



## **SMBC Prayer Diary April 2025**

**'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'** (1 John 1:9)

### **Tuesday 1 April**

Please pray today for any SMBC alumni awaiting visa approvals for their country of service. Please pray for their visas to come through soon!

### **Wednesday 2 April**

Dear Lord, as Principal's Hour meets today may you be glorified in every aspect of the service!

### **Thursday 3 April**

Commit to our loving Father, SMBC's financial needs and the 2025 "A Heart for SMBC" Appeal – giving thanks for faithful stewards who our Lord raises up to provide for his work.

### **Friday 4 April**

Thank you that our SMBC alumni are our best endorsers of the value of studying and learning at SMBC. Pray for the Lord to raise up the next generation of students to study and prepare for ministry and cross-cultural mission.

### **Saturday 5 April**

It is only a month out today from this year's SMBC Children's Ministry Conference – "John's Gospel - That They May Believe" focusing on helping introduce children to Jesus. Pray for conference preparations and that small group ministry for children (and big kids too!) wherever it is occurring in our city and beyond will be places where many come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus.

### **Sunday 6 April**

SMBC College Missions commence this weekend, with faculty and students travelling to a variety of ministry situations and contexts, here and overseas. Pray for that the good news and hope of the gospel will be clearly proclaimed by teams going to Pakuranga (NZ), All Saints Anew, South East Asia, Gateway Presbyterian, Woolgoolga Anglicans, MBM Rooty Hill, Cabramatta Baptist, Orange Evangelical, Temora Presbyterian, and 'choose your own adventure' in Sydney.

### **Monday 7 April**

We are praying today for our two current overseas College Mission teams: Please pray for team leaders Derek and Anna Brotherson leading the South-East Asia mission team, and for team leaders Geoff Harper and Katy Davis leading the Pakuranga (Auckland) Chinese Baptist mission team. Commit to prayer their opportunities to preach and teach, lead bible studies, care and encourage, share testimonies, worship in song, give and receive hospitality, and experience life in cross-cultural settings.

**Tuesday 8 April**

Pray today for the College Mission team led by Matt and Kiri Vander Heiden at Kyogle Presbyterian. The SMBC team are involved in men's and women's evangelistic events, home groups, kids and youth ministries, preaching, and serving with other gifts they have. Pray that the Lord will minister through the team to impart a greater zeal for evangelism and that the week will be a tremendous time of mutual encouragement in serving the Lord with heart, mind and soul!

**Wednesday 9 April**

As College Mission continues, we'd love you to join us in praying today for two multicultural missions in Sydney this week. Kristen Young and Kirk Patston are leading an SMBC team at MBM Rooty Hill, whilst Janson Condren and Carolyn Woods are leading the SMBC College Mission with Cabramatta Baptist. Pray for the encouragement that these teams will bring to these communities and give thanks for the joys, challenges, and opportunities for multi-cultural ministry that the week will bring.

**Thursday 10 April**

Please pray with us today for the SMBC Mission teams serving amongst Northern Beaches Anglicans Woolgoolga led by Kit Barker and Rachel Ciano, and All Saints Anew in Newcastle led by Ed Grudier and Laura Tharion. Give thanks for these opportunities for team members to use their gifts in serving these churches, teaching Scripture in local schools, involvement in youth groups, helping in aged care ministry. Pray that this will be a rich experience of learning from these opportunities about serving God in regional Australia and pray that many will answer the call to serve Christ in these and similar regions of Australia.

**Friday 11 April**

Today in College Mission week we are praying for two other teams serving in regional NSW this week, and learning of the joys, challenges, and opportunities for ministry in these contexts – please join us in praying for Anthony Brammall and Chris Kotsaris and team who are ministering and learning at Temora Presbyterian, and Alan and Alayne Thompson at Orange Evangelical Church. Give thanks for both these teams as they partner with their hosting churches. May God's Spirit be upon all of their endeavours for Him this week.

