

# PrayerNet

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No matter what our employment, or where we live, someone (or a group of someones) is in authority over us. At work, it's the manager of our division, the board of the company and our state and federal governments and other statutory bodies which legislate the sector in which we work. In our homes, we are under the authority of the local council.

At university it is no different. There are authorities governing the use of campus facilities and deciding who can have market day stalls and contact students on campus. On some campuses, these authorities are antagonistic towards any Christian presence on campus. On others, these authorities are helpful.

However, as Paul reminded Timothy, it is important for us to pray for "all who are in high positions" (i.e. all who are in authority) whether they are antagonistic or helpful (verse 1). In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 Paul wrote:

*<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (ESV)*

Paul urged Timothy to pray for everyone but particularly those in authority. The goal of praying for those in authority over us is "that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (verse 2). Although it is nice to live a peaceful and quiet life, the primary benefit isn't for the Christian. It is for God's pleasure and the fulfilment of his desire: for "all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (verse 4). As John Piper has commented:

*God approves of our prayers for peace and tranquility because he approves of the advance of the gospel. Peace is not the main thing; salvation is the main thing. Tranquility is not the goal; the knowledge of the truth of God, that's the goal.<sup>1</sup>*

Pray for good relationships between student groups and those in authority over them on campus (e.g. the university administration, student union/guild, the university's chaplaincy) so that students and staff can get on with "proclaiming Jesus Christ at university to present everyone mature in him". – LB

\* The weeks in the *PrayerNet* calendar (above) run from Sunday to Saturday.

<sup>1</sup> John Piper, 'Pray for Kings and all in High Positions', [www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Sermons/ByScripture/21/277_Prayer_for_Kings_and_All_in_High_Positions/), 18 January 1981: [http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Sermons/ByScripture/21/277\\_Prayer\\_for\\_Kings\\_and\\_All\\_in\\_High\\_Positions/](http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/Sermons/ByScripture/21/277_Prayer_for_Kings_and_All_in_High_Positions/) (accessed 26 February 2010).



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**proclaiming Jesus Christ at university to present everyone mature in him**

# Weeks 1-2

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## Important dates:

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- 1 UniSA Orientation begins
- 1-3 Deakin Burwood O-Week
- 2 UniWA Launch Dinner
- 3 Newcastle Uni Public Meetings start  
Deakin, Burwood O-Week BBQ
- 5-6 SCU, Lismore Weekend Away
- 5-7 JCU Kick Off Camp
- 6 Newcastle Uni Big Day Out
- 10 Flinders Uni Info 'n' Games Night
- 11 UniSA Breakfasts begin

## Prayer points:

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### University of Western Australia - Christian Union (WA)

- ➡ Thank God for the **fantastic attendance at our first Public Meeting of the year**, especially for the number of first years and new contacts that attended. Pray that this attendance will continue, and translate to high attendance at all our events.
- ➡ Pray that our **CU Launch Dinner (2 Mar)** will be effective in making first years feel welcome and excited about being a part of CU.
- ➡ Thank God for **the large amount of contacts made at O-Day**, and pray that they would be excited about getting involved in CU. Especially pray that our non-Christian contacts would remain open and that we might be able to effectively reach them with the gospel.
- ➡ Thank God for **all the people who have signed up for small groups**, and pray that timetable issues will be sorted out so that we can accommodate all of them in small groups.
- ➡ Pray that we will find a **permanent time for our committee to meet** despite very difficult timetables.

*Scott Kendall (distant.shores@hotmail.com)*

### Deakin University, Burwood - Christian Union (Vic)

Praise God ...

- ➡ that we could get together at **Reload – our kick-off event before O-Week (held 23 Feb)** – and reconnect with continuing students, look at God's word together, and get excited about what's ahead this year. Praise God that we met some new people who are coming to Deakin for the first time this year.
- ➡ that we have a **good connection with the Deakin Student Union**. Praise God that, so far, we have been able to communicate well with them and have developed a good working relationship with them. Please pray that this would continue throughout the year.

Please pray ...

- ➡ that we would get a good location for the CU table at **O-Week (1-3 Mar)** and that many people would approach us and ask questions about Jesus and our club. Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel and for boldness as we meet with new people. Pray that students would come to the BBQ we are hosting (Wed 3 Mar) and that new friendships would be made. Please pray that the people we meet in O-Week will come back to CU throughout the trimester.
- ➡ that God would bless **the preaching series and events** we have planned for this trimester. Our first series, called "I am the greatest", is looking at Jesus from Mark's gospel. Please pray that many people would come and hear the truth about Jesus and be changed through the preaching of God's word.
- ➡ that we will continue to **build relationships with our non-Christian friends** on campus. Ask God to give us opportunities to love others on campus, and for opportunities to share our faith with them.

