evenings. Pray that wise decisions will be made, for the good of our churches and the increase of gospel proclamation in the world.
 - **Moore Distance Evening Course commences** Pray for Andrew Leslie delivering the doctrine lectures, that he will have time to prepare the required material. Pray also that it will be a time where students are stimulated and stretched in their thinking, for the sake of their abilities in speaking the gospel of the Lord Jesus.
 - **Kevin & Mathea Yeung (1st year, p16)** Give thanks for the blessing of marriage – Mathea and I married in July. Please pray that we will continue to work out how to love family and friends while navigating marriage and being at College together.
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Spring Carnival and Open Day

All welcome

Saturday 28th October 2017

9am to 1.30pm in the Moore College grounds

1 King Street Newtown

The day includes a sample lecture from one of our faculty, a campus tour and plenty of opportunities for questions. You are welcome to drop in at any point.

BBQ lunch provided at 12 noon

No RSVP necessary.

For more information, please email openevents@moore.edu.au

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

- **Day of prayer (19 October)** Give thanks for the privilege of bringing everything to God in prayer and for the opportunity to suspend many regular activities at College to delight in this privilege. Pray that the students, Faculty and staff will be encouraged by focusing on prayer, and rejoice in seeing their prayers answered in God's good timing.
- **Joshua Phillips (1st year, p14)** Give thanks for opportunities in cross cultural ministry at church and for subjects that teach me how much more there is to learn about God in the Bible. Please pray that what I learn at College would grow into godliness.
- **Centre for Christian Living event (25 October): Dealing with Guilt and Shame.** Pray for Dan Wu as he prepares to speak on this topic, which he has researched extensively for his PhD. Pray too for those who attend, that it would be a helpful evening of growing in their understanding of the Scriptures and their application. For more information, see www.moore.edu.au/event/centre-for-christian-living-event/
- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **SRE Scripture** classes in two local schools, North Newtown Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray that many children in these schools might come to put their trust in Jesus as a result of what they hear in Scripture lessons. Pray that this wonderful opportunity might continue in our public schools.

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

- **Jeong Ho & Young Kim Shin (3rd year, p37)** Thank God for College life in the midst of family life, ministry and part-time work. Thank God for the Faculty's teaching and leading by example as Christians. Next year I am going to start parish ministry as an Assistant minister at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Strathfield. Please pray that God would bless the ministry with which I will be involved and that God would use our church by the speaking of his word to expand his kingdom.
- **Spring Carnival & Open Day (28 October)** Pray that this will be a great day of fun for the College community and that those attending the Open Day will have their questions answered and be better informed about the benefits of studying at Moore College. Pray that many will decide to join us next year.
- **Public Lecture: Why were the 95 theses so revolutionary? (31 October)** Give thanks for the opportunity to host this special Reformation celebration event, co-sponsored by the German consulate and in the presence of the German Consul General. Please pray for Mark Thompson as he speaks, that his words would be faithful to the Scriptures. Pray also for those who hear, that it would not just be for the sake of increased knowledge, but that God's Spirit would cause hearts to turn in faith to Jesus Christ. For more information, see www.moore.edu.au/event/public-lecture-oct/

NOVEMBER 2017

Focus for November

- **Exams (10-16 November)**
- **Graduating Students' Dinner (16 November)**
- **Final Friday: Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (17 November)**
- **Registrar's department and Faculty with exam marking**

Week 1: Monday, 30 October – Sunday, 5 November

- **Moorewomen Night on the Green (2 November)** Pray that this will be an enjoyable time for the women of the College as they thank God for the year and farewell those women who are leaving College for various ministries in 2018.
- **Joseph & Shuvah Pun (1st year, p14)** Give thanks for the new friends made at Sydney Uni gym in recent months. Please pray that I will have opportunities to share the gospel with them.
- Please pray for all the **staff**, that they may be encouraged in the contribution they make to the training of men and women for lifelong Christian ministry. Pray that their particular skills and knowledge may continue be used effectively for the sake of God's kingdom.
- Give thanks for the staff in the **Registrar's Department** and pray for God to strengthen them in the demanding work of dealing with end of year exams and assessments while also preparing for next year.
- Praise God for providing the men and women of the faculty and pray for their continued faithfulness to his word and service of the students and the churches.

Week 2: Monday, 6 November – Sunday, 12 November

- **Stuvac (6-9 November)** Pray for effective study for the students as they prepare for their exams. Pray that the students will grow in their knowledge of God as they study, and that their families will be able to support them appropriately. Pray that this week will be a worthwhile time of drawing together what they have learned and that all, particularly those who find exams stressful, might know the peace of God at this time.
- **Faculty Conference (6-7 November)** Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the Faculty as they spend time in prayer, in God's word, and in reviewing their teaching, research, pastoral work and engagement with the mission of the gospel.
- **End of year exams (10-16 November)** Pray that students will be able to recall and clearly express all they have learned. Pray that they will cope well with the stress of exams, and continue to care for one another during this week.
- Give thanks for the **IT Department** and all that they do behind the scenes to keep things operating smoothly. Thank God for their patience and pray for wisdom and strength as they deal with the various requests that come to them.

Week 3: Monday, 13 November – Sunday, 19 November

- Pray for Warren Darwall and the **kitchen staff** as they prepare for a very busy week with both the graduating students dinner and community lunch at the end of the week. Thank God for their skill and dedication in serving the College community by providing great food cheerfully.
- **Graduating Students' Dinner (16 November)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate all that the students have learned in their time at Moore College and the friendships they have made. Pray that this night will be an enjoyable and memorable time for the students.
- **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (17 November)** This day marks the end of the College year for students. Give thanks for the opportunity for the entire College community to share in the celebrations of this day.
- **Term 4 concludes (17 November)** Give thanks for all that the students have learned from their work throughout the year.
- **Moore Distance Exams (13-19 November)** Pray that the students will be well prepared for the exams, but more importantly, that they will have come to a deeper knowledge of the Lord.

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Week 4: Monday, 20 November – Sunday, 26 November

- Pray for the Faculty as they continue **marking exams** and seek to finalise results for students within a tight deadline. Pray for energy and perseverance so that they will be able to work carefully and consistently and that they will be just and compassionate in their marking.
- Pray for Faculty and students preparing to be involved in **Christmas events at their churches**. Pray that God would be glorified in the midst of the busyness of the end of the year.
- **Victor Khor (1st year, p13)** Thank God for the challenging subjects in semester 2, stretching my mind and heart. Please pray that from my studies, I'll continue to grow in genuine delight in God and in humble servant-hearted character.
- **Lionel & Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p59)** Thank God for the growth we've seen in our children – Adelaide (15), Harry (13), Eleanor (10), and particularly in the way they have handled challenges to their faith in Jesus this year. Please pray that we would clearly, lovingly and boldly speak about the saving message of Jesus Christ as we talk to people in many different contexts.

Week 5: Monday, 27 November – Thursday, 30 November

- Pray that the **teaching programs** of the College might continue to effectively prepare people for ministry in the challenging environment of the twenty-first century.
 - Pray for energy and refreshment for the **Faculty** over the summer break as they complete outstanding responsibilities for the year and prepare for the coming year.
 - Pray for our **students**, both graduating and continuing, that they and their families might be built up as effective ambassadors for Christ in the churches and in the world.
 - Pray that God will continue to raise up a large number of godly, gifted, humble servant-hearted men and women to train at Moore College for full-time gospel ministry in Sydney and around the world. Pray that they might joyfully give themselves to getting the best preparation possible for this crucial work.
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Personal Prayer Notes

