



MOORE
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**September -
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Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal ...

One of the great comforts when we pray is the fact that God to whom we pray is infinitely wise. In this he is unlike us who are limited in a variety of ways by our own context. We are geographically located, historically located, socially located, located in terms of our own personal background, and all of these shape and to some degree or other distort our understanding of what is happening around us. We cannot think outside of time to view things from eternity. It is very difficult truly to see things from the perspective of another culture when we are so embedded in our own. Try as I may to look at things like a sixteenth century European, or a tenth century Aztec citizen, there is so much I do not know and my modern ideas and values keep intruding.

Yet our Heavenly Father knows the end from the beginning and he is not restricted in any way in his knowledge or in his understanding of how that knowledge is best applied. One of the great Puritan prayers includes the line,

And if thou bidst me decide for myself in any affair
I would choose to refer all to thee,
for thou art infinitely wise and cannot do amiss,
as I am in danger of doing.

We often do not know how to pray as we ought. The apostle Paul teaches us that, if we did not know it from our own experience. The Spirit intercedes for us in our weakness. Yet we can still be confident because God is infinitely wise. He knows what is best for the advance of his gospel in the short, medium and long term. We can so often fool ourselves. He knows what is best for each of his children, for their growth in faith and Christlikeness, for their preparation in service, for their eternal joy and perfection in Christ. We are not able to trust ourselves to know what is best. Yet he is wise and we can refer all things to him, as the prayer says in another place, 'I am well pleased with thy will, whatever it is, or should be in all respects'.

As we pray for the College and for the spread of Christ's gospel across the globe, we can trust in his goodness, his power and faithfulness, but also in his wisdom. That is an immensely liberating thought.

Mark Thompson

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Focus for September

- **New Faculty for 2018**
- **New students for 2019**
- **Spring Break (8-16 September)**
- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre**

Week 1: Saturday, 1 September – Sunday, 9 September

- Give thanks to God for the recent appointment of a **new Faculty member** to commence in September 2018. **Mark Earngey** is joining us to teach Church History. Please pray for Mark and Tanya and their family (Grace 5, Simeon 4 and Sophia 2) as they make the transition to College having just completed a doctorate in Oxford. Give thanks that they can join the But Har Gra community and pray that they will settle in well, particularly as Grace and Simeon start at a new school and preschool respectively.
- Pray for the **College Open Week (3-7 September)**. Please pray that God would put in the hearts of people a desire to study at College full-time in order to know him better and serve his people more effectively.
- **Tawanda & Shupi Masango (4th year, p44)** On 27 August, Shupi delivered their son, Andile Nate Masango, who had passed away in the womb a few days earlier. Please pray for Tawanda and Shupi and their daughter Unathi, that they might trust in God's goodness at this difficult time as they look forward to that day when God will wipe away every tear and they will be reunited with Andile. Give thanks for the support of the College community, church and other friends and pray for the Masango family as they prepare to return to Zimbabwe at the end of the year.
- **Chris Thomson (Faculty, p54)** Please pray for the Lord to overrule in my visa application, and for the door to remain open for me to stay and serve him in this context. Please pray for patience and contentment in the midst of the government processes.
- **Spring Break (8-16 September)** Please pray that this will be a refreshing break for students and Faculty.

Week 2: Monday, 10 September – Sunday, 16 September

- Pray for the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre evening seminar (10 September 6.30pm for 7.00pm)**, with Phillip Jensen speaking on 'Sex at Uni to Unisex'. Pray that many will come and find the evening helpful. (For more information visit <https://www.moore.edu.au/event/priscilla-aquila-evening-seminar-from-sex-at-uni-to-unisex/>)
- **Osmond Wong (2nd year, p23)** Praise God for my involvement and experience of starting and growing a youth group at church, and for deepening my awe of God's character and goodness through my studies. I'm also getting married!! Please pray for godliness, wisdom and faithfulness as Lucy Knights (3rd year) and I navigate a hectic semester and towards a marriage that glorifies God.
- **Paul & Stephanie Berzekian (2nd year, p20)** Thank God for the things I'm learning in Ministry & Mission 2 and for the joy of having Christian friends. Thank God for the positive start to marriage that we've had. Please pray that in our home Steph and I would build the habit early on of praying together and reading the Bible together, so that the dependence on God that these habits bring would help us grow as a couple who seek God's kingdom above all things.
- **Gordon & Leanne Luk (1st year, p12)** Please thank God for the birth of our son, Jonathan and for sustaining us through a hard first 3 months. Please pray for us that God will ground us in Christ's love and that as we learn in this new season of life, we will live out his love.