*Candace Buller (crbuller@gmail.com)*

### University of South Australia, Magill and Mawson Lakes - Evangelical Students (SA)

- ➡ Pray that our **fortnightly breakfasts (beginning Thurs 11 Mar)** at Mawson Lakes will go well and will reach out to many students but particularly international students.
- ➡ Pray that we will make ourselves known on campus during the **March Fest-Orientation (beginning 1 Mar)** and that will reach many new and continuing students.

*Rachael Sheridan (sherl003@students.unisa.edu.au)*

### Southern Cross University, Lismore - The Bible Talks (NSW)

- ➡ Give thanks for the **opportunities God gave us to get to know first year students** during O-Week (15-19 Feb). Pray for TBTERS as they follow up the contacts we have made. Pray also that the first years will acknowledge the importance of God in their lives at uni.
- ➡ Praise God also for **the excellent turnout at our first main meeting** (half of the students were first years and the other half were 'old' TBTERS). Pray that these students will continue to come to meetings, that the gospel will be graciously presented to everyone, and that God's Spirit will transform their hearts and lives.
- ➡ Please pray that students will be able to come to our upcoming **weekend away (5-6 Mar)** and that there will be many fruitful conversations over the weekend.
- ➡ Pray also for **Akos and Katharine (our fearless staffworkers)** as they organise this year's committee and upcoming events.

*Laura Phelps (laura\_mae\_p@hotmail.com)*

### University of Newcastle - Newcastle Christian Students (NSW)

- ➡ Please ask the Lord to bring many **new people to our public meetings** (each Wednesday starting 3 Mahr). Pray that many new Christian students will partner with us in proclaiming Jesus Christ to the campus. Pray that as we proclaim Jesus on campus, those who don't yet believe may see the real Jesus.
- ➡ Pray that many new students will come to our **Big Day Out (6 Mar)** - we're heading to a nearby surf club for a day to have an 'open-day' with Bible talks, food, faculty groups and chilled times. Pray that God will use the day to honour Jesus in their lives.
- ➡ Pray that the **student committee** there is a mountain of activity at the start of the year, and so much time is spent planning, preparing and running events. Ask God to help us depend on Him for perseverance and strength and deepen in our relationship with Him.

*Sam Broadfoot (sambroadfoot@gmail.com)*

### James Cook University, Townsville - Christian Union (Qld)

- ➡ Pray that our **Kick Off Camp (5-7 Mar)** might go well, and that it might bear fruit in student lives throughout the semester.
- ➡ Praise God for all **the first year students who came along to our events during O-Week (15-19 Feb)**. Pray that the older students would be working hard at building relationships and following up new contacts after the week.
- ➡ Pray that students would have a heart to know God as they decide how they are going to balance study, Christian Union, church, work etc as the semester starts.

*Damon Scott (dscot66@gmail.com)*

### Flinders University, Adelaide - Evangelical Students (SA)

Praise God ...

- ➡ for those who came to **Commencement Camp**, especially new students, and for the great time of learning, fun, and fellowship.
- ➡ that ES could be a part of **O-Week** activities on campus.

Please pray ...

- ➡ that the students we made contact with as part of our O-Week activities will continue to be involved in ES.
- ➡ that many will come to our **Info 'n' Games Night (10 Mar)** so that they can learn more about Flinders ES in a fun and relaxed environment.
- ➡ for **the 2010 committee** as they settle into their roles for this year.
- ➡ for a smooth start to our **regular activities** on campus (The Bible Talks, small groups, prayer meetings, missions breakfasts, Tuesday Night Training).

*Matt Minne (matt.minne@gmail.com)*

### University of Sydney, Main Campus - Evangelical Union (NSW)

- ➡ Pray that EUers will be bold in proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord with people in their classes.
- ➡ Pray for the '**Christianity 101**' **public meetings (Tuesdays in the first four weeks of March)**. Ask God in his mercy to bring the lost to hear his word, and by his Spirit see them repent and believe. Pray that 'regular' public meetings (Wednesdays and Thursdays) will challenge and encourage Christian students as we hear from the book of Isaiah. Ask for Christ's mind for Paddy and Rowan as they prepare and speak.
- ➡ Pray for **small group leaders and faculty teams organising Bible studies**. Ask that the Spirit would work to conform students to the likeness of Jesus Christ through these studies in 2010.
- ➡ Pray that as first year students are introduced to the EU they would hear the call to get involved with God's work on campus in 2010 and for the duration of their studies.
- ➡ Praise God for providing **ten new trainee staff and a new senior staffworker** to work alongside the EU in 2010-11. Ask that they find their strength in Jesus as ministry intensifies.

