

## **Pray for us as we seek justice and show mercy in Jesus' name.**

### **Pray for the children at Allowah**

Thank God for the provision of Allowah and the difference it can make to a child's life. Pray that He would give us wisdom as we seek to serve more children and their families. Pray that we would seek to uphold our values of humility, integrity and truth, justice and compassion. Pray that a new Housekeeping Services and Catering Manager settles in quickly.

### **Pray for those that grieve**

Pray for those that grieve the loss of a loved one. Pray particularly for parents who grieve for their children. Pray that they may know God's comfort and that there would be someone close to them that can show them God's love.

### **Pray for the cold, the hungry and the isolated**

Pray for people who are without adequate housing or heating during these cold months; pray for protection and places of refuge. Thank God for the gift of 50 bedrolls that we can distribute to those living outside at present. Pray for young people who move from house to house looking for somewhere to stay; pray that they would find a place to belong.

Pray for those who are hungry and those who are isolated from the support of family friends and community. Thank God for Dorcas and the sandwiches and words of hope they deliver so faithfully in Sydney's inner-city parks. Pray for the elderly who struggle to make ends meet; pray that they would not go cold or hungry.

Pray for those with mental illness that drives them from home and family; that they would be kept safe. Pray for the children who lack the care and nurture they need; pray that they would find friendship and love.

### **Pray for those helping refugees**

From the International Teams – Sydney Refugee Team: Praise God for the provision of new team members and volunteers. Please pray for wisdom as we work through who and how we can assist as the number of referrals is greater than our capacity and for continued hope for those in difficult situations.

From a pastoral worker connected with International Teams: God is working on Nauru and we are privileged to see first-hand that God's love is reaching out to those whose hearts are searching for Him. During our stay, we were able to Baptise another twelve people in the ocean and this is a marvellous experience for all concerned. Most Christians in detention are very resilient but they are becoming increasingly tired and showing the strain of continued indefinite detention.

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### **Pray for those who teach our children and young people**

Thank God for the people who teach our children and young people about Him every week. Pray that our Sunday School, Kids' Church, Youth Group and Bible Study group leaders will be faithful to God's word. Pray that they would be encouraged and courageous as they lead young people to Christ. Pray that they would be an encouragement to the families of the children and that they would be encouraged by them.

### **Pray for our Student Residence**

Thank God for a good first semester for the students. Pray for them to have refreshing breaks. Many of them will be spending much anticipated time at home with their families. Pray for those travelling overseas to have safety. Pray for a good supportive community to develop at Dunmore over the rest of the year.

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

We have lots of little ones and big people with sicknesses at the moment. Please pray for healing and for protection from further sickness. Please pray that we will continue to be faithful in making Jesus known in our services, and that those hearing about Jesus will want to know more and more. We give great thanks to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings and faithfulness in times of challenge.

### **Pray for our Chaplains**

At Hornsby Hospital: The first week of July was NAIDOC Week and we are hosting a display with the theme "We All Stand on Sacred Ground". The Chaplains Department looked at Indigenous Spirituality and creating opportunities to discuss Biblical answers to age old questions. The Hospital Bible Fellowship (HBF), hosts a monthly breakfast for Christian hospital staff to meet and encourage one another. Pray for God's guidance and blessing on this venture.

At Royal North Shore Hospital: Rev Keith Walker has now taken on a full time Chaplain position at RNSH. Pray that he will be able to serve the Courts of the Church, get to know the churches in the Presbytery and to serve them in the grace of the Lord Jesus. An induction service for Rev Walker will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> August in the Royal North Shore Chapel at 8.00pm – anyone is invited to attend.

Thank God for Joseph Park who has been appointed as the chaplain at St Vincent's Private Hospital. Pray that he would settle in quickly as he starts there part time in August. Pray for the people of his church in Bonnyrigg as they prepare for him to leave at the end of the year.

Thank God for the service of Evelyn Sims as she retires from chaplaincy. Pray that she would enjoy her retirement close to family and thank God for the many, many lives she has spoken the name of Jesus into over her years with Jericho Road.