

PrayerNet

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Therefore, since we have a great high priest

who has gone through the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God,

let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

For we do not have a high priest

who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

but we have one who has been tempted in every way,

just as we are—yet was without sin.

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,

so that we may receive mercy

and find grace to help us in our time of need.

~ Hebrews 4:14-16 ~

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



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Weeks 1-2

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Important dates:

- 31 Mar - 7 QUT students travelling to PNG
- 31 Mar Uni of Wollongong Easter Service
- 1 Uni of Wollongong FOCUS Easter gathering
- 1-4 Melbourne Uni Cross Cultures Easter Camp
- 1-5 UTS Easter Time Convention

Prayer points:

University of Wollongong (NSW) - Evangelical Christian Union

- Thank God we were able to host a **debate between an atheist and a Christian (15 Mar)**. Praise the Lord that the lecture theatre was packed out. Pray that there may be opportunities to follow up those non-believers that attended the debate.
- Thank God that we were able to go away together on **Reload, our start of the year camp**. Also thank God that for all of the new friendships that were made whilst on camp and pray that we would enact upon the many convictions that came from studying the book of James.
- Pray for our **Easter service (31 Mar) and for the FOCUS Easter gathering (1 Apr)**. Pray that many students will come and be changed by hearing God's word by his Spirit!

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

- 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.

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Flinders University, Adelaide - Evangelical Students (SA)

Praise God for ...

- good attendance at our Bible talks. Pray that God will continue to bless many students through this ministry.
- a great start to our Tuesday Night Training meetings. They've been fantastic evenings of encouragement, learning and fellowship.

Please pray for ...

- our **Easter celebration (1 Apr)** to be held with the Overseas Christian Fellowship. May it be a time of celebration, fellowship and outreach.
- our **small groups** as they kick-off. Pray that students can come along and will feel welcome and comfortable to participate, share and learn.

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University of Sydney, Cumberland - Evangelical Christian Union (NSW)

- Praise God that so **many first years on campus want to read the Bible with us**. Pray that the student leaders and staff members would be able to do this, and cope with having so many students.
- Pray for our **Easter mission on campus** - that students will be able to engage with what Easter is all about - Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Pray that as we go through a **series on Luke's Gospel** this semester that we would be reminded of who Christ is, why he came and how we should live in response to these things

Josh Bishop (joshuabish@gmail.com)

Melbourne University - Cross Cultures (FOCUS) (Vic)

- ➡ Thank God for **new international students** coming to Cross Cultures who want to learn about Jesus.
- ➡ Thank God for a **strong team of small group leaders** Pray that they will grow in faith and love this semester.
- ➡ Pray for **another female staffworker** to join our team.
- ➡ Pray that international students would come to our **Easter Camp (1-4 Apr)**; that they'll listen and understand Jesus' words and go on to bear fruit. Pray that, on the camp, the Christian students will show Christ's love clearly; that the non-Christian students would be attracted to Christ. Pray also for Luke as he gives the Bible talks at Easter Camp.
- ➡ Pray for **Luke and Jane** as they welcome their baby boy expected late April. Pray that God would give them strength and joy in this new chapter as a family.
- ➡ Pray that we'll maintain our **"double edge"** - (a) warm welcome to both Christians and non-Christians; (b) unashamed and respectful difference between those who follow Christ and those who don't.

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

- ➡ Pray for the **pancake breakfasts** that have been happening at Mawson Lakes and the students they have been connecting with.
- ➡ Pray for **Kate, our apprentice staffworker**, as she meets with an international student to read the Bible and talk about matters of faith.
- ➡ Pray for **one of our students who was recently in a serious car accident**. Pray for their quick recovery.

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University of Technology, Sydney - CREDO (NSW)

- ➡ Praise God that we have had a **huge increase in numbers in our public meetings and small groups** compared to last year. Pray that the students attending may continue to do so throughout the year, even when exams and assignments fall due. Pray that their relationship with Jesus is the centrepiece of their life.
- ➡ Give thanks to God for our **Easter mission (29 Mar - 1 Apr)**. Pray that God may grow the seeds that have been planted in those students who have come to the talks. Pray that Credo will continue to keep in touch with the students who have placed their faith in Jesus or are thinking about doing so.
- ➡ Praise God that Credo can have our annual **ETC (Easter Time Convention from 1-5 Apr)**. Pray that we will form lifelong friendships and that we may apply the things taught by Phil Nicholson to our day to day life.