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# Week 3

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## Important dates:

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- 15 Wollongong Uni Debate
- 16 Macquarie Uni debate between Dan Barker (atheist) and Chris Forbes (Christian lecturer)
- 19-21 Wollongong Uni Commencement Camp  
Macquarie Uni Ignition  
CSU, Albury & LaTrobe, Wodonga Kick Off Camp  
LaTrobe, Bundoora Base Camp

## Prayer points:

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### Charles Sturt University, Albury (NSW) & La Trobe University, Wodonga (Vic) - Christian Union

- ➡ Give thanks for **the safe arrival of David Fowler**, our new full-time staffworker at our campuses. Pray for him as he settles into this new role. Pray also for his family as they settle into life in Albury.
- ➡ Give thanks for **O-Week**, for the events we were able to hold to get to know the new students. Pray that we would continue these friendships, encouraging Christian students in their walk with Christ and having opportunities to share the gospel with non-believers.
- ➡ Pray that many students from both campuses will come to **Kick Off Camp (19-21 Mar)**. Pray that the camp will be an encouraging time of building new relationships and learning from God's word. Thank God for the hospitality of a local Christian family who's letting us have the camp on their farm.

*Claire McDonald (cb\_ringlet@hotmail.com)*

### Macquarie University, Sydney - Christian Union (NSW)

- ➡ Pray that **the first years that were contacted during enrolment and O-Week** will be followed up well and will start attending public meetings and small groups where they will grow in knowledge and understanding of Christ.
- ➡ Pray for **clarity of understanding for Scott** as he reads the book of Revelation and delivers public meeting talks on Revelation throughout first semester.
- ➡ Pray that our **new staffworker, Sam, and new ministry apprentice, Hamish**, will settle into CU quickly and serve God faithfully during their time at Macquarie.
- ➡ Pray for the **organisation and commencement of small groups**, that timetabling will run smoothly and edifying discussion on the book of Revelation will take place.
- ➡ Pray for **a debate we are hosting (16 Mar)** between Chris Forbes, a Christian lecturer at Macquarie, and Dan Barker, an American atheist, on Jesus and Christianity. Pray that this will be an opportunity to promote the truth of the gospel to the Macquarie campus and that it will encourage people to intelligently consider the Christian faith.
- ➡ Pray that many first years will come to **Ignition (our 'get to know you' camp, 19-21 Mar)** and solid friendships will be formed. Pray also for Sam as he delivers the talks, that he faithfully teaches God's word and encourages people to 'Get on Board'.

*Amanda Sharpe (shootingstar\_15@hotmail.com)*

### La Trobe University, Bundoora - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Praise God for the many great conversations had during **orientation week** activities and that the activities all ran smoothly.
- ➡ Praise God for **the success of the enrolment week surveys** and the many follow-ups that happened through this.
- ➡ Pray that many students will come to the **English conversation classes and Bible studies** that run at the Language Centre, for international students looking to study degrees at La Trobe. Pray that the leaders will lead well and have great ideas and that many students will come to know God through this ministry.
- ➡ Pray that many new students will come to **Base Camp (19-21 Mar)**. Pray that the Christian students will come along wanting to grow in their relationship with God and that any non-Christians that attend will experience the love of our Lord and through his grace and mercy come to know him.
- ➡ Pray that **our committees** – the general CU committee, missions committee and FOCUS committee – will work together to proclaim the gospel around La Trobe. Pray that they will know that God is in control of all things, whether great or small.
- ➡ Pray that **our current staffworkers** would faithfully support and guide us through the coming year. Pray that they will continue to grow in their relationship with God through their ministry training.

*Suzanna Dixon (suzannadixon@y7mail.com)*

### University of Wollongong (NSW) - Evangelical Christian Union

- ➡ Praise God for **the many international and local students we've met over enrolments and O-Week** during late January and throughout February. Pray that we will lovingly care for other students on campus. Pray that those involved in ECU will together be built up into Christ.
- ➡ Pray for **C from China** who writes, "I will like to learn about Jesus. Are there still activities on this Thursday? If there are, please tell me the exact time and location. I will arrive on time." Pray that God might soften C's heart and enable him to place his trust in Jesus, whom he's learnt about at FOCUS. Pray for the many international students who make similar inquiries.
- ➡ Pray that students will join our ECU lunchtime Bible talks, smaller faculty groups, and residential college groups and be impacted by Malachi, the gospel and rich fellowship on campus.
- ➡ This week we will be hosting a **debate between an atheist and a Christian (15 Mar)**. Pray that many would come and that God would use the event for his glory. Pray that Christians attending would show Christ's love in how they speak and act.
- ➡ Pray for Ben as he speaks at **our commencement camp, called "Reload" (19-21 Mar)**, on wisdom from the book of James. Pray that God would give us understanding and that he would spur us on to honour him in how we live. Pray that new students would be welcomed well by existing members.

