



## SMBC Prayer Diary January 2025

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)**

### **Wednesday 1 January**

Praise and thank our Heavenly Father for a New Year! We commit this New Year wholeheartedly to our Lord and for His glory in our joyful service of Him

'Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken'

### **Thursday 2 January**

Pray with thanks for the SMBC Service Centre and Property and Facilities teams as they commence back after the Christmas break. Pray with great thanks for Jacob and all the kitchen team as in the coming weeks they prepare stock and catering plans for the year ahead.

As this is a busy time ahead, pray for clarity and wisdom and that God would bring to mind all the things that need to be done before the start of the academic year.

### **Friday 3 January**

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

### **Saturday 4 January**

Pray for mission organisation Wycliffe. Give thanks for all of those (including many of our SMBC alumni) who are serving with Wycliffe and their deep commitment to people of all cultures and to the uncompleted task of bible translation.

### **Sunday 5 January**

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

### **Monday 6 January**

Pray for mission organisation CMS and their Summer School Conference underway (or starting soon) around Australia. Pray for encouraging attendances and importantly, pray for changed hearts and for the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more workers for the field. Give thanks for the strong relationship that SMBC has with CMS.

### **Tuesday 7 January**

Pray for God's wisdom for lay preachers and SMBC student ministers who are helping preach during the holiday season. Pray for good rest and restoration for those ministers who are on leave during January.

**Wednesday 8 January**

Pray for 2024 SMBC graduates who are yet to confirm their next ministry steps. Pray for patience and godly wisdom in decision making.

**Thursday 9 January**

Pray for people thinking about coming to study at either undergraduate or postgraduate level at SMBC — full or part-time, or at The Bridge. Pray they may be led to SMBC or other like-minded colleges.

**Friday 10 January**

Pray for people who have been challenged at NTE, Summer Schools, via Cru and Scripture Union Beach/Inland Missions or via their local church fellowship to serve God wholeheartedly. Pray many might consider coming to SMBC full or part-time to be better prepared for cross cultural gospel service.

**Saturday 11 January**

Pray for all our incoming students, including The Bridge, as they start preparing to come to college towards the end of the month. For some, this means lots of goodbyes to family and friends — pray God's comfort and reassurance.

**Sunday 12 January**

Pray for church services around the world today. Pray for people who've heard the real message of Christmas in recent weeks. May they seek to know more about the depth of love God has for them in Christ Jesus and bow down their lives before Him in response to His grace and truth.

**Monday 13 January**

Pray for faculty on leave over the summer holidays. Pray for a time of deep refreshment.

**Tuesday 14 January**

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 to be proclaimed clearly in our tertiary universities and colleges.

**Wednesday 15 January**

Pray for the students attending the summer intensive study unit commencing today – Christian Mentoring Foundations and Dynamics with lecturers Peter Moore, and Kylie Brown (Wed to Fri).

**Thursday 16 January**

Our land is often prone to bushfires or floods over the summer season. Give thanks for volunteer services along with emergency services who care for many people and communities in these situations. Give praise for chaplains who work amongst the needy and sow the hope of the gospel into people's lives.

**Friday 17 January**

Please pray with thanks for our academic registrars today: Dave, Maria, Andrew (The Bridge)Voula, and Amy. This is a greater time for student enquiries and enrolments, so please ask our Father to provide for them with the energy and wisdom they need.

**Saturday 18 January**

Pray for The Bridge staff team as they complete preparations for the start of The Bridge program-SMBC's cross-cultural gap year for people 18 to 21 yrs. 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.

**Sunday 19 January**

Pray for people thinking about deeper study of the Bible to register for our upcoming Zoom info session on Tuesday evening 28 January.

**Monday 20 January**

Pray for the students attending summer intensive study units that commence today and run throughout the week ahead: *'Foundational Christian Beliefs'* with lecturer, Karl Deenick; and the Living Faiths Intensive – Ed Grudier and Tim Silberman.

**Tuesday 21 January**

Pray for the children and teenagers of students and staff today. Pray for their deepening understanding and trust in the Lord Jesus. Pray too as some of them will be starting new schools soon. Pray they may find new friends quickly and know also a deeper trust and nearness to God.

**Wednesday 22 January**

Continue to pray for the students in the Intensive units today. Pray for their continued concentration, and for transformed lives as they dig deeper into God's word.

**Thursday 23 January**

Pray for Christians everywhere for discipline in their personal quiet times with God this year. Pray for much spiritual growth and formation this year.

**Friday 24 January**

Pray with thanks for our property and facilities team who've worked hard over the summer break to ensure the property and facilities are ready for the start of the year. Pray God's wisdom and strength for Paul Hudson, our Property and Facilities manager as he serves the Lord in this role!

**Saturday 25 January**

Pray for full-time residential students, many of whom are settling into new homes. Pray for good sleeps in new places and pray for the start of wonderful lifelong friendships.

**Sunday 26 January**

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. On this Australia Day, pray for our country and its deep spiritual needs at all levels of society.

**Monday 27 January**

Pray with thanks for our students some of whom commence their biblical language intensives this coming week and for welcome activities.

**Tuesday 28 January**

Pray for the SMBC Zoom info session for prospective students on tonight. Pray for an encouraging and helpful evening – and pray the Lord of the Harvest would raise up people for his mission.

**Wednesday 29 January**

Praise God for our part-time students. Pray for new 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!

**Thursday 30 January**

Pray for wives and husbands of new full-time students as they too join the SMBC community. Pray they may settle in smoothly and give them energy as they might be bearing more of a workload.

**Friday 31 January**

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.