Week 3: Monday, 17 September – Sunday, 23 September

- **Term 4 commences (17 September)** Please pray for energy and enthusiasm for all students as they return for the final term of assignments and exam preparation.
- **Leonie & Matthew Morrison (2nd year, p22)** Please pray for perseverance as the study workload increases. Please also pray for life outside College, that we will continue to trust in God's sovereignty as we seek to find our place in his mission field, whether in Australia or overseas.
- **Polly & James Butterworth (3rd year, p33)** Thank God for the great opportunity we've had this year to grow in our knowledge of schools ministry as Polly has continued in student ministry at St Catherine's Waverley and James has taken up leadership of his school Cru group.
- Give thanks for **Moore College Sunday (5 August)** 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.

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Week 4: Monday, 24 September – Sunday, 30 September

- Give thanks for the growing number of **postgraduate research students** and pray that they will remain focussed while balancing family and ministry pressures.
 - **George & Mervat Bishai (PhD, 3rd year)** We are grateful to God for our time at Moore. Please pray that we would continue to enjoy a balanced family life while George is writing his thesis, and for the many details related to our journey back to Egypt.
 - **Andrew & Tamie Spalding (PhD, 3rd year)** Give thanks for the joys of studying God's word in depth for the PhD in Old Testament. Pray for guidance as we look for the best way to serve God next year and beyond.
 - Pray that God will raise up many **new students** to study full time at College to be equipped for his harvest field. Please pray that recent changes to FEE-HELP arrangements will not become a hindrance and that those planning to study next year would get their applications in soon.
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OPEN DAY & SPRING CARNIVAL

Saturday

13th October 2018

9.30am to 1.30pm in Moore College grounds

Free BBQ lunch with meat, salads, bread, cool drinks
and ice cream provided from 12 noon

RSVP: moore.edu.au/open

Focus for October

- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (15-17, 22-23 October)**
 - **Day of Prayer (18 October)**
 - **Finance Department**
 - **Scripture teaching**
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Week 1: Monday, 1 October – Sunday, 7 October

- **Sarah Rootes (1st year, p13)** Give thanks for joy in studying and the community at Moore. Please pray for my ongoing transition to Sydney life and new ministry position at St Martin's, Killara.
 - **Winnie Chan (2nd year, p20)** Give thanks for the faithful staff team at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican (NCA) where I am a student minister. Please pray for us as we grieve the recent sudden loss of a dear church member; pray for strength, comfort and peace for the staff team and church members during this time. Thank you!
 - 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 while also preparing for next year.
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Week 2: Monday, 8 October – Sunday, 14 October

- **Open Day and Spring Carnival (13 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.
- **Vanessa Ong (1st year, p13)** Thank God for a job in the College kitchen and for scholarships that help with my tuition fees for 1st and 2nd year. Please pray for God to provide for my 3rd year tuition fees.
- **Grace Huang (2nd year, p21)** Praise God for wonderful lecturers and fellow students. Please pray I'd enjoy the learning process and be content instead of stressing over assessments, and that I'd continue to grow in awe of God and appreciate the security we have in him.
- **Ed & Joc Loane (Faculty, p53)** Give thanks for the Loane family settling into a new church and for Jemima settling well into high school. Give thanks for the delight it is to see our children grow in their faith. Please pray for Ed as he has a heavy Sunday preaching load in this semester.

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Week 3: Monday, 15 October – Sunday, 21 October

- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (15-17, 22-23 October)** Please pray for those Faculty involved in Synod. Pray that they will make valuable contributions to the debates in Synod and pray for energy as they lecture during the days and attend Synod in the evenings. Please pray that wise decisions will be made during this Synod.
- **Day of Prayer (18 October)** Give thanks for the opportunity to put aside the College program and focus on the privilege of prayer. Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the College community.
- **Zack Hankin (1st year, p12)** Pray for rest from fatigue which has set in. Please also pray for me in my student ministry position at St George Hospital, that I would be a loving presence of God in the hospital. Pray for endurance as I tackle multiple assignments and wisdom for my participation in a documentary that will be shown on SBS called 'Christians like us'; pray that I bring glory to God. Give thanks that I'm no longer in need of financial support as I'm now on a pension. Give thanks that no growth has been observed with regards to my tumour and that God would provide no matter whether I am suffering or not. Give thanks for a great time of learning and edification during my time as a student minister at St Luke's, Miranda.

