

**PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - July 2007**

*Heb.10:19-23 "we have confidence.. by the blood of Jesus.. draw near to God.. in full assurance of faith...hold to the hope...for he who promised is faithful.."*

1. Give thanks for God's purposes at work in the lives of **Ed & Mari Brice & Patrick & Rosie Butler** in the further step taken, by **Patrick & Ed**, to ordained ministry in the **Anglican Church**. As **Ed & Mari's** responsibility is primarily to the **Chaco** churches, his ordination takes place today in **Yatnata**, Sombrero Piri. Thank God for the very special service last Sunday in **San Andres**, Asuncion with such wholehearted support for the continuing ministry of **Patrick & Rosie**. Pray for both couples & their families. For God's strength & guidance as they continue to serve him in their different areas of ministry.
2. Yesterday the **St. Andrew's** congregation said farewell to **Stephen & Eileen Trew** & family giving thanks to God for their dedicated & loving ministry. Pray for God's peace & strength as they return to **Ireland** & seek his will for the next step. For **Eileen's mother** awaiting a liver transplant.
3. Pray for **David Orritt** as travels today to **Paraguay** & for all the volunteers preparing to come & serve here this month and next. For God's blessing & protection on each person & on the congregations here who will receive them. For the love & unity of the Holy Spirit between us.
4. Today there is a class on nutrition for mothers in **Zeballos Cue** linked with the church & the **PEPE** pre-school. Pray for an openness to change eating habits & make better use of the small income they have. For God's wisdom & strength for those leading the school & the weekly "**Comedor**" (kitchen)
5. Pray for the staff at **St. Andrew's School** as they finish classes on Friday for a 2 week winter break. For good rest & relaxation for each person after a busy & stressful term which included the sudden death of a senior member of staff. Pray too for **Babs Owen** with her mother in the **UK**. Her father was diagnosed at the end of **June** with a very aggressive form of cancer & has since died. Pray for strength & peace for all the family at this time of loss.
6. Pray for God's peace, strength & wisdom for **Beryl Baker** as she copes with a difficult back problem which means she cannot now travel into indigenous areas. Pray for adequate rest & for understanding of her situation in the communities. For God's overruling for the care of **Chaco** patients & for the work of the health auxiliaries in each place.
7. Pray for **pastor Cefe** & the congregation in **Roque Alonso** as they meet with **David Orritt & Penny Metcalfe** tomorrow to finalise details for the

volunteers visit on 14<sup>th</sup> July. For the **children's clubs** being planned, the work in the retreat centre in **Emboscada** & in the **Esperanza Foster Home**.

8. Pray for **pastor Luis** as he continues his theological studies & accompanies the congregation in **Zeballos Cue**. Give thanks for **Luis & Regina's** witness as a couple & pray for God's transforming power for couples in the church as they face daily living in the context of poverty & unemployment. Give thanks for funds received to support his ministry.
9. Pray for the extensive work amongst children in & around **Concepcion** & for strength for **Claire** & her team. Pray that God's word will go deep into the children's hearts & minds & give them hope & purpose for the future.
10. Pray for perseverance & spiritual understanding for the pastors & church leaders in the indigenous communities as they face so many daily pressures. For their relationship with community leaders & for discernment & unity in the use of their land. For rest & spiritual refreshment for **Chris & Alison Hawksbee** as they visit the **UK** for their son **Samuels'** graduation.
11. Pray for God to provide resources to urgently buy a replacement truck for **Bishop Andres** in **Concepcion**. His ministry is adversely affected by the need of reliable transport in order to visit the outlying **country & Chaco** areas. For his wife **Estela** & the family & for their health.
12. Give thanks for testimonies of how God has changed their lives made by pupils & ex-pupils from **St. Andrew's School**. Pray that the daily Bible readings, the weekly **Assemblies**, the **EJE** programme & personal contacts may be used to bring many more young people to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour. For their ongoing discipleship & commitment to local churches.
13. Pray for **Tim** & the translation team in **Rio Verde**. Give thanks that parts of the book of **Exodus** in **Enxet** are being used alongside Spanish daily devotional readings in some of the **Chaco** churches. Pray for useful comeback for the translators from the groups of **Enxet** readers. Give thanks for the wider understanding being gained by **Enxet** Christians as they relate Old & New Testament readings in their own language.
14. The first group of volunteers arrive today. Pray for them & for new **St. Andrew's** teacher **Elaine Hutchison** who arrived yesterday, as they adapt to a very different culture & climate. Give thanks for our interdependence in the church & pray for mutual understanding & blessing. For the congregation in **Roque Alonso** as they welcome & give them hospitality.
15. Pray for the team in **Concepcion** – for **pastor Guillermo's** visits to **San Juan & Yvapobo** & for the lay leaders in **Tacuati**. For **Saul & Norma** & their ministry through the new indigenous hostel. For the children's work in