**Saturday 12 April**

Over this year, some SMBC students are undertaking mission experience in an area of ministry that they're interested in but have never had the opportunity to investigate. It is a flexible program led by Karl Deenick and Amy Townsend that over an extended period of time enables students to explore opportunities that could align with aspirations under God for their ministry after College. Pray for these students and the growth opportunities that these experiences will provide as they seek to serve Christ.

**Sunday 13 April**

Today we pray for those SMBC College Missions that are concluding, giving thanks for these opportunities to make Christ known, and to learn and grow in a huge range of diverse ministry and mission contexts. We continue to commit the South-East Asian college mission team led by Derek and Anna Brotherson to the Lord – this mission continues for another week. Pray for the safety and protection of all staff and students on College Mission.

**Monday 14 April**

Pray today using these words of Psalm 100 (NIV)

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Give thanks that the Bible acknowledges both the joys and deep pains of life, and the proof is in God sending his only Son to die for us. Our pain never outpaces His steadfast love.

**Tuesday 15 April**

Pray for all those who work at SMBC. Pray for a deep sense of God's love and grace and joy in service.

**Wednesday 16 April**

Please pray today for the leadership of your local community, state, and federal government (or country leadership if serving overseas).

**Thursday 17 April**

Pray for The Bridge staff team – Ben, Taani, Andrew, Viv, and Emma. Pray for their growing together as a team serving our Lord. Continue to pray for young adults growing in their knowledge and love of God, where they will develop a greater understanding of how God is working around the world and their part in serving him. Pray for our students to grow in Christ-likeness for a lifetime of following Jesus.

**Friday 18 April (Good Friday)**

And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Mark 15:39 NIV. What a wonderful truth to be comforted with as we pray and reflect today on Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and what it means for us.

**Saturday 19 April (Easter Saturday)**

Pray today that for the good news being preaching in churches and other outreach events over this season of Easter. Pray for many to acknowledge the claims of Jesus upon their lives and to place their faith and trust in Him.

**Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)**

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" John 20:15-17 NIV

The greatest day! Such joy for all to preach the Good News. Give thanks for the risen Lord Jesus!

**Monday 21 April**

Please pray today for the growth of new believers, especially any you know by name. Give thanks for their coming to Christ and pray for their discipling and growth in Christ.

**Tuesday 22 April**

Pray today for any you know who are sick or unwell, that they would experience good care, and know the closeness of the Lord Jesus in their challenging circumstances.

**Wednesday 23 April**

Today we celebrate our faithful supporters – prayer and financial – who under God, have dedicated themselves to sowing good seeds into the SMBC community and joining us in trusting the Lord to provide all our needs.

**Thursday 24 April**

Please pray today for mission organisation – European Christian Mission. Give thanks for their focus and hard labour for the sake of all those who don't know Christ in secular Europe. Pray for the SMBC graduates who serve in this part of the world.

**Friday 25 April**

In Australia, as we commemorate ANZAC Day today, we give thanks for the freedom and democratic society that Australian service men and women have helped provide through their sacrificial service of their country.

**Saturday 26 April**

Please pray for SMBC to continue to be a prayerful College. Pray for an ever-deepening dependence and trust in the Lord for all the College needs – seen and unseen.

**Sunday 27 April**

Please pray today for good times of spiritual and emotional refreshment and rest for all gospel workers who you know and cherish.

**Monday 28 April Lectures Week 7 resume**

As Week 7 (Semester 1) lectures commence, pray that the Lord will nourish the lives of each member of the SMBC community today, past and present, from good time spent meditating on God's Word.

**Tuesday 29 April**

Pray today for all those of the College community who are involved in evangelism and discipleship of Muslim background believers. Pray their encouragement and rejoice in fruit that is being borne.

**Wednesday 30 April**

Thank you, Lord, for those who volunteer their time to help the ministry of SMBC. It is not our ministry, but God's work and we give Him praise for all those He raises up to serve.