

## **Pray for us as we show Christ to people in extreme moments of need.**

### **Pray for those in hospital or gaol**

Pray for those in our gaols who are serving long sentences, and feel a sense of despair. Pray for those who lead the "Inside Program" - a series of Bible Studies addressing lifestyle choices and offending behaviour from a spiritual perspective. Pray for those who hear the gospel, turn to God and are saved.

Pray for our Senior Chaplain, Rev Morris Key who is the President of The NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education [CPE] and teaches CPE to those intending to become chaplains. Pray that he would continue to have energy and enthusiasm in his teaching, and wisdom as he guides the students.

Pray for Mr Earl Arvin, our Chaplain at Royal North Shore Hospital, who is undergoing treatment for a brain tumour. Pray for the Lord's peace for him and his family at this time.

### **Pray for those with a disability**

Give thanks for Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital and the wonderful support from so many people both within and outside our church family. Give thanks for the ongoing support of the Rosalind E Nicholson Trust. Pray for the children as we travel through the Winter months which are a difficult time for them. Give thanks for our staff who work tirelessly to care for those who cannot care for themselves. Pray in particular for Scott (EDON), Rhonda (Chaplain) and Colin (Director) as they seek to present Jesus in the what, why and how we serve our Saviour.

Pray, and consider biblically the position your church is in regarding relationships with people who have a disability. Pray for Jason Forbes, our Disability Advocate, as he works with local churches and Presbyteries to implement the Luke14 programme, and provide support and encouragement.

### **Pray for the troubled**

Pray for our counsellors as they help those who are troubled. In particular, please pray for Christian marriages that are under pressure and young people who find themselves feeling desperate and lonely. Give thanks that we are in a position to help people with the cost of accessing professional help.

### **Pray for the young people**

Pray for the students in our Student Residences. Pray that they will benefit from being part of a Christian community, and that they will grow in their love and knowledge of our great God.

### **Pray for the hungry**

Pray for those who struggle to find enough to eat, particularly as the weather gets colder.

### **Pray for After-a-Fashion**

Give thanks to God:

- that he has provided a good site for the Wentworthville Shop and that it is continuing to attract new customers;
- that we have wonderful staff and volunteers who are focused on having godly conversations with customers; and
- that the new depot is working efficiently after the traumas of moving such a complex operation, and for the willing perseverance of our staff.

Thank God for the encouragement of the wider church for the work of the After-a-Fashion stores as we continue to trade in difficult time. Pray that many conversations will occur in our shops where we can freely talk of God's abundant love and Grace. Pray that our staff will be confident in their God to support them as they have conversations with customers and that the Holy Spirit will touch the lives of many who come to our stores.

### **Pray for those who need protection**

Pray for those who choose to speak to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Pray for comfort and healing. Pray for the Commissioners as they listen. Pray for wisdom. Pray for them as they will no doubt grieve with many.

Pray for Courtney Chan as she helps over 7,000 members of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales complete the new Working with Children Check over the next few months.

### **Pray for those struggling in the inner city**

Give thanks for the work of the Dorcas Committee as they provide much needed food and necessities to the homeless in our inner city area. Give thanks for their faithfulness and determination over many years to show God's grace. Pray for their safety and for more volunteers to step up to help make sandwiches.

### **Pray for the little children and those who care for them**

Pray for wisdom, patience and perseverance as individuals and teams in our children's services strive to provide a quality service for their families. Please give thanks and praise for the great work these services do in supporting families and reaching them with Christ's love.

**“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”**

**Hebrews 13: 15-16**