



SMBC Prayer Diary February 2025

'For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.' Hebrews 4:12-13

Saturday 1 February

Give thanks today for the value SMBC places on studying the word of God – which is alive and active, and sharper than any double-edged sword. Give thanks for this exposure that we all have to God himself, through his word, and pray that this year we would all hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Sunday 2 February

Pray for people who still might be thinking about studying at College this year. Pray they might be prompted to finalise their application/enrolment forms in and prepare to soak themselves in God's word!

Monday 3 February

Pray for the new full-time residential and day students as they commence Orientation this week and enjoy a range of commencement activities.

Pray for God's blessing as this new community come together at this special time.

Tuesday 4 February

Pray for mission organisation World Team. Give thanks for all of those (including within the SMBC community) who serve with them or are preparing for service with them. Give thanks for their deep commitment to bringing the hope of Jesus to unreached peoples of the world.

Wednesday 5 February

Give thanks for the SMBC College Board, led by James Lane, who have oversight of the College. Pray that as a Board, they would draw from the deep well of God's wisdom in all their decision making and as College finances and budgets are carefully assessed.

Thursday 6 February

Today we'd like to ask you to pray for the Part-time Students Orientation Evening being held tonight at SMBC. Praise God for our part-time students. Pray for new to study part-time students who will be adjusting to work and study. And pray for returning part-time students as they dig the study books out again – remembering this study has wonderful eternal value! Give thanks for part-time students who have sacrificially studied, graduated from SMBC and gone out to the ends of the earth to minister full-time sharing the light of Christ with a dark and needy world.

Friday 7 February

Pray today for any suffering for the sake of the gospel wherever they are serving Christ. Pray for their protection, endurance and strength in God alone as they wait upon Him. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you" 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Saturday 8 February

Join us in continuing to pray for any recent SMBC graduates who are continuing to work and pray through their next ministry steps. Pray for patience and godly wisdom in decision making.

Sunday 9 February

Pray for growing and strengthening in Christian marriage of students and staff amongst all the SMBC community. Pray especially for new student families and couples as they continue to settle into the SMBC community. Pray that this may go smoothly and ask for our Lord to give them energy they need in adjusting to transition and change.

Monday 10 February

Pray for all the College community as 2025 SMBC lectures commence today. Pray for lecturers, students, and staff – for perseverance and joy in teaching, learning, and service of our Lord.

Pray today for our Principal Derek Brotherson and his wife Anna, and their family. Pray for renewing of strength in the Lord.

Tuesday 11 February

Pray for the SMBC Associates Program that recommences tomorrow. SMBC Christian Thought and Pastoral Care lecturer, Jasmine Lee, is teaching this church history unit. Pray for a helpful, rich learning experience for all those participating in the program in first semester as associates engage with Christianity in History to 1550.

Wednesday 12 February

Pray for Bill Farrand, our Chief Operating Officer and all the Service Centre, Registrars, Property & Facilities, Communications and Relationship Building, Kerr Library, Technology, Finance, Catering staff who care for the community so well. Pray for wisdom, strength of vision, and deepening joy in service of the Lord Jesus.

Thursday 13 February

Please pray for our new residential students – please pray they would continue to settle in quickly and that no doubt or unhelpful thoughts would cloud their reason for coming to SMBC. Pray too for the staff caring for them, to make their transition to College as smooth as possible.

Pray for students who have moved to Sydney to find a new local church soon.

Friday 14 February

SMBC is a College that places very high importance on the safety of our community, on our campuses and beyond. Please pray for the Domestic Violence Awareness training, Safe Ministry training, and Work, Health and Safety practices of the College, and resilience training, that are covered in our Orientation programs and throughout the year.

Saturday 15 February

Pray for SMBC alumni today who are working amongst tribal people groups. Please pray for their relationships with the tribal people – that they will be good listeners, learners and servant hearted workers.

Sunday 16 February

Pray with thanks for our donors and pray-ers. Pray despite the circumstances, we might continue to trust our Heavenly Father to provide our financial needs this year.

Monday 17 February

Pray for our relationship with our Croydon and Croydon Park neighbourhoods, that in all our interactions through God's Spirit we would bring honour and glory to our heavenly Father and point to Jesus.

Tuesday 18 February

The Bridge Gap Year program commence their lectures today. Pray that each student will experience a formative time in their study of God's word and their growth in the knowledge and love of serving Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Wednesday 19 February

Pray for SMBC Wives as they meet this year. Pray for a God-honouring time of fellowship and informally getting to know one another.

Thursday 20 February

Pray for all those attending The Bridge Commencement Dinner tonight – students, family members and interested supporters and staff. Give thanks for this information sharing opportunity to engage all with the goals and purpose of this unique gap-year program.

Friday 21 February

Mission Planning meeting for 2024 College Missions commence today. Pray for a fruitful time of fellowship and growing together as the teams plan for this year's missions – locally, regionally, and internationally.

Saturday 22 February

Pray for people who have been challenged over the summer in serving on beach missions, camps and attending conference to serve God wholeheartedly. Pray many might consider coming to SMBC full or part-time to be better prepared for cross cultural gospel service.

Sunday 23 February

Pray for God's blessing on the online Master of Intercultural Studies (MICS) course — for our cross-cultural ministry workers undertaking this study where they are learning and reflecting on their ministry in the light of biblical and missiological perspectives. Pray for opportunities for professional development for all gospel workers who faithfully serve in isolated, gospel poor locations.

Monday 24 February

Pray for the preaching of God's word throughout the College year in chapels, Principal's Hour, and other events and conferences. Pray for vitality in the spiritual walk of each preacher as they bring God's Word.

Tuesday 25 February

Pray for the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) today and for their Director, Richard Chin and for the many SMBC graduates directly involved in student ministry. Pray for the gospel being proclaimed clearly in our tertiary universities and colleges. Praise God for students wherever they are in Australia and the world choosing to follow Jesus – the cross before them, the world behind; no turning back!

Wednesday 26 February

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.

Thursday 27 February

We give thanks for Missions Interlink (of whom SMBC is a member) and the work they do in helping to connect Australians with a passion for global mission, and as they provide training and networking opportunities. Pray for SMBC's Centre for Cross-Cultural Mission Director Ed Grudier, serving on the National Leadership Team of Missions Interlink.

Friday 28 February

Pray for The Bridge staff team. Pray for their growing together as a team serving our Lord. Pray for a year where young adults will grow 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...and most of all, pray for our students to grow in Christ-likeness for a lifetime of following Jesus.