Week 4: Monday, 22 October – Sunday, 28 October

- **Centre for Christian Living evening seminar (24 October)** Pray for **Paul Williamson** as he speaks on 'A Hell of a difference: Christians and the afterlife'. Pray that those who attend would be encouraged in their faith and be equipped to help others think through this topic. (For more information, visit <https://ccl.moore.edu.au/ccl-events/>)
- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **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 always remain in our NSW public schools.
- **Eliza & Evan Harris (1st year, p12)** Give thanks for the great year we've had. We've learned so much about God and his character and look forward to putting this knowledge into practice as we minister to others.
- Give thanks for those who have been involved in the various **Moorewomen committees** throughout the year and for those who are involved in planning the various activities and programs for next year. Pray that these will be beneficial for the student wives and female students who attend.
- Give thanks for the **Finance Department** who work diligently to support the College Faculty and staff. Pray for wisdom in managing budgets and making the best use of limited resources.

Week 5: Monday, 29 October – Sunday, 4 November

- **Moorewomen Night on the Green (1 November)** Pray that this will be an enjoyable time for the women of the College as they farewell those who are leaving while giving thanks to God for all he has graciously done for them and through them this year. Please particularly pray for all those who are working hard in the preparation that goes into this night.
- **David & Amelia Hohne (Faculty, p53)** As I take up the role of Academic Dean for the College, give thanks for the opportunity to serve in this particular way and please pray for me as I play this part in helping the College to prepare men and women for full-time gospel ministry in Sydney, Australia and throughout the world. Also, give thanks for the student ministry groups at Macquarie and Sydney Universities and the encouragement they are to our daughter (Anna) and son (Josh). Please pray that our youngest son (Sam) will settle well into high school-aged ministries in our local area. Give thanks for the opportunity that Amelia has this year to work with new and overseas students as they settle into College life.
- **John TC & Vivian Lau (2nd year, p21)** Thank God for enabling me to study full-time and enjoy the community life of the College. Please pray that God will help my family and me to grow in our love and devotion towards him and to live a God-honouring life.
- Give thanks for those who visit **new mothers** and their babies at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on behalf of Mothers' Union and for those who make the gifts they give the women. Pray that God will raise up more women from the College community to be involved in visiting and for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.
- **Rowena & Adrian Russell (2nd year, p22)** Praise God for the opportunity to be studying Romans this semester and for my chaplaincy group. Please pray as I juggle assignments and church and 4 awesome teenagers. Give thanks for my husband without whom I couldn't survive this!

NOVEMBER 2018

Focus for November

- **Stuvac (5-8 November)**
- **Students sitting exams (9-15 November)**
- **Graduating Students' Dinner (15 November)**
- **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (16 November)**
- **Registrar's department and Faculty with exam marking**

Week 1: Monday, 5 November – Sunday, 11 November

- **Stuvac (5-8 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 well. 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.
- **Nick & Elissa O'Neil (1st year, p13)** Please pray for us as we keep serving at church; that we would consolidate relationships from the first half of the year and be able to encourage and spur others on thoughtfully and well.
- **Zach & Jess Anderson (1st year, p11)** Thank God for a great first year at College and pray that we'll finish the year well. Please ask God to bring more high-schoolers from Annandale to Village Church's youth group on a Friday night. Please also pray that there would be faithful new leaders for 2019.
- **End of year examinations (9-15 November)** Pray that students will be able to recall all they have learned and be able to demonstrate their knowledge in the exams. Pray that they will cope well with the stress that exams can bring, and continue to serve one another as a student body.
- **Eric Han & Janice Jang (1st year)** Thank God for the opportunities to serve in informal ministries this year. Please pray that the Lord would lead us to a new church in which we can settle, serve and be trained in ministry.
- **Peter & Emma Orr (Faculty, p53)** Please pray with the Orrs for a growth in godliness and thankfulness as a family in the busyness of life. Please pray for opportunities to witness to those we know and love.

Week 2: Monday, 12 November – Sunday, 18 November

- **YC & Winnie Tang (3rd year, p35)** Give thanks to God that I am enjoying this year's study. Please pray for God's guidance and for us to trust him as we start to explore ministry opportunities after College.
- **Graduating Students' Dinner (15 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 as they are farewelled.
- **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (16 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 (16 November)** Give thanks for all that the students have learned from their lectures throughout the year.
- **Chloe & Tom Stewart (2nd year)** Thank God for the gift of studying his word with encouraging people. Please pray for my health to continue improving, for concentration, and for wisdom and guidance as Tom and I make decisions for 2019 and beyond.