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# Weeks 4-5

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## Important dates:

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22-26	QUT Mission Week
26-28	LaTrobe, Bendigo Kick Off Camp
31	LaTrobe, Bendigo Easter evangelistic event
31 - 7 Apr	QUT students travelling to PNG

## Prayer points:

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### Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane - QUT Christians (Qld)

- ➡ Pray for the upcoming **mission week (22-26 Mar)** titled "Unbelievable: Why Christianity isn't as crazy as you might think".
- ➡ Pray for the **trip to PNG (31 Mar - 7 Apr)** being made by some of the students. Pray that the Papua New Guineans and Aussies might build each other up in love and faithfully serve each other there.
- ➡ Give thanks that **Pete** has been given a day off work each week to come to uni as an evangelist on campus.
- ➡ Give thanks that **Naree** also has one day per week to be a female staffworker on campus.
- ➡ Give thanks for **the large number of members who signed up at market day**. Pray that these large numbers would convert into a higher percentage of students getting involved in QC.
- ➡ Pray particularly for one muslim lady who asked a huge question at market day "What is Christianity?" Pray that she might come to know Jesus as her Saviour and Lord.

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### Curtin University, Perth - Curtin Christian Union (WA)

- ➡ Pray that students will respond to meeting us in O-Week by connecting with CCU and getting involved in our public meetings and Bible studies.
- ➡ Pray that Brad (our staffworker) will teach the truth in our Wednesday Bible Talks and this would excite the people listening. Pray that regular CU students will help with organising and running these meetings. Pray that God will use these meetings to stir up a passion for Christ and living for him on campus. Pray that in all we do the glory will go to God.
- ➡ Pray that Jesus would be proclaimed clearly in our **week 4 gospel talk (week beginning 22 Mar)** and that students will respond in repentance and faith.
- ➡ Please pray that **Grow**, our weekly training afternoon, will be well attended by CUers and that they might commit to coming every week. Also, pray that they will learn and grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus our Lord through these meetings.
- ➡ Our **FOCUS group** is also planning some Bible studies and outreach events. Pray that this new addition to the Curtin campus develops and grows and pray particularly for Du Vinh as he leads them.

Bethwyn Hodge ([bethwyn.hodge@student.curtin.edu.au](mailto:bethwyn.hodge@student.curtin.edu.au))

### Charles Sturt University, Orange - Orange Christian Students (NSW)

- ➡ Thank God that we have been able to have some presence on campus by running an **O-Week sporting event**.
- ➡ Pray that the **contacts we made during O-Week** would come to the group and be committed to reaching the campus for Jesus.
- ➡ Pray that we will continue to make **contact with first year students** who are Christians and that they will stand firm in the face of temptation.
- ➡ Pray that we would **welcome the first year students** well.

*Greg Blanch (greg@doechurch.org.au)*

### La Trobe University, Bendigo - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Pray for our **post O-Week follow-up** and that we will continue to make connections with new Christians on campus.
- ➡ Pray that **returning students** will settle back into uni life smoothly.
- ➡ Pray that **new students** will make a smooth transition into uni life.
- ➡ Pray for our **Kick Off Camp (26-28 Mar)** at Anglesea. We'll be looking at the book of Daniel.
- ➡ Pray for our **Easter evangelistic event (31 Mar)**.

*Dawn Williamson (dawnie\_girl22@hotmail.com)*

### University of Technology, Sydney - CREDO (NSW)

- ➡ Praise God that **I-day** (an information day for first year students, held 18 Feb) went really well. In total, 18 students signed up for small groups. Pray that these students will continue to grow in their faith in God through Credo.
- ➡ Praise God that **O-day (24 Feb)** ran smoothly. Pray for follow up for the 130 students who signed up for small groups.
- ➡ Pray that Credo will be able to get **Public Meetings, Small Groups and Prayer Meetings** up and running as soon as uni commences. Pray that many new students will get involved in Credo.
- ➡ Pray that God would give the **students and staff commencing their leadership roles** in Credo in 2010 wisdom in running Credo. Pray that they'll continue to seek to serve the Lord in everything they do.

*Kathy Zhang (catherine\_lin\_000@hotmail.com)*

### RMIT, Melbourne - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Pray that **students that signed up in orientation** will come along to Bible studies and meetings and, consequently, make a decision to get involved in CU and get fired up about Jesus.
- ➡ Pray that both Christian and non-Christian students will come along to CU so that Christian students would grow in maturity and passion for Jesus and that non-Christian students would be led to Jesus.
- ➡ Pray that the faith of those involved in CU will grow and that both leaders and students grow in maturity and passion for Jesus.
- ➡ Pray that CU would grow greatly in numbers in 2010, with people who will be committed and are on fire for Jesus.
- ➡ Give thanks that CU moves closer every year to its goal of having 10% of RMIT students in the group. Pray that we would eventually achieve this goal.

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