

PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - November 2007

Philippians 4:19 & 23 “My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.”

1. Pray for **Bp. Andres** as he travels to the **Provincial** meetings in **Chile** & for **Denis Johnston & Bp. Ken Clarke** (SAMS Ireland) as they accompany him. For wisdom in the discussions with **SAMS International** & for guidance over the possibility of a merger by **SAMS GB** with **CMS**.
2. This weekend is the **Alpha** retreat. Pray for spiritual understanding for all who have participated in the course & a real commitment to the Lord & his church. For the strengthening of the congregations in the centre of Asuncion. Pray too for **pastor Tony & Chris** & the congregation in **Villa Guarani**, as they make preparations for the **Somervell**'s absence during their Home Ministry leave in the **UK**. For a growth in commitment by each church member.
3. Join with **pastor Teodoro** & the church in **Palo Blanco, Chaco** as they hold a special prayer vigil today in preparation for their week of evangelism in **December**. Many men who are working away on ranches return for the Christmas period. Pray for a deepening of their commitment to the Lord.
4. Give thanks for the wonderful farewell services last month in the **Chaco, Concepcion & Asuncion**. Pray for **Bp. John** at the **Provincial** meetings in Chile & for **Judie** in these last days of sorting & packing. Pray too for the congregation in **Roque Alonso** & for the outreach towards **Limpio & Emboscada**. For **pastor Cefe, Ana** & the lay leaders.
5. Give thanks for **Martin Rojas**' good recovery from his surgery & for the funds received to cover the costs. Pray for **Tim** & the **translators** as they prepare to travel to **Lima** for the bi-annual training Workshops there together with translators from other South American countries. Pray for protection for their families in Rio Verde during their absence (10th-24th).
6. Continue to pray for the **Provincial** meetings in Chile & for safety in return travel on Thursday 8th. For **Bp. Greg Venables & Bp. Tito Zavala** in their responsibilities in the **Southern Cone Province** & with the wider **Anglican Communion** at this critical time.
7. Give thanks for the start of a fund to purchase a better second-hand vehicle for **Bp. Andres** in **Concepcion**. Pray that God will provide for our needs at the right time. Pray for **Bp. Andres** in his increasing responsibilities & for the pastoral team in **Concepcion**. For the **lay leaders** in **Tacuati, Yvapobo & San Juan** & for safety for pastor **Guillermo** in his regular visits.
8. Pray for the **EMA** weekend which starts tomorrow. For each couple & also for the care of their children with others during the weekend. For the testimony couples coming from Chile & for a move of God's Holy Spirit to both restore & enrich marriages. For **pastor Tony & Chris** & the leadership team.
9. Pray for **Canon John Sutton** as he arrives for a visit to Paraguay today & for grace & strength for the Home staff at **SAMS GB** in times of change. Pray that God will give wisdom & direction to each of the **Trustees & General Council** members.
10. Pray for **Patrick** & the service at **St. Andrew's** church tomorrow especially remembering those who have given their lives in past wars. Pray that international leaders may be more open to look for peaceful & just solutions to the many conflicts in the world.
11. Pray for the staff & pupils of **St. Andrew's School** in this 3rd & final **exam** month. For good health & concentration & for God's peace in the school at this stressful time. For plans to produce a different evaluation scheme for next year to try & reduce the exam pressure on the children. For special grace & strength for the **final year students** as they prepare to leave the school & go on to university.
12. Pray for the Chaco community of **Makxawayaya**. For **pastor Juan** & deacon **Romualdo** & the other church leaders & for **Juan Arce** as he encourages the young people. For strength as a community to resist the temptation of alcohol, giving thanks for those who have set a good example over the years. For the neighbouring community of **Monte Alto** & their leaders.
13. Give thanks for the hard work of the **Diocesan office** staff especially with the contact with **indigenous patients** in the absence of a full time liaison person. Pray for grace & strength & for their witness to the many callers at the office. For the farewell lunch tomorrow with **Bp. John & Judie**.
14. Give thanks for the good use being made now of the **indigenous hostel** in **Concepcion** & pray for the visitors & for **Saul & Norma** in their responsibilities there. Also for the new multi purpose room started by the volunteers which is being completed. Pray for **Claire & Norma** & the ongoing ministry amongst children in that area of **Barrio Inmaculada**.
15. Pray for little **Romina** in **Concepcion**, now under medical treatment. For a 3 kilo weight gain to make possible the surgery she needs. For strength for **Blanca & Claire** caring for her. Pray for many other children who are neglected & undernourished in the city. For new sources of work for the people of **Concepcion**. Pray for guidance for **Javier & Myrian** over future development of “**El Puente**”.

