



SMBC Prayer Diary

March 2025

'But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.' 1 Peter 2: 9-10

Saturday 1 March

It is a delight to be one of God's special possessions having been called out of darkness into his wonderful light. Give great thanks for being recipients of God's mercy, and having the privilege in whatever way he has laid upon you in the ministry of SMBC in sending out thousands of loving, skilled graduates declaring the praises of him to a dark and needy world.

Sunday 2 March

Pray for SMBC alumni today. Pray that alumni may spur each other in growing in the knowledge, trust, and grace of our loving Lord Jesus in the midst of life challenges. May our alumni keep seeking the privilege from Him to serve Him by reaching out to those who are lost and those who are surrounded by those struggling in their faith.

Monday 3 March

It is prayer morning today at SMBC. Pray for an enriching time of prayer for students and staff as we shroud the College in prayer together. Pray for Christ-centred growth in our College community. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise up people to study and prepare at SMBC for cross-cultural mission and church planting.

Tuesday 4 March

Please join us in praying today for SMBC 100 for 100 alumni, Albea Nalisa and his family and his country of Vanuatu. The country experienced a huge earthquake in December, just before Christmas and the country is in shock and deep mourning for the lost.

Albea and his family live right at the centre of where the earthquake struck. However, they are all fine and they "thank God for His grace and care for us during this time." "All is well"!

Albea asks us to please pray:

- for wisdom for our leaders to know what to do and give right directions.
- for families to stand strong in their faith especially those who lost their loved ones.
- for God's provision in such time as this.

Wednesday 5 March

Continue to pray for the SMBC Associates Program this semester with our SMBC faculty Jasmine Lee and Rachel Ciano, teaching on Christianity in History to 1550. Pray for a helpful, rich learning experience for all those participating in the program in first semester.

Thursday 6 March

Pray for faculty as they prepare for lectures and meet with students. Pray for all students and staff to have humble and teachable hearts.

Friday 7 March

Pray for the College mission planning meetings on today. Pray for students and faculty in their preparation for serving and preaching the gospel on College Mission later this term.

Saturday 8 March

Give thanks for all those alongside you who continue to pray together wherever you are for the College; handing it over to God to continue to use SMBC for his great Name and glory!

Sunday 9 March

Please pray for generous provision of the financial needs of the College, and especially our needs for the SMBC General Fund and SMBC Foundation Library Trust support this year.

Monday 10 March

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your mercy and love by reconciling us to you through the Lord Jesus. Thank you for the grace of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we displease you and help us each day to turn to you in all things. Help us to imitate you. Help us to trust and obey you. Prompt us to soak ourselves in your word and serve you whole heartedly. Amen.

Tuesday 11 March

Pray today for The Bridge team and students whose 3-day camp starts at Winmalee. Pray for a strong appreciation of identity in Christ and all of his provision for each one.

Wednesday 12 March

Pray for long term gospel workers today, especially any you know, Give thanks that as Paul writes their labour is never in vain. May they continue to know great joy in Christ and serving Him wherever they are in our own land or around the world.

Thursday 13 March

This coming weekend (14-16 March) Geoff Harper will be speaking at the Camden Haven Anglican Church weekend away. Geoff asks prayer for:

- That God would help him prepare and deliver faithful Bible talks from the psalms
- That attendees would benefit from grappling with the theology and practice of lament
- That the Camden Haven community would increasingly learn to glorify God and love one another in all seasons of life

Friday 14 March

Pray today using these words from Psalm 37: 4-7a

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;”

Saturday 15 March

Give thanks for the students who serve us here as our talented sound desk workers, our musicians, and our singers. Praise God for their diligence in serving the College in this way throughout the year. Pray that God would use their sound/music ministry for his glory.

Sunday 16 March

Pray today for the ministry of AFES (Austraian Fellowship of Evangelical Students). SMBC alumni and AFES worker Brian leads us in prayer:

Lord, you are mighty and majestic, king over all people. You have opened a door for your gospel at our universities (*Sydney University*), work powerfully by your Word and Spirit, through your people, so that there might be a revival: in the hearts of all Christians on campus, and among the lost. Teach your people to proclaim the good news with cultural sensitivity and personal love. Help us to love one another sacrificially and to invest generously in the spiritual growth of others. Give us a right view of the choices you place before us that we might be eager to take up opportunities to serve you and your kingdom as humble servants. For Jesus is our hope, who died and rose again, that we would be your people and you would be our God. Amen.

Monday 17 March

Pray for SMBC Wives gathering together tonight and tomorrow night for Open House fellowship together. Thank you Lord for all our SMBC Wives. Strengthen them in their roles as they love and serve you together with their husbands.

Tuesday 18 March

Please pray today for partner organisation CMS (Church Missionary Society). Pray that the fruit of summer conferences held around Australia will be many men and women equipped, transformed and energised to joyfully partner in global mission.

Wednesday 19 March

SMBC Preaching Conference starts today. Please pray today for all those participating, that it will be a time of deepening understanding and application of God's Word.

Thursday 20 March

Please pray today for SMBC Preaching Conference speakers: Kyle, Amy, Sam, Jonathan, Andrew, Miriam, Max, Laurel, Matt, Kristen, and Kirk. Give thanks for the love that each one has of communicating God's Word and pray for a growing love for all conferees in loving and communicating God's Word, our prized tool for ministry.

Friday 21 March

Our focus on preaching, following SMBC Preaching Conference, concludes today with a Masterclass for experienced preachers led by Kirk Patston on "Preaching and Personality". Pray that this will be a helpful, inspiring time for all.

Saturday 22 March

This year's SMBC Missionaries in Residence (MIRs) are Malcolm and Leanne Reid.

Please pray for Malcolm and Leanne, and for their many conversations and prayer times with students and their involvement with Ministry Matters each Tuesday. Give thanks for the wisdom they are able to share about their life journey, including their service in southeast Asia in a theological college and growing church community.

Sunday 23 March

Please pray today for new and returning cross-cultural workers who may currently have visa approval issues on their minds and in their prayers. Stand alongside them today praying for relief of stress, trust that God is in control, and for resolution of the issues they are facing.

Monday 24 March

Pray for each member of the SMBC community today – students, families, alumni, lecturers and staff, SMBC Board – please pray for each of our own spiritual journeys to continue to deepen, so we can serve and love others with God's grace and power.

Tuesday 25 March

Praise today for our identity in Christ and that nothing can separate us from the love of God!

Wednesday 26 March

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 March

Thank God for the provision of FEE-HELP for those students unable to study without financial assistance. Pray for our accrediting body, the Australian University of Theology (AUT), who enable us to teach degrees and diplomas here at SMBC. Pray that they would make wise and timely decisions for SMBC and all the AUT colleges. Give thanks for the fee relief benefit to many students of the recent approval of the Australian College of Theology becoming Australia's newest university.

Friday 28 March

Final preparations are being made for College Missions in April. Pray for each of the teams and their faculty leaders as they meet today that the Lord will guide every aspect of their preparation to share the good news on College Mission.

Saturday 29 March

Pray for The Bridge staff team – Ben, Taani, Andrew, Emma, and Viv. 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.

Sunday 30 March

This weekend, SMBC Wives are holding their Parakaleo Retreat. Parakaleo is a Christian organisation that runs workshops for ministry wives. It empowers, supports and values women by acknowledging the joys and normalising the challenges that they can experience in ministry. Through a Gospel lens, Parakaleo teaches ministry wives practical skills for ministry. Pray for the leaders of the retreat as they teach and SMBC Wives as they share and learn more about ministry and church planting and practical support skills.

Monday 31 March

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