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University of Newcastle - Newcastle Christian Students (NSW)

- ➡ Praise God for **bringing many people to our weekly Bible talks, welcome dinners and our first conference 'Big Day Out' (6 Mar)** where we were able to welcome many first years into NCS and receive great bible teaching, awesome food and learn how to glorify God in our lives.
- ➡ Give thanks for **the great number of first year groups that are running within NCS faculties** this semester. Praise God that there are many first years who know and love Jesus and are keen to join with NCS in proclaiming Jesus' name on campus. Also pray that they will consciously acknowledge the importance of God in their own lives at uni.
- ➡ Give thanks for **the new 'mission teams'** that are beginning this semester. Pray that they may be successful in reaching target groups on the Newcastle campus, building relationships and preaching the good news to all who would hear.
- ➡ Please pray for **the many faculty leaders, student committee leaders and staffworkers within NCS** that they may continually seek God's will, depend on God for their strength and perseverance as times get busy and always desire to increase our relationship with our Lord.

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Week 3

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Important dates:

16 UniSA & Adelaide Uni Day Conference

Prayer points:

Deakin University, Burwood - Christian Union (Vic)

Praise God for ...

- ➡ the many **connections we made with Deakin students during O-Week**. Thank him for providing good locations for our table, for giving us many opportunities to talk about Jesus, and for sustaining us through a busy, tiring week.
- ➡ **bringing many people to our weekly meeting**, "The Bible Talks". Thank him for answering our prayers in this way, especially for bringing Christian guys to CU.
- ➡ the opportunities we had to open God's word together at **Camp-O (orientation camp)** and the time we had to build relationships with each other - especially with new people.

Please pray ...

- ➡ for our **Bible study series** on the book of Malachi starting after Easter (week beginning Apr 12). Please pray that students would make a commitment to attending Bible study groups regularly and that we would grow in godliness as we open his word together.
- ➡ that we would build good relationships with the **international students at Deakin** and that we would seek to support them. Pray that God would give us wisdom and boldness in the ways that we love and care for them.
- ➡ that **God to reveal himself to the students at Deakin**, so that many would know him as their Lord and King.

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University of South Australia & Adelaide University, North Terrace Campuses - Evangelical Students (SA)

Praise God for ...

- ➡ the number of students who are attending Bible study groups and Bible talks.
- ➡ for the start up of Bible talks at the City East campus.

Pray ...

- ➡ for our **Day Conference (Apr 16)**. The topic is "guidance". Pray for the staffworkers who are preparing talks. And pray that the students would be open to what God has to say and that they would be challenged and encouraged by what they learn. Pray also that many students would be able to come.

For our **Bible study groups in term 2** ...

- ➡ pray for the leaders as they prepare each week, especially for leaders whose first time it is leading a group.
- ➡ pray for the members who attend, that God would reveal his Word to them and that they would be able to apply it in their lives.
- ➡ pray that each group would be able to hold an evangelistic event sometime during the semester.

For the **City East Bible Talks** ...

- ➡ pray that all the City East ES Students would be able to attend as well as ES students from other campuses, to encourage one another.
- ➡ pray that people would be receptive to God's word on campus not only on the City East campus but on all the other campuses as well.

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Monash University - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Praise God for the **3 people who have become committed their lives to Jesus** since uni started this year through meeting and chatting with one of our staffworkers!
- ➡ Thank God for the wonderful **new students** who have started to become involved. Pray that they might be encouraged and strengthened in their faith through Christian Union, and that they would also be inspired about the part they can play in mission on campus.
- ➡ Our **weekly Tuesday lunch time 'God Talks'** has seen new people and more people coming along. Pray that we might continue to be outwards-focussed and welcoming to those who know little about Jesus, that we might advertise well and for ongoing inspiration as to how we can proclaim Christ in a way that reaches those who most need to hear about Him

