



SMBC Prayer Diary July 2024

'Restore us Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved'
Psalm 80:19

Monday 1 July

Pray for SMBC graduates who are teaching in Bible schools, colleges, and universities around the world. Pray for good communication and clear gospel teaching in word and in character.

Tuesday 2 July

Please pray for preparations for the SMBC Global Missions Conference – One Body (Unifying the Global Church in Mission) being held from 31 July to 2 August at SMBC. We would be grateful for your prayers for the keynote speakers Flavio De Silva and Gina Zurlo along with workshop group leaders.

Wednesday 3 July

It is only through God's prompting through the Holy Spirit that students come to study at SMBC. Please pray that the Lord would touch the lives of many potential students to come and study at the College to talk the light of Christ to a dark and needy world.

Thursday 4 July

Pray with gratitude to God for Tim Silberman (as he concludes his acting Principal's role) and for Matt Vander Heiden (acting Vice Principal during Anthony Brammall's long service leave). Pray for Derek Brotherson and Anthony as they return to work refreshed.

Friday 5 July

Pray for SMBC graduates who have been on home assignment and are preparing to head back to their field of service. Pray for all their preparations in all its dimensions and that they will have growing effectiveness in making disciples of Jesus, especially in places where He is least known.

Saturday 6 July

Please pray today for those SMBC alumni who are elderly, infirm, or those who suffer from chronic illness and pain. Pray for companionship, help and strength in need, and the shepherding of the Lord Jesus through any challenging times and decisions.

Sunday 7 July

Give thanks today for mission agency International Nepal Fellowship and their long-standing commitment to the country of Nepal. Praise God for INF's health and community development programs among poor and marginalised communities in remote western Nepal, and their volunteer programs amongst the Nepalese. Pray too for the ministry of our alumni (and *100 for 100* alumni) serving in Nepal.

Monday 8 July

Pray for lecturer, Tim Dyer, as he leads this week's intensive on *Self-Care and Resilience in Ministry*. Pray for all those participating that they will grow in understanding and management of self-care and the building of resilience in ministry.

Tuesday 9 July

Pray for staff who work through the student holidays to prepare the College and enrolments for the start of semester 2. Pray also for students, staff and faculty who are on a mid-year break. Pray that this will be a time of refreshment spiritually, physically and mentally. May they use this time to reflect on God's goodness, kindness and amazing love.

Wednesday 10 July

Pray for the cohort of students meeting over these next three days for their *Mentoring Christian Leaders* intensive with Rev Dr Peter Moore and team.

Thursday 11 July

Pray for our new part-time students with their Orientation evening tonight. Pray this would be a helpful evening and as they commence their studies alongside other commitments. Thank our heavenly Father for their commitment to grow in their knowledge and love of Him by sacrificially taking time out to study – and for the furthering of His Kingdom.

Friday 12 July

Pray with thanks for the catering team at SMBC - Pray for safety as they work so diligently in our College kitchen preparing meals for students, faculty and staff. Give thanks for the way they cheerfully organise and provide catering for the many events that take place throughout the year.

Saturday 13 July

Pray for pastors finalising messages from God's Word for tomorrow. Pray for godly wisdom and faithfulness to the Word in preparation, and for the Spirit's fruitful sowing of these seeds into the lives of all hearers.

Sunday 14 July

Pray for preparations for the Missions Interlink Reachout Conference at Pacific Hills Christian School in Sydney on Saturday 7 September. Pray for many attenders to acknowledge God's call upon their lives, and that some of these may take the challenge of serving Him amongst the unreached people groups around the globe.

Monday 15 July

Please pray for all our students, commencing second semester this week. Our Principal, Derek Brotherson along with all our staff team would also appreciate your prayers as the new semester gets underway.

Tuesday 16 July

Give thanks for the diligent student reps and residential advisors helping to build the rich community on campus. Pray for the Lord's blessing on each of them as they study and serve the rest of the student body.

Wednesday 17 July

Pray today for all student and staff "Mums" on campus and beyond. Give thanks for each of them, and pray for their continuing growth in godliness, kindness, patience, tenderness, and love. Pray too for the ministry of *SMBC Wives*.

Thursday 18 July

Pray today for the many SMBC alumni who participate in scripture teaching/SRE sharing the good news of Jesus. Give thanks for QuizWorx who tour widely in NSW and QLD working alongside SRE and Christian studies/chaplains to share the Bible with kids. Pray also for Quiz Worx and CRU holiday clubs and camps enabling children, mums, and dads who don't regularly attend church to hear about and respond to Christ.

Friday 19 July

Pray for our Bridge team who are hosting our "Be a Bridgie for a Day" event – an opportunity for 2024 school leavers and others up to age 21 to experience SMBC's cross cultural gap year program for a day, as they consider their plans for the coming year and beyond. Pray for a fun and fruitful day together!

Saturday 20 July

Pray today for followers of Jesus throughout the world who come from a Muslim background. Ask God to help them to grow and stand firm in their faith amid the challenges.

Sunday 21 July

Pray for lecturers who are preaching in their local church today. Pray too for people who may be hearing the gospel for the first time today, in whatever setting, country, or culture. Pray God's Spirit to open ears and hearts for people to hear the good news of Jesus for the first time.

Monday 22 July

Please pray today for our graduates who are working with AFES/FOCUS amongst international students around Australian university campuses. These international students are often looking for community – pray that they would find comfort in Jesus through this strategic ministry.

Tuesday 23 July

Pray for those you know who are unwell today. Pray for SMBC graduates who may be struggling with health issues that they all may know God's strength and closeness in challenging times. Pray for those who are providing them with care.

Wednesday 24 July

Pray for gospel workers in remote areas of Australia working amongst Indigenous communities. Pray for wisdom and insight in working alongside these communities in the ways of the Lord. Pray also today for SMBC graduates and others involved in the production of the Plain English Bible.

Thursday 25 July

Pray today for the encouragement of SMBC students and staff in their work/study today. Pray too for God-honouring marriages for our faculty and staff.

Friday 26 July

Pray today for families on the mission field who currently are facing challenges living cross-culturally. Pray for wisdom in decision making and Spirit led culturally sensitive communication, patience, and gratitude.

Saturday 27 July

Praise God for His abundant generosity and care for all of us. Pray too for Paul Hudson and Paul Arkapaw our faithful college cleaner, Moon as they care for the property and facilities.

Sunday 28 July

Pray today for SMBC Principal, Derek Brotherson, Anna, and their three children, that they will know the Lord's strength and enabling in serving Jesus.

Monday 29 July

Pray today for our Bridge students who will also be participating in the SMBC Missions Conference later this week. Give thanks for their growing understanding and commitment to God's work in the world through global mission.

Tuesday 30 July

Pray for God to keep us humble as a College and personally, as we trust Him for the provision of all our needs. We pray with thanks for people who pray for SMBC!

Wednesday 31 July

Pray for the three-day SMBC Global Missions Conference commencing today. Pray for Ed Grudier, our Director of Cross-Cultural Mission as he leads the conference for the attenders and speakers. Pray especially for this conference to be used by God to grow His Kingdom.