

PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - September 2007

Eph. 6:10-18 “..be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power...stand...pray..”

1. Give thanks for the two groups of **Mission Paraguay** volunteers who have worked so cheerfully in the **Chaco** & in **Concepcion**. For the good relationships between the five different nationalities present & the strength & love to cope with so many cultural challenges. Pray for **David Orritt** as he returns home today & for ongoing planning for **2008**.
2. Pray for **Patrick Butler** who is being ordained **presbyter** today as **San Andres** morning & evening congregations join together with those of **St. Andrew's** church. For **Rosie** & the family. For God's wisdom & guidance at the meeting afterwards to plan the launch of the **Alpha** course on Thursday **6th** & for our reflections this month on pastoral ministry. For wisdom over the date of **Mario Caballero's** ordination as presbyter in **Dos Palmas**, El Estribo.
3. Give thanks for God's great faithfulness in the past & pray for his provision for the present **financial needs** of the **diocese**. The majority of the church members have very low incomes. For adequate support for auxiliary **bishop Andres** & for the need of a replacement truck for him. Pray too for **rain**, especially in the **Chaco & country** regions where there is much suffering after several months drought. For the right national & church response.
4. Pray for **Ed & Mari Brice** as **Ed** accompanies their youngest son **Derek** in the **UK** for the start of his A level courses. For **Derek** as he adapts to a very different culture & for **Ed's** safe return to **Asuncion** on Friday **7th**. Give thanks for his teaching visits in the **Chaco** this year with the indigenous pastors & leaders & pray for the **Chaco** leaders as they share what they have learnt with their congregations.
5. Pray for **Sra. Estela** & the staff & students at **FEISA**. Give thanks for their participation in preschool teaching in **Chaco** communities & pray also for **Remigio** as he translates materials for them. For **Caroline Gilmour White** as she travels to the **UK** on Friday for a period with her family. Pray too for the **St. Andrew's** students who are visiting **Yvapobo** as part of their community service. The **Concepcion** team will accompany them as they work in a small school & a health clinic.
6. The **Alpha** course is being launched this evening in **San Andres**. Pray for good participation & commitment in this “bi-lingual” **Alpha** & for those involved in leadership. For a deep work of God's Holy Spirit.
7. Pray for **bishop John & Judie** as they visit the **Chaco** this weekend. For the study time with **pastors, deacons & pastoral assistants** & for the meeting between church & community leaders regarding a proposed asphalt road through their community linking a nearby town to the **Transchaco** road. For wisdom & good decisions to be made for the benefit of all the families.
8. Give thanks for **Chris Hawksbee's** accompaniment of indigenous leaders as they grapple with constant pressures of national life & their own identity within it. For strength, wisdom & perseverance in this vital supporting role, with all the massive cultural obstacles & challenges to work through. For spiritual enlightenment & grasp of biblical principles for the Chaco leaders.
9. Pray for **bishop Andres, Estela** & the **Concepcion team**. For the building up of the ministry in **San Juan, Tacuati, Yvapobo & Horqueta** & the leaders needed. For **Claire** & her team working with so many children each week & recently arrived, volunteer **Sophie Atkinson**, as she starts to accompany them. For her adaptation & spiritual protection.
10. Give thanks for improved health for seriously ill indigenous patient, **Crecencia**. Pray for her full recovery & wisdom over proposed surgery. For **Beryl & Dra. Trudy** as they visit **La Patria** each month & for their own safety & health. For wisdom & perseverance for the health auxiliaries in each community & for the provision of a **hospital** in the **Chaco**.
11. Pray for God's guidance in the meeting of the **SAMS** Trustees tomorrow & for **Bishop Greg Venables** as he shares thoughts from the **Southern Cone Province**. For preparations for the **Provincial Synod** in Santiago on **Nov.2nd** & for **SAMS International** representatives who will be present there also.
12. Pray for **Patrick & Rosie, Murray & Penny** & others as they lead the **Alpha** Course tomorrow evening & for a good attendance. Give thanks for the renovated **San Andres** church building which can now be effectively used for this & many other different purposes. Pray for **pastor Agustin & Teresa** & the building up of the morning congregation.
13. This weekend both **EMA & EJE** are taking place in Asuncion. Pray for **pastor Tony & Chris** & the **EMA** leadership & for strength & protection for the 2 couples coming from **Chile** to support them. For God's grace for each couple attending & protection for their families being cared for at home.
14. Pray for **Donald, Norman** & the **EJE** coordinating team, for the young people attending & for the large supporting team, who have themselves already been helped through the **EJE** ministry. Pray for those who have come into a closer relationship with God that they may grow in their faith. For **Patrick & Rosie** as they encourage the **EJE** leadership & also seek God's guidance over its future development.