16. Pray for grace & strength for **Bp. John & Judie** as they leave **Paraguay** today & for **Rosie, Patrick, Luke, Jess & Johnny** as they say their farewells. For safety in travel & for their re-orientation into the **UK**.
17. Pray for the mainly **Guarani** speaking villages in **La Patria, Chaco** & for **pastor Robert**, deacons **Agripino, Niño Pepe & Mario** & their pastoral assistants. Give thanks for **Pastor Teodoro's** visit there last month & for **Chris Hawksbee & Beryl Bakers'** regular visits. For strength, vision & perseverance for **Bp. Andres** in the ongoing theological training of the church leaders.
18. Give thanks that some **rain** has fallen in **Paraguay** & pray for a adequate rainfall in the **country & Chaco** areas to facilitate the preparation & sowing of crops. There has been much hardship this year. Pray for **Chris** as he encourages the indigenous communities in the use of their land. For the project to make adobe bricks in **El Estribo** preparing for the winter & visits of volunteers.
19. Pray for **David Orritt** as he visits churches in the **UK** to organize visits by volunteers next year. Pray that **Mission Paraguay** will continue to bring blessing here both in children's ministry & in providing buildings needed in different parts of the diocese.
20. Give thanks that a "**comedor**" (soup kitchen) is now functioning well in **Remansito**. Pray for the children & team there, as well as in **Zeballos Cue**, giving thanks for those who care & give time & energy to this ministry.
21. Today & tomorrow see the closing programmes for the **Guarderia & Preschool** classes at **St. Andrew's School**. Pray for the children & the contact with parents & grandparents, that the true message of Christmas may be received.
22. Give thanks for the ministry of the **Annexe School** & pray for **Victor Santa Cruz** & his staff & for all their end of term activities & contacts with families. For the development of links with **pastor Agustin** & the parents' commission.
23. Pray for **pastor Ed Brice, Doña Bety, Sra. Zuny** & the congregation in **Rio Verde**. Give thanks that the title deeds for the new piece of land for the church site have now been finalized & pray for the plans to erect the new building together with the volunteers in **August**.
24. Give thanks for the **San Andres** evening service & the growing number of young people attending who were contacted through **EJE**. Pray that this may continue & that these young people may make a firm commitment to Christ & his church. Pray for **Patrick & Rosie** & for the younger leaders – **Donald, Norman, Karenina** & the musicians.
25. Pray for the pastors & congregation in the indigenous community of **Sombrero Piri** & give thanks for the greater spiritual input in community meetings now. Pray for discernment for the political leaders, particularly **Wilfrido & Isidro**, that they may seek the good of their community & understand in a new way, God's purposes for them. Pray for **pastor Ed Brice** as he heads up the theological in service training in the **Chaco**.
26. Give thanks for new people coming into the **Zeballos Cue** congregation through contacts with the children in the **PEPE** kindergarten. Pray for their spiritual understanding & commitment to Christ. Pray for **pastor Luis** as he completes this year's theological study, giving thanks for his perseverance. Give thanks for the way God has led this congregation through the past difficulties to be a firmer more united community. Pray for the **lay leaders** alongside **Luis & Regina** & for the young people.
27. Tonight is the **St. Andrew's School Primary Christingle** service. Pray that the Lord might speak through each one participating & that families will respond to his word. Pray too for the closing ceremony at the **Annexe** school tomorrow. For grace & strength for all the staff & pupils at the close of term, giving thanks for God's faithfulness throughout the academic year.
28. Continue to pray for **Bp. Andres** & the **Nominating Committee** as they seek the next **Diocesan bishop**. For discernment & wisdom & for openness & an obedience response by the person of God's choice. For strength for the members of the **Committee** in travel & consultation with others.
29. Give thanks for the Lord's protection over the children & staff of **Esperanza Foster Home** this year. Pray for **Murray & Penny, Juana** & the team as they care for those little ones. Pray too for the **Minister** & staff of the **Secretariat for Children & Young People** & for the **Adoption Centre**, giving thanks for the close contacts between us all.
30. Give thanks for **Beryl Baker's** medical work & continue to pray for God's grace & protection for her both in the clinic & in travel & for the indigenous health promoters in each community. Also tonight is **9th Grade's** closing service at **St. Andrew's School**. Pray for the pupils taking part who have written their own prayers of gratitude to God for all they have learnt this year which has changed their attitudes to themselves & the needs of their country. For their families.