

PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya -August 2007

Psalm 96: ...great is the Lord...ascribe the glory due to his name...worship the Lord....the Lord reigns...he will judge the world with righteousness.

1. Give thanks for the first group of **volunteers** who have been working hard in a variety of ways in the **Asuncion** area. Pray for safety & relaxation in **Foz de Iguazu** & as they return to the **UK** on **Friday**. For **David Orritt** as he remains here to prepare for the second groups & for **Naomi Lulham** as she continues as a volunteer in **St. Andrew's School**.
2. Give thanks that little **Elena** has now been adopted by a loving family. Pray for the others in the **Esperanza Foster Home**, especially **Alicia** in a very complicated legal situation. For the **security** of the children in the **Home** & for God's strength for **Murray & Penny** & each member of staff. For sufficient volunteers to help cover key times & lighten the work load.
3. Pray for the second group of **volunteers** arriving today & tomorrow. They will be travelling on to the **Chaco & Concepcion** on Sunday afternoon. Pray also for **David & Ann Varley** as they arrive to link in with **FEISA** activities & also try to organize the Diocesan **archives**.
4. Pray for the **St. Andrew's** congregation & all the preparations underway together with **San Andres** church to launch an **Alpha** course next month.
5. Pray for the students doing theological studies this year. **Feliciano Ortega, Donald Brooks & Luis Echeverria** in **Asuncion**, & **Raquel Greco** in **Chile**. For wisdom, concentration & perseverance, & for good health in the unexpectedly cold & variable winter period.
6. Pray for the **St. Andrew's School** staff & pupils during the pressure of exams this month. For new teachers, **Elaine Hutchison & Elaine Black** settling in, & for those covering extra classes. Continue to pray for **Babs** as she helps her widowed mother in Wales to restructure her life.
7. Pray for the congregations in **Mirador & Remansito** linked to the main **Roque Alonso** church. For **pastor Cefe & Ana** & the team of lay leaders supporting. For the regular children's groups & midweek activities.
8. Give thanks for the work & witness of the **Annexe School** & the difference seen in the lives of the pupils & their families. Pray for the ongoing contact between Head, **Victor Santa Cruz** & **pastor Agustin** to establish regular meetings with parents. For strength & vision for each member of staff.
9. Pray for **pastor Juan & Romualdo** as they minister in the church in **Makxawaya**. Give thanks for God's protection for the Christians there & pray for spiritual discernment for those who are as yet unwilling to cut free

from the bondage of alcohol. Give thanks for greater links with the neighbouring community of **Monte Alto** & pray for the Christian leaders there. Give thanks for **Anita's** better health & pray for spiritual growth for the children & young people as they face constant pressures on them.

10. Pray for **Dr. Dickie Barr** as he arrives today from Ireland & for his contacts with Christian leaders & with young people both in **Asuncion & Concepcion**. For wisdom over how to use the "**Love for Life**" materials here in **Paraguay** & for **Alison & Hannah** as they accompany him.
11. Pray for the **indigenous church leaders** as they prepare for Sunday services in the many different communities. For God's hand on the **volunteer** group at present helping to construct a church building & underground water cistern in **Para Todoi** in **El Estribo** & for their contacts with other villages there also. For mutual blessing & encouragement.
12. Give thanks that there is now **electricity** in **Rio Verde**! Pray for **Tim** & the **translators** as they adjust to this new reality & for **Nelson & Carmen** & the family as they look after the **Anglican Centre** there. Give thanks for their good care of the site. Pray for **Carmen's** health & for their family.
13. Pray for the bishops of the **Southern Cone Province** as they plan to meet in **Buenos Aires** with **5 bishops** from biblically orthodox dioceses in the **USA** who are seeking new links & covering given the present unresolved situation with ECUSA. For God's wisdom & discernment in the way forward. For Presiding bishop **Greg Venables**.
14. Tomorrow is **Children's Day**, honouring the child soldiers (aged 12-16) who died in the War of the Triple Alliance. Pray for the many celebrations in the different local congregations in **Asuncion, Concepcion & the Chaco**. Give thanks that hundreds of children are hearing the gospel & pray that their lives may be based & grown on the truth of God's Word. For encouragement & vision for **Christian teachers** & leaders in the **Chaco**.
15. Pray for the nation of **Paraguay**. For wisdom & discernment for its government as it considers new legislation, especially the anti discrimination bill. For leaders of integrity to emerge in the general elections next year who are equipped & prepared together to fight the deep rooted & long term corruption in the country.
16. Pray for the congregation in **Rio Verde** & its links with the indigenous community of **Sombrero Piri**. For **Doña Bety & Sra. Zuny** & for wisdom over the re-siting of the church building. For **pastor Eduardo Brice** as he coordinates pastoral & teaching visits from the cities. For **Mari** & the family, especially praying for **Javier** & his future work & studies.