- Barrio Inmaculada** & many other parts of the city & in areas outside. For **Javier & Mirian** & the ministry to young people at **El Puente** & the Sunday evening service. Give thanks that there are now more opportunities for study in **Concepcion** & pray for more openings for work there.
16. Pray for the staff & children in **Esperanza Foster Home**. Give thanks for help there from the volunteers visiting & pray for strength for **Murray & Penny** as they oversee the ministry. Pray for all the babies & toddlers who have already been adopted & for the right homes for those presently in care.
  17. Give thanks for an improvement in **Isabel's** health & pray that the new treatment will be successful. Give thanks for **Adelio's** hard work in the new centre in **Emboscada** & pray for the volunteers as they accompany him this week. For wisdom in evangelistic outreach in the area & the formation of a house group. For vision & strength for **pastor Cefe & Ana**.
  18. Continue prayer for wisdom & discernment for the **Nominating Committee** as they seek the person of God's choice to be the next bishop here. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance & unity for each member. For safety in travel.
  19. Pray for **Remigio & Susana** as they continue to restore their marriage relationship. Give thanks for translation work for **Remigio** which both stimulates & provides some income for them. Pray for wisdom for him in the best use of his time & in his relationship with the family.
  20. As the school term restarts on Monday pray for God's overruling of all the staffing needs in **St. Andrew's School**. Pray too for the **Annexe School** & its staff & for the increasing contact with parents of the children. For Head **Victor Santa Cruz** & pastor **Agustin** as they share God's word with them.
  21. Pray for spiritual insight in the studies & discussions about responsible **stewardship** taking place in local churches & in the Chaco congregations. Give thanks for efforts already being made to increase support for pastor's stipends & church expenses. Pray that many more church members may find regular paid employment & for greater economic stability in **Paraguay**. Give thanks for financial & prayer support from outside the country.
  22. Pray for pastor **Tony & Chris** & their family. For the **Villa Guarani** congregation & the weekly times of Bible Study. For the young people & children & the building up of a team to lead & preach. For guidance over preparations for the next **EMA** weekend & for the **EMA** leadership team.
  23. Give thanks for funding received to support **Raquel's** studies in **Chile**. Pray for her far away from her home & family. For good insight & understanding in her theological studies. For **Donald, Feliciano & Luis** studying here in **Asunción** & for the funds needed to cover their study costs.
  24. Pray for strength & wisdom for **pastor Juan** & lay leader **Romualdo** in **Makxawaya**. For encouragement for the young people in their music & for the elderly & sick at this time of abrupt temperature changes. Give thanks & pray for those who have faithfully served God there over many years, especially for the health of **Enrique Zavala** & his family & **Anita Severo**.
  25. Give thanks for the work of **SAMS** across the years & its faithful support of the church in **South America**. Pray for God's wisdom for **Canon John Sutton** & the **Home Staff**, the **Trustees** & **General Council** as they evaluate & pray through future steps for the Society. For God's timing & direction.
  26. Pray for the **Paraguayan** nation in its struggles to combat corruption in its diverse forms. Give thanks for the large yet peaceful protest by Christians from different denominations last month, with regard to the new legislation being proposed on sexuality, abortion, antidiscrimination, sex education for children etc. Give thanks that several times these proposals have not been passed but there is much pressure from other nations to conform.
  27. Pray for the **volunteers** as they complete their time here & for the farewell service in **Emboscada** on **Sunday**. Give thanks for this glimpse of the diversity of the church & how we can support & encourage each other, not only financially but spiritually, in prayer & mutual blessing.
  28. Give thanks for the work of **FEISA** & its pioneer projects which are approved by the Ministry of Education, encouraging preschool education in the **Chaco**. Pray for **Samantha Parsons** & the team as they make regular visits to the **Chaco** & for **Esteban Echeverria** as he accompanies them.
  29. Pray for the **St. Andrew's** congregation & for **Patrick & Rosie** as they take on the leadership alongside **Murray & Penny Metcalfe**. Give thanks for the way God has used this ministry over the years. For strength for **Stephen & Eileen** & their family as they adapt back to life in **Ireland**.
  30. Give thanks for events which draw Christians together across the denominational barriers. Pray for this to continue & for perseverance in the formation of the Association of Churches, so that we can speak with a more united voice in the nation. For **pastor Jorge** as he represents the **Anglicans**. For school events today celebrating **Friendship Day**.
  31. Pray for plans for a visit next month by **Dr. Dickie Barr** from **N.Ireland** to present "**Love for Life**". This is a programme for schools, in conjunction with teachers & parents, to help children & young people to grow up alcohol, drug and sex free. Give thanks for its impact in Ireland & in Africa & pray for the right openings here in Paraguay. For **Alison Crawford & Hannah Collins** as they accompany **Dr. Barr** & translate for him.