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

- ➡ Praise God for the opportunity to publicly present the gospel on campus at **Grill-a-Christian (Mar 23)** and that TBTERS were able to bring their non-Christian friends. Pray that students will be compelled to learn more about Jesus, and to live for him.
- ➡ Please pray for **non-Christian students that we have relationships with** – both those who are interested in finding out more about Christ (A, M, K, J, L, C, L), and those who oppose the gospel (particularly R). Please pray that God transforms their hearts to love and serve him.
- ➡ Give thanks for the **growing number of students coming to weekly meetings**. Pray that each person attending would gain a deeper knowledge of God and longs to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.
- ➡ Please join us in praying for **our new leadership team** (elected Apr 1). Specifically pray that they would be effective ambassadors for Christ on campus and use their gifts to glorify God as they work together.

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La Trobe University, Bundoora - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Praise God for the success of **Base Camp**, for the 50 people who attended and for the relationships that were built during the weekend. Please pray that those who attended continue to grow in their relationship with God, and feel confident to share their experiences with their non-Christian friends.
- ➡ Praise God for the number of new people attending **Monday night training sessions**. Please pray that the group continues grow, and that the first year students in particular feel welcome.
- ➡ Praise God for **the girls' coffee and cake night** - the house was filled to over-flowing with girls who wanted to meet and connect with other Christian and non-Christian girls at La Trobe. Praise God that many of these girls were international students, representing many different nations.
- ➡ Pray that many students will come to **English conversation classes and Bible studies** that are run at the Language Centre, for international students looking to study degrees at La Trobe. Pray that the leaders and CU members involved will have many opportunities to connect with, and build relationships with these students.
- ➡ Pray for the **three committees (general, missions and FOCUS)**, that they will be leaders who follow Christ, serve others, and be disciple-makers on our campus.

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Week 4

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Important dates:

- 21 USyd Science debate
- 23-25 CDU Guys' Camp
- 23 CSU, Wagga Scavenger Hunt

Prayer points:

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

- ➡ Praise God for **the faithfulness of EUers meeting to pray** for revival in the lead-up to the EU's three-week 'Life' mission in second semester. Pray that Christ Jesus will strengthen the team organising the mission.
- ➡ Pray for the **debate between EU's Science faculty and the Sydney Uni Science Society (Apr 21)**—that many science students would attend, and that God would be at work among them by his Spirit.
- ➡ Pray that **the various faculty weekends away** happening in April will be great times of fellowship and mutual encouragement for students with their faculties, and that God will challenge and change hearts as his word is taught.
- ➡ Praise God for the blessing of **a vibrant and committed staff team**. Pray that students and staff would continue to work well in partnership together for the gospel.

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Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga - Christian Fellowship (NSW)

- ➡ Praise God for **the many first year students who have become connected with Christian Fellowship**. Thank God for answering our prayers by bringing first year guys to join us after a noticeable depletion of Christian guys in previous years. Thank God for blessing our efforts in reaching first year students through our Friday night social events and our Welcome Night.
- ➡ Thank God for **an encouraging weekend away** at Talbingo at our Kick-Off Camp (held Mar19-21). Thank God for the friendships that were formed between first year and upper-year students. Praise God for the challenging talks and small group discussions on 1 Corinthians 8-10, in which we studied how we, like Paul, can reach the cultures around us to win them for Christ. Pray that we would be emboldened to share our faith for the glory of God.
- ➡ Please pray for our **Scavenger Hunt (Apr 23)** in which Bible study groups compete against each other. Ask God that this event would encourage Bible study group members to bond together and create unity within Christian Fellowship.
- ➡ Please pray for the **training courses** run by Christian Fellowship to equip students with ministry skills. The courses run this Semester include Apologetics, *Two Ways To Live* and the youth leadership course *No Guts, No Glory*. Pray that students will be motivated to attend these courses to be further equipped in sharing the gospel with the university campus.

