

# Prayer Bulletin

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*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)*

The Bible teaches us to pray in several different ways and for all sorts of things.  
We praise God in prayer. We give thanks to him. We confess our sins.  
We pray for God's guidance, protection, provision, deliverance. We pray for the lost.  
We also pray for other believers. Intercessory prayer is hard work and takes persistence. Thank you for praying for the work of Ridley College.  
Many thanks for taking the time to pray for us. There is lots going on at College and all of it needs to be bathed in prayer.



Brian Rosner  
Principal

## JUNE

Pray that **students** will enjoy restful holidays to recharge from the stresses of the semester. Pray also for students engaging in **gospel ministry** activities during the holidays.

Pray for our **recent graduates**, that they will put to good use their years of study and formation and serve God effectively to the glory of Christ.

Pray for the **Leon Morris lecture** on 1st June, that many will be edified as they hear from Thomas Schreiner.

Thank God for the recent **Marketplace Institute Faith & Work Award dinner**. Pray that all those who attended will continue to be encouraged in their life and witness in the workplace.

Pray for **Ridley Online students** (and associated staff) as they undertake a growing number of open-book exams. This new generation of assessment is intended to align more naturally with skills needed in life and ministry.

Pray for **NESB diploma students** who are participating in the Israel Study Tour (29 May–13 June). Ask the Lord for safety and good learning.

Pray for **Jill Firth** as she goes on the Israel Study Tour and embarks on further Hebrew study in Jerusalem in June/July.

Pray that the Lord will grant **Graham Stanton** energy and insight as he works toward completing his PhD thesis.

Praise God for the missionaries, missiologists and mission advocates who visit the **Global Mission Learning Community** each semester to give our students a broad vision of current challenges and opportunities in world mission.

Give thanks for the contribution of visiting lecturers to the Living Faiths unit in Semester 1: **Moyra** (women in Islam), **David Williams** (African traditional religion), and **J. Paul**.

Praise God for the steady stream of students considering ordination in the Anglican Church. Pray for **Richard Trist** and **Anthea McCall** as they seek to help them discern God's will.

Pray for students as they consider enrolling in doctoral studies in the area of the history of evangelicalism under **Rhys Bezzant's** supervision. Pray for Rhys as he writes chapters for books on David Brainerd, John Wesley and George Whitefield, and Edwards's legacy in theological education.

Pray for **Hebrew students** as they consolidate their learning and consider how to continue using Hebrew in future ministry.

Pray for **Len Firth** as he prepares a conference paper on teaching theology to those from refugee backgrounds.

Thank God for the opportunity for Dean of Global Mission, **Charlie Fletcher**, to attend the Rome Scholar's Network (an evangelical think-tank on Roman Catholicism) in late June.

Thank God for the generous and faithful service of the retiring Chair and Deputy Chair of the Ridley Board, **Claire Rogers** and **Stephen Hale**.

Pray for the new Ridley Chair, **Greg Baxter**, and Deputy Chair, **Sandy Jones**, asking that God will give them wisdom from above in their roles. May they find their adequacy in God as they exercise leadership.

Call to me  
and I will answer you,  
and will tell you great  
and hidden things that  
you have not known.

**Jeremiah 33:3**

## JULY

Pray that as **students** return for Semester 2, they will have energy, clarity and commitment to their studies. Pray that they will have hearts to learn and to be formed theologically, spiritually and in ministry.

Thank God for new students and teaching staff joining **Ridley Online** this semester. Pray that they will integrate well into the existing community. Pray especially for the effective implementation of new units in Old Testament, Church History, and Spiritual Formation.

Pray for **Katrine, Alison, Natalie, Katherine** and **Nadia** in the Registrar's Office as they administer Semester 2 enrolments. Pray that they will communicate effectively, efficiently and graciously with everyone they encounter during this busy period.

## AUGUST

Pray for **students** discerning future ministry pathways, that they will receive wisdom and guidance to make the right decisions for long-term gospel growth in Melbourne, Australia and the world.

Pray for the **Pastoral Care and Mission Conference** on August 1–2. Pray for the smooth running of this event and that many will develop godly insights into a sensitive topic.

Pray for visiting scholar **Wesley Hill** as he preaches in Chapel and speaks at various churches (July 28–August 8).

Pray for the **Lausanne Younger Leaders Gathering** in Indonesia in August. **Charlie Fletcher** will be attending as Regional Director for the South Pacific. Adjunct lecturer **Moyra Dale** and postgraduate student **Naw Lwin Thida** will also attend.

Pray for Dean of Global Mission **Charlie Fletcher**, as he gives a paper at the inaugural *Theology Connect* conference in early July and shares some insights from his PhD work on the translatability of God's words.

Pray for students undertaking the **Marketplace Institute subject** in Semester 2 (*A Biblical Theology of Work*). Pray that they will grow in their understanding of work, be encouraged to engage more purposefully in their daily labour, and be better equipped to minister to those in the marketplace.

Pray that students in the **Semester 2 campus unit** *The Bible in Mission: Using the Scriptures Cross-culturally* will grow in knowledge and skill for cross-cultural gospel work.

Praise God that daily Chapel is such an important part of our spiritual life at College. Pray that Faculty will prepare well for their preaching in second semester, and for **Paul Barker** preaching during our Global Missions week August 16–18. Pray too for AB Shinasi and Dave Chiswell in their regular leadership responsibilities in Chapel.

Rejoice that there is demand for quality theological education and formation around Australia and around the world. Pray as **Ridley Online** crafts **new units** in theology, preaching, local cultural engagement, and world missions.

Pray for the discernment process amongst members of the **Missional Leadership Learning Community**, as they are formed for many different ministry vocations. Pray for our annual retreat August 19–20. Pray that God will put it on the hearts of many students to commit to long-term ministry of the Word.

Pray for **Richard Trist** as he commences study leave in Semester 2. Pray that he will be focused and productive in his writing.

Pray for **Anthea McCall** as she takes on the role of Acting Dean of the Anglican Institute in Semester 2. Pray that she will have the energy needed to juggle her extra responsibilities.

Pray for the **Ordination Candidates and Families Weekend Away** at Philip Island on July 15–17. Pray particularly for guest speakers **Wei-Han** and **Valerie Kuan**.

Give thanks for the partner organisations and churches we are working with to develop various in-context learning programs.

Pray for **Andrew Laird** (Dean, Marketplace Institute) as he spends each Thursday on campus. Pray for ongoing fruitful conversations with students considering pastoral ministry and the issues involved in ministering well to parishioners who are in the marketplace.

Pray for the **Ridley Preachers' Conference** on August 23–25. Praise God for those attending and for guest speakers Rory Shiner and Mike Raiter.

Pray that Ridley's **Global Mission Week** in late August will stir staff and students alike to greater passion for the praise of God's glorious grace among all peoples.

Become a Ridley Prayer Warrior! Ridley prayer warriors are men and women who meet once a quarter to pray purposefully for the activities and needs of the College. This is also a great opportunity to visit the College and witness God's work in the lives of students, faculty members, staff and many others.

Prayer Warrior meetings are run by Hugh Prentice. To join as a prayer warrior, please contact him at **0432 761 837** or email him at **hugh@prentices.com**

