



# Prayer diary

A Church *for* Tasmania  
Making Disciples of Jesus

## Welcome

This prayer diary is designed to help you pray in an intentional way for the work of our Church and our partners.

Thank you for sharing in prayer. Corporate prayer is important, it's an expression of our unity and like-mindedness.

Paul says in Philippians 2:2, *"then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind"*.

Jesus tells us that, "if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven". Together we lift our prayers to the Lord that he might grow us to be: ***a Church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.***

Printed in 2019, this prayer diary complements our Diocesan Vision and is intended to last until 2022. Updated supplementary lists to guide your specific prayer are available on our website **[www.anglicantas.org.au](http://www.anglicantas.org.au)** under Resources or from the Diocesan Office.



## Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are assured in the scriptures that God is able to do abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine (Eph 3:20). This is such an extraordinary statement, it spurs us on to “ask” and “imagine” what God might do among us, and then to anticipate even more! It inspires us to be **bold in our prayers**, and **seek the Lord’s blessing** on our church, **that He might be glorified** in and through us, and that we might truly be a Church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus. Would you join me in using this prayer diary, so that we might see what the Lord will do in us?

Let us pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love. And that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:14-19)

Warm wishes in Christ

**Bishop Richard**

# Disciple-making



## GIVE THANKS:

- that Jesus has sent us to share the transforming message of the gospel to people in Tasmania.

## PRAY:

- that we grasp hold of disciple-making as our primary task and in love make it the centre of all our activity.

*Jesus said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**MATTHEW 28:18-20**

## GIVE THANKS:

- that God hears and answers the prayers of his people and can do abundantly more than we can ever imagine or hope for.

## PRAY:

- that every parish will have an intentional prayer strategy with active prayer ministry, providing a variety of prayer opportunities throughout the week.



*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

**EPHESIANS 6:18**



## **GIVE THANKS:**

- that our church has an increasing culture of safety for all people and has many practices to protect vulnerable people and prevent abuse.

## **PRAY:**

- that we take all necessary steps to care for and protect the vulnerable and that our high standards of safety are respected, protected and acted upon.

*But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.*

**PSALM 5:11**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for our ministry leaders who are committed to preaching and teaching the bible and for our partner theological colleges that are committed to forming gospel men and women.

## PRAY:

- for highly skilled leaders who will stay true to the gospel and lead with integrity and prayerfulness.



*And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

**2 TIMOTHY 2:2**



## **GIVE THANKS:**

- that we can gather in freedom to worship Jesus and for the traditional and contemporary styles of worship that exist across our Diocese.

## **PRAY:**

- that each worship service will be focussed on the glory of the Lord Jesus, and that our churches will be places of transformative public worship aimed at growing discipleship and love.

*God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.*

**JOHN 4:24**

**GIVE THANKS:**

- for the power of the gospel to transform lives.

**PRAY:**

- that every parish would engage with people of little or no faith, evangelise, establish new Christians in the faith, and equip them for our mission of making disciples.



*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4**



## GIVE THANKS:

- for our partner Anglican mission agencies ABM and CMS, and for the Bush Church Aid Society and the funding and support they provide to further mission across Tasmania, especially for new church plants.

## PRAY:

- that parishes will support, promote, and pray for the work of our mission partners and that we actively develop partnerships for disciple-making with these agencies.

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.*

**LUKE 4:18-19**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for The Hutchins School, St Michael's Collegiate and Launceston Grammar School, for the principals, chaplains and staff, and the work of the boards who govern them.

## PRAY:

- that each school will commend a life lived in response to Jesus Christ in all that they do.



*How much better to get wisdom than gold,  
to get insight rather than silver!*

**PROVERBS 16:16**



## **GIVE THANKS:**

- for the churches and faithful people in this region who have a mission heart to lead our church into growth.

## **PRAY:**

- that the Archdeacon, clergy and lay leaders act with courage and faithfulness and that church members bear witness to the love of Jesus through their lives so that the people of north-west Tasmania come to know Jesus.

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

**JOHN 13:34-35**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for our clergy and ministry leaders and all who faithfully serve, work and lead in our church.

## PRAY:

- for our clergy and all in ministry, that God would encourage and sustain them, provide wisdom in their decision-making, that they would find rest in Christ, and reflect the love of Jesus to those around them.



*For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:5-9**



## **GIVE THANKS:**

- for the churches and faithful people in this region who have a mission heart to lead our church into growth.

## **PRAY:**

- that the Archdeacon, clergy and lay leaders act with courage and faithfulness and that church members bear witness to the love of Jesus through their lives so that the people of northern Tasmania come to know Jesus.

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

**JOHN 13:34-35**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for the ministry of our retired clergy and for those who continue to faithfully serve across our state.

## PRAY:

- for strength and wisdom to continue to serve the Lord, and that the Chaplain to this group will be well equipped to serve them.



*Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvellous deeds. Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.*

**PSALM 71:17-18**



## **GIVE THANKS:**

- for the churches and faithful people in this region who have a mission heart to lead our church into growth.

## **PRAY:**

- that the Archdeacon, clergy and lay leaders act with courage and faithfulness and that church members bear witness to the love of Jesus through their lives so that the people of the Derwent and south east region of Tasmania come to know Jesus.

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

**JOHN 13:34-35**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for the opportunities we have to share the gospel message in the community, particularly in hospitals, with aged-care providers, and in the prison service. Thank God for our chaplains and for all involved with the emergencies ministry.

## PRAY:

- for wisdom for our chaplains and the board members of these organisations and ask God to grow the number of chaplaincy opportunities in the state.