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University of Western Australia - Christian Union (WA)

- ➡ Pray for CU members in the lead-up to our **mission week (26-30 Apr)**. Pray that they will be excited about our different mission structure and that they will want to be involved with the planning of events. Also pray that they will be bold in inviting friends, and in continuing friendship evangelism. Ask God to help all of us to prayerfully trust in his provision. Most of all, pray that many non-Christians will come along, that God will soften their hearts, and that they will hear the gospel.
- ➡ Pray for our **Mission Workgroup** as they prepare for our mission week. Ask God to provide them with ideas, time, co-operation and organisational skills.
- ➡ Ask God that more CUers would get involved with **our new weekly prayer meeting**, and that it would be a time where God is glorified and Christians are encouraged.
- ➡ Thank God that we can freely run **a group for students in the residential colleges (College Connect)**. Ask God to grow College Connect in numbers, and to make it an environment that students feel comfortable inviting their college friends to. Pray that the students would be encouraged by each other, and that they would be a help to each other in living as Christians in a unique environment.

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Charles Darwin University, Darwin - CDU Christians (NT)

- ➡ Thank God that we have had **lots of first year students join Bible studies and come to main meeting**. Please pray that these students will want to know/find out more about God and will continue to come despite the increasing uni workload.
- ➡ Pray for **opportunities to build relationships with non-christians around uni**. Pray that our actions will speak louder than words. Also, please pray that we will also have the courage to talk to non-christians when the right time comes.
- ➡ Pray that many students will come to our **Guys' Camp (23-25 Apr)**. Please pray that all the students who come along will grow in their relationship with God, and knowledge of him and his view on relationships. Also pray that Tony would have wisdom as he prepares to speak at the camp.
- ➡ Pray that the **Girls' Camp (30 Apr - 2 May)** will be an encouraging time for building relationships with new students and learning from Gods word. Pray for Rachel as she also prepares various talks on relationships.

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

- ➡ Thanks God for **the number of new students** that have joined the group, both first years and others. Pray that we would continue to welcome them well and they would continue to see the priveledge of partnership for the gospel on campus.
- ➡ Pray for **the final year student who recently came to Christ at the end of 2009**. Thank God that he is growing and pray that he would continue to listen to God and learn what it is to grow as a child of God
- ➡ Pray that **we would all be missionaries on campus**.

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Week 5

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Important dates:

26-30	UWA Mission Week (p. 8)
28	UQ's second atheism-Christianity event
30-2 May	CDU Girls' Camp (p. 8)

Prayer points

University of Queensland, Brisbane - Evangelical Students (Qld)

Richard Dawkins came to Brisbane in March and ES was able to host a response involving a panel of Christian scientists, and the viewing of a debate between Dawkins and John Lennox.

- ➡ Praise God that hundreds of people attended, that about half were atheists/agnostics, and that they got involved and were asking questions. Pray that the second of these events (Apr 28) that those organizing it would show wisdom, and that atheists and agnostics would continue to be challenged.
- ➡ Pray that Christians in the **discussion groups between Christians and atheists** that have sprung up as a result would be able to lovingly respond to atheist claims, and that God would be working to bring these lost people to himself.
- ➡ Thank God that **attendance at prayer meetings** has greatly increased this year. Pray that the people of ES would be devoted to prayer, and would grow to love praying to their heavenly Father.

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RMIT, Melbourne - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ We thank God for the success of **Kick-Off Camp (26-28 Mar)**, and we pray that many of the people who came along for the first time will start attending our main meetings, social events and camps and become involved in a Bible study at RMIT.
- ➡ We pray for **Steve Williams (one of our senior staffworkers) and his family**. (Steve's children are sick.) We thank God that Steve was still able to speak at Kick-Off Camp despite this.
- ➡ We thank God for **the safe arrival of Joshua Luke Brownley (Mar 4)**, son of Luke (current ministry apprentice) and Katherine (former ministry apprentice).
- ➡ We praise God for bringing together Matt Pennycuick and Kath McCormack (RMIT CU student leaders) who met through RMIT CU and were married on March 27. We pray that they have a fruitful marriage, and that they are able to manage uni work along with their new life together.

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La Trobe University, Bendigo - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Pray that we will continue to be faithful in our follow up of the first years.
- ➡ Praise for the growth of the weekly meetings.
- ➡ Pray for the non-Christians who have been coming, that they will repent and believe, also wisdom and discernment in knowing how to talk to them.
- ➡ For those considering meeting up one-to-one, that they will be encouraged to do so.

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