17. Pray for the ministry amongst young people in **Concepcion** through “El Puente” on Saturday nights & the Sunday evening services. Give thanks for **Javier & Mirian’s** leadership & pray for more to join the team & be committed to this vital work. For **Claire** & her team as they minister to the children & for **Saul & Norma** running the indigenous hostel.
18. Pray for wisdom & strength for **bishop Andres & Estela** & for the ongoing work of the **Nominating Committee** as they seek God’s guidance for the person to continue the Episcopal leadership in the diocese. For **bishop John & Judie** in all the preparations for their retirement. Their final Sunday is planned for October 21st & they will leave Paraguay on November 16th.
19. The next **EMA** weekend will take place on 14-16 September. Pray for the leadership group – **pastor Tony & Chris, Juan Carlos & Silvia, Miguel & Mirian** - & the supporting team involved in all the preparations for this event. Give thanks for so many marriages strengthened through **EMA** & pray for perseverance & spiritual growth in Christian marriages.
20. Give thanks for the opportunity for **Samantha & Ana Maria** to attend a Summer School in Iowa & learn from the Christian Graduate School there. Pray for all the teaching staff at **FEISA** as they both lecture & continue to prepare themselves for the task of equipping young teachers in Paraguay. Pray for the pioneer projects in the **Chaco** & the translation of **FEISA** materials into **Enxet**. For **Remigio** as he undertakes this work & for the ongoing restoration process for **Remigio & Susana** & the family.
21. Pray for the preparations for the next **EJE** weekend in September. For **Patrick & Rosie** as they encourage the **EJE** leadership & for the young people in their spiritual growth. For their growing participation in the **San Andres** evening congregation & a deeper understanding of being part of Christ’s Body, the Church.
22. Continue to pray for the large group of **Mission Paraguay** volunteers working in the **Chaco** & in **Concepcion** & for their return to **Asuncion** on Friday. Give thanks for **David Orritt’s** leadership & the blessing that has been received through these visits involving Christians from England, Ireland, Wales & the USA.
23. Give thanks for **Oswaldo Recalde’s** work with indigenous patients over the past years. Pray for him as he returns to live in **Quyquyho** to work amongst needy children & give thanks that another Christian church is now able to support the ministry there. Pray for God’s guidance over the right person to take on the liaison work with **Chaco patients** & hospitals in the city & for the funding needed for salary, transport & medical costs, for fares & food for the patients & their accompanying family members.
24. Continue to pray for nurse **Beryl Baker’s** health that she may be able to carry on her vital medical work in her **Chaco** clinic. Give thanks for God’s protection for her on necessary journeys to **Asuncion**. Pray for wisdom & perseverance for the indigenous health auxiliaries in the **Chaco** communities & for diligence in combating TB in its early stages. For wise instruction in the communities with regard to AIDS.
25. Pray for **Asuncion, Juan & Martin** as they work with **Tim** on the translation of the Old Testament into **Enxet**. Pray that understanding of God’s eternal purposes will grow, as **Enxet** Christians have an increasingly panoramic view of Scripture in their own language.
26. Join with us as we begin the **special week of prayer**, using the 24/7 prayer room in **San Andres** cathedral church. For the launch of Alpha; for the church leadership & future bishop; for the indigenous church in the Chaco; for the ministry in Concepcion & rural areas; for EMA & EJE; for the ministry to children & young people; for discipleship in the local congregations; for holistic mission; for theological studies; for financial needs; for the nation of Paraguay.
27. Pray for resources to buy a replacement truck for **bishop Andres in Concepcion**, to assist him in his role as auxiliary bishop in the **Chaco & rural** areas. Pray too for funds for the maintenance & running costs of diocesan **vehicles** which are an integral part of the diverse ministry here.
28. Pray for discernment & perseverance for **Chris Hawksbee** & the **Chaco** leaders in the wise use of their land. For the ongoing studies on good stewardship of finance, time, talents & possessions.
29. Pray for the 3 deacons- **Luis Echeverría, Patrick Butler & Eduardo Brice** as they prepare for their ordination as **presbyters** on September 2nd in San Andres church. Give thanks for their commitment & pray for their ongoing ministries in **Zeballos Cue, San Andres & the Chaco** respectively.
30. Pray for **pastor Jorge & Rebeca** & the congregation in **Luque**, especially for wisdom & strength for **Ana María** & the children in the midst of a very distressing family crisis. Also for the team working amongst children & adolescents in **San Lorenzo**.
31. Pray for the time of worship, study & discussion at the weekly **CALEB** leaders meetings & for the ministry in each of the local churches represented. Pray too for the lay people studying similar themes at **Paso a Paso** on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. For a healthy balance between evangelism, worship, discipleship, fellowship & service in the churches.