15. Tomorrow **pastor Luis Echeverría** will be ordained **presbyter** in **Zeballos Cue** church. Give thanks for his & **Regina**'s ministry there & pray for wisdom for him as he continues his theological studies at the same time. For **Bishop John** as he accompanies him & for the faithful group of lay leaders alongside him. For the work amongst underprivileged **children** in the soup kitchen & the **PEPE** pre-school. For the many couples who lack regular work in order to adequately support their families.
16. Give thanks for the input by volunteers in **Concepcion** last month. Pray for **Saul & Norma** as they run the **indigenous hostel** there & for the children's work in the same place. For the strengthening of contacts being made with families in the area & for Claire as she guides the ministry to children. For **Norma** who is now teaching the Bible to several classes in a nearby school.
17. Pray too for **Zuny**, (supported through the Discretionary Fund,) as she now completes her teacher training course & embarks on her thesis. For future work in the town & for a just salary for her husband **Victor** who works as a gardener for the local authority. For their little daughter **Rebeca**. Give thanks for their commitment in the congregation in **Concepcion** & that of several other young couples.
18. Give thanks for the first meeting of the **National Evangelical Council** last month, which brought together leaders from 20 denominations. Pray for the raising up of people able to give input as Christians into every area of national life. Pray for a growing unity amongst the churches & for sensitive & helpful dialogue with leaders of the **Roman Catholic Church**.
19. Pray for staff & pupils at **St. Andrew's School** & for protection & strength for **Babs Owen** as she travels back from the **UK** to **Paraguay** today. For her widowed mother in Wales. Also for the final year students in the days before their final exams & for **Sports Day** this week.
20. As tomorrow is **Youth Day**, pray for the ministry among **young people** in the different areas of the diocese. For receptivity to biblical truths & for God to raise up future leaders for his church from amongst them. For those participating in the **Alpha** course this evening.
21. Give thanks that the electricity is functioning well in the **Anglican Centre** in **Rio Verde**. Pray for sufficient funds to implement the next stage. Also for **Tim** & the translators as they check over texts. **Juan** has just completed the first draft of **Job & Martin** is nearly halfway through the Psalms. For their health & concentration & for spiritual maturity. For **sufficient rainfall** to fill the "aljibes" (underground cisterns) as much time has to be spent on loading water into barrels from the "tajamares" (small lakes) which are also very low & somewhat muddy.
22. Pray for deacons **Juan Sosa & Eduardo Brice** as they are ordained presbyters in **Makxawaya** tomorrow. Give thanks for their ministry & for the support from their families. Pray too for **Romualdo Rojas** who will be ordained deacon. For the nearby community of **Monte Alto**, giving thanks for the growing unity between the villages.
23. Pray for the nation of **Paraguay** & for protection & wisdom for **President Nicanor** in his dealings with other politicians & the church leadership. For greater justice & response to the tremendous needs of the nation from those who form the minority rich & powerful sector of society.
24. This week is half-term at **St. Andrew's** & the **Annexe Schools**. Pray for good rest for all the staff, teaching, administrative & maintenance. Pray for the spiritual contacts being established with parent representatives in the **Annexe School** & for **pastor Agustin** & School Head **Victor Santa Cruz**.
25. Pray for **pastor Cefe, Ana** & the lay leaders in **Roque Alonso, Remansito** and **Mirador** & for wisdom over the continuing restoration process for Alberto & Ester Romero. For guidance over plans to begin a **Comedor** (soup kitchen) in **Remansito** & the development of the work in **Mirador**.
26. Pray for God's protection over the **Esperanza Foster Home** & for strength for **Juana** & her team. For **Murray & Penny** in their coordinating role, giving thanks for the hard work of volunteers there in July in many practical ways. For grace for each of the little ones abandoned so early in their lives.
27. Pray for the **Villa Guarani** congregation, especially for discernment in helping two of the young people who have mental health problems. Also for more help for **Chris Somervell** with the **Sunday School** classes. Continue to pray that couples with no church connections who attend the **EMA** weekends, will be integrated into a local church fellowship.
28. Pray for God's wisdom & guidance for the **Nominating Committee** as they seek the next bishop for the diocese. Also for **bishop John & Judie** as they near their departure date & prepare for the changes ahead.
29. Pray for **bishops John & Andres** as they visit the more isolated **La Patria** community in the **Chaco**. For **Robert** as he is ordained presbyter tomorrow after many years as a deacon. For his ongoing theological training & that of the other 3 deacons, **Agripino, Mario & Niño**. Pray for the provision of a newer truck for **bishop Andres** to facilitate his teaching visits to **La Patria**.
30. Pray for **pastor Jorge, Rebeca** & the **Luque** congregation. For wisdom over plans for the work in **San Lorenzo** & possible volunteer involvement next year. For the team who faithfully work there with the children & young people each week.