Week 3: Monday, 19 November – Sunday, 25 November

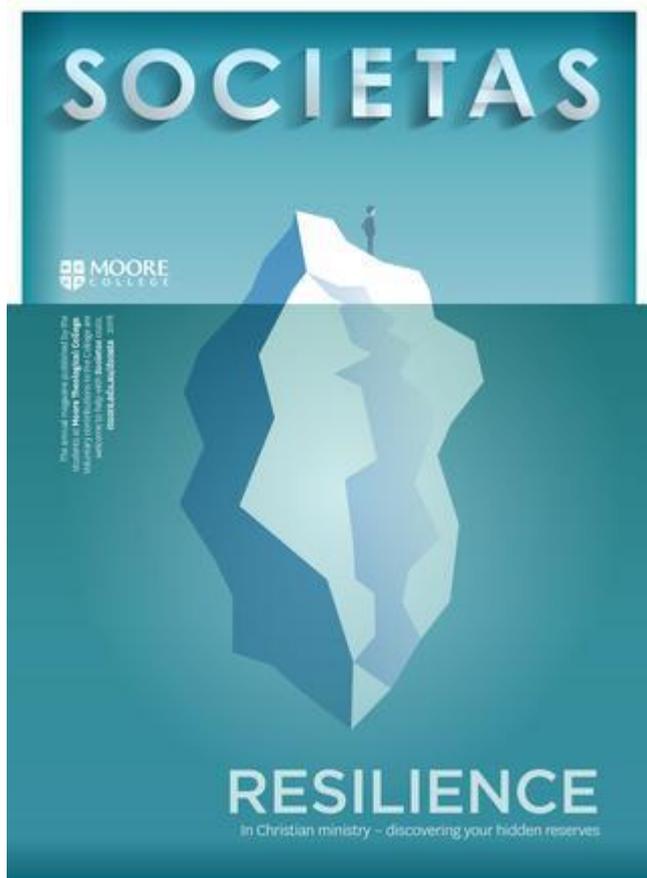
- Pray for the Faculty as they continue **marking exams** and seek to finalize results for students within a tight deadline. Pray for energy and perseverance so that they will be able to work carefully and that they will be fair and consistent in their marking.
- **Jamie & Aiesha Seyfang (2nd year, p23)** Give thanks for the opportunity to study for Jamie and the provision of work for Aiesha, and for the relationships we are building at Moore. Pray that we'd be a blessing at our church and for continuing growth at College.
- **Avril Lonsdale (2nd year, p21)** Praise God for the joy it has been to study full-time and move onto campus this year. Please pray that God would have mercy on those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- **Meagan McGilvray (2nd year, p22)** Give thanks for all that God has been teaching me about his wonderful character. Please pray that I will keep my eyes fixed on Christ. Please also pray that in the kids' ministry at St Andrew's Wahroonga, I will be a faithful minister of God's word.
- Pray for the **Registrar's Department** as they collate and organize exam results for the various Faculty and Academic Board meetings. Please help them to work quickly and accurately so that students can get their results in a timely manner.

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Week 4: Monday, 26 November – Friday, 30 November

- **Tom & Desiree Pollett (2nd year, p22)** Pray for wisdom in relationships and for balance of family, College and church responsibilities. Give thanks that God is at work in the lives of people at church.
- Pray for families living on the **Newtown, Croydon Park and North Parramatta campuses** that they will grow in godliness as they balance the special joys and unique trials of living in close communities. Pray particularly for those about to farewell neighbours and welcome new ones. Pray that the communities will adjust quickly and that they will be welcoming to the newcomers over the next few months.
- **Monique New (2nd year, p22)** Thank God for his kindness this year and the joy of serving him. Please pray for patience and thankfulness for me as I study at College while missing the joy of full-time gospel ministry.
- **John Kim and Clare Cheung (1st year, p12)** Thank God for all the friends and colleagues we have gotten to know this year and the opportunity to study God's word together. It feels like we have known them for years! Pray for continued diligence and resilience in my studies, opportunities for mission in life, and for my church family at Christchurch Gladesville.
- 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 and discernment as, under God, they plan for the future of the College.
- Please pray for preparations for the **Priscilla and Aquila Centre Annual Conference 2019, *The Complementarian Jigsaw: Gender, Ministry and the Local Church***, to be held on 4 February 2019. Please pray that everything will come together smoothly and that the conference will be helpful for those attending.

Personal Prayer Notes



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