*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.*

**COLOSSIANS 3:12**

**GIVE THANKS:**

- that God has called us to be:

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**PRAY:**

- that God would transform people of every age and stage of life to become disciples of Jesus, who make disciples of Jesus.

Saving God, in love you gave your Son for the world.

Help us to be a Church for Tasmania, as in obedience, we make disciples of Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, may our parishes, agencies, schools & chaplaincies flourish and be a blessing to our communities, in the name of the risen Jesus who is with us to the end of the age.

Amen



*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*

**PROVERBS 29:18**



## GIVE THANKS:

- for the churches and faithful people in this region who have a mission heart to lead our church into growth.

## PRAY:

- that the Archdeacon, clergy and lay leaders act with courage and faithfulness and that church members bear witness to the love of Jesus through their lives so that the people of southern Tasmania come to know Jesus.

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

**JOHN 13:34-35**

**GIVE THANKS:**

- for Anglicare Tasmania's tireless service, practical care, and advocacy for people experiencing poverty or disadvantage.

**PRAY:**

- for wisdom and strength for the Anglicare team, for the many Tasmanians whose lives are touched by the work of Anglicare, and for an end to poverty and injustice.



*And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

**MICAH 6:8**



## GIVE THANKS:

- for the children's and families' ministry that is growing across our Diocese, and for the opportunities children have to learn about Jesus through our summer camping program.

## PRAY:

- for new families to join our churches, for more parishes to offer children's ministry so that children throughout Tasmania would grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

**MATTHEW 19:14**

**GIVE THANKS:**

- for young people in our churches, for youth ministry and our Youth Trainees, for the work of Anglican Camping Tasmania, for the Directors and team members, and for campers.

**PRAY:**

- that God's Spirit would continue to work in the lives of our young people, for the building of relationships and for great conversations about Jesus, and for more parishes to engage in youth ministry.



*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

**ACTS 2:17**



### **GIVE THANKS:**

- for Bishop Richard's leadership of our Diocese and his faithful preaching of the gospel.

### **PRAY:**

- for Bishop Richard, for wisdom and discernment, courage and conviction, that he would lead and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that God would refresh and sustain him and Helen as he leads our church.

*Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden.*

**HEBREWS 13:17**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for our Registrar and the committed team of people who faithfully serve in the Diocesan Office.

## PRAY:

- for wisdom, strength and energy for the Diocesan staff as they work to further the Diocesan Vision and provide a partnership of service.



*Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.*

**ACTS 6:3-4**



## **GIVE THANKS:**

- for our Director of Ministry Development and the events, training and resources that are now equipping us to deliver our Diocesan Vision.

## **PRAY:**

- for wisdom for our Director of Ministry Development and that the training and resourcing of local ministries will result in flourishing parishes equipped to fulfil our mission of making disciples.

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

**EPHESIANS 4:11-13**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for the work of Anglican Health & Welfare (AH&W) and the Clarendon Foundation, and the boards who govern them.

## PRAY:

- for our hospital and prison chaplains, the people they support, and for the broader work of AH&W to care for Tasmanians experiencing hardship. Pray for the programs and projects supported by Clarendon that benefit children and families.



*Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

**PSALM 82:3-4**



## GIVE THANKS:

- for our families, our church family recognising our elders, and for the gift of Christian marriage.

## PRAY:

- for all church members, young and old, single and married, for faithfulness and commitment in marriage, and for stable families where children may flourish.

*But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.*

**MARK 10:6-9**

**GIVE THANKS:**

- for the beautiful and safe place in which we live, for our local communities and for the opportunities we have to bless those who live around us.

**PRAY:**

- that we would be a Church for Tasmania: contributing positively, intentionally loving our neighbours and being a blessing as we serve our local communities, sharing God's love with others.



*Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

**MATTHEW 22:37-40**

# Government: Federal, State and Local



## GIVE THANKS:

- for our political leaders and for a democratic political system where leadership can be transferred peacefully without violence or fear.

## PRAY:

- for state and federal leaders and the mayors and councillors of our local councils. Pray that God would raise up Christians willing to serve in public life and bless the Tasmanian community.

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

**1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for the faithful gospel witness across Australia through the Anglican Church.

## PRAY:

- for the Primate, other Dioceses and Bishops that they lead with strength and integrity, that the Anglican Church of Australia would remain faithful to Christ and his teaching and be a strong witness to the love of Christ in every community.



*Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.*

**PHILIPPIANS 1:27**



## **GIVE THANKS:**

- for those who respond to God's calling to mission and for the agencies we partner with, such as CMS and ABM.

## **PRAY:**

- for gospel-focused mission and that our work with mission agencies equips us for local and global mission. Pray for safety and inspiration for those people engaged in mission worldwide.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

**ACTS 1:8**

## GIVE THANKS:

- for faithful Anglicans around the world and for Bishops and other clergy who remain true to Christ and his teaching.

## PRAY:

- for the world-wide Anglican communion that we would be united in Christ and his Gospel and that God would heal our divisions calling us back to himself in repentance and faith.



*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:10**

## Other Churches in Tasmania



### **GIVE THANKS:**

- for fellowship amongst the churches and for the Heads of Churches in Tasmania who are like-minded in praying for the outpouring of God's Spirit across Tasmania.

### **PRAY:**

- that Jesus remains central to all churches in Tasmania, for continued unity and that church leaders across denominations in every community will unite in love and prayer.

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*

**PSALM 133:1**

We have a great God who loves his Church, our Diocese and each one of us more than we could imagine. He has called us to be ***a Church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.***

Let us join in working with Him for this Vision, for His Glory and the praise of His Son.

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

**EPHESIANS 3:20-21**



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