

PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - December 2007

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 "Grace & peace to you, we always thank God for all of you mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God & Father...."

1. Pray for the St. Andrew's School Leavers Service & for each of the students as they are prayed for individually & receive a lighted candle to remind them of their witness as Christians in the world.
2. Give thanks for all the teachers who have done many extra hours teaching during the last few months to cover movement of staff & sick leave. Pray for these final days of sorting & preparation for next year's start of term. Pray too for the administrative & maintenance staff at this busy time
3. Pray for pastor Tony & Chris & family as they depart today for their Home Ministry leave in the UK. For safe travel & smooth settling in to their link parish in Bedford. For good rest & spiritual refreshment
4. Give thanks for answered prayer in that Bishop John & Judie were able to move in to a house in the UK a week after their arrival. Pray for them as they adapt to a different culture & climate. For guidance about strengthening understanding & mutual support between the church in the UK & the Southern Cone Province in South America.
5. Pray for auxiliary bishop Andres Rodriguez & the Diocesan Executive during this interim leadership period in the diocese & for the Nominating Committee as they continue to seek God's will over the appointment of the next bishop.
6. Continue to pray for weight gain & strength for little Romina in Concepcion & for Claire & Blanca as they take her to hospital consultations in Asuncion, Pray too for the many children in the city whose parents have gone to work in Argentina or Spain & will feel especially bereft during the Christmas & summer holiday period.
7. Give thanks for the lay leaders in Tacuati, San Juan & Yvapobo & pray for pastor Guillermo as he regularly visits & disciples them. For guidance over plans to construct a multi purpose building in Yvapobo next August with help from volunteers with Mission Paraguay.
8. Pray for the indigenous pastors & leaders as they prepare today for tomorrows services in the many different communities. For perseverance & mutual support & encouragement. For wisdom & vision over plans for events during the Christmas period when so many people come back to the communities from the neighbouring ranches where they have found work.
9. Pray for Rio Verde congregation as they think through the best way forward for the move to the other site. For pastor Ed Brice & other leaders who regularly visit them & the contact with indigenous pastors in Palo Blanco & Yatnata
10. Give thanks for the evangelistic outreach in the area around the main Roque Alonso church. Pray for a deep work of God's Holy Spirit within whole families. For wisdom for pastor Cefe & the lay leaders as they both consolidate existing ministry & seek to extend ministry to other areas. Pray for Adelio & Isabel in Emboscada, giving thanks for Isabel's improved health & mobility.
11. Continue to pray for Head Teacher Gwen Carlisle & the staff at St. Andrew's School as they finalize the last details before the close of term on Thursday. Pray for sufficient staff for next year, especially in the Primary English section & for several Mission Partners who will be starting Home Ministry leave in the UK. For good health & safety in travel.
12. Give thanks for the ministry amongst young people in Concepcion & pray for wisdom & guidance for Javier & Mirian over the development of outreach through the Saturday night open house "El Puente". Pray especially for Javier as he combines this ministry with his medical studies & family commitments.
13. Give thanks for the faithfulness of pastor Juan & deacon Romualdo & their families in Makxawayá. Pray for them as they prepare for Christmas & New Year activities & for a united stand by the community to prevent the wide scale sale of alcohol, Pray that the Christian young people may be able to resist the lure of alcohol & find other ways to enjoy & relax over the holiday period.
14. Pray for Patrick & Rosie & their leadership team & all the preparations underway for the San Andres evening congregation's Christmas Celebration. Pray that many young people contacted through the EJE programme will attend & find both a spiritual home & a new relationship with God through Jesus.
15. Today is the end of year celebration at the Comedor in Zeballos Cue. Give thanks for all the helpers who have worked so sacrificially throughout the year & pray for them as they both serve the children's physical needs & share the true meaning of Christmas with them.
16. Pray for pastor Luis & Regina as they minister in Zeballos Cue & for all the contacts with parents whose children attend the Comedor & the PEPE Pre-school. For vision & perseverance for the church council members & other lay leaders.

17. Give thanks that FEISA's degree course was accepted & approved last month & pray for a good intake of students for its commencement next year. Pray for rest & refreshment for Sra. Estela & her staff during the Christmas & summer holiday break & for Caroline in the UK as she continues her extended leave before returning to Paraguay in February.
18. Pray for strength & safety for Beryl Baker in her Chaco clinic & for wisdom over time for rest during the very hot summer period. Give thanks for the provision of electricity in the Rio Verde area which has made such a difference to Beryl & to Tim in their respective ministries.
19. Give thanks for the United Bible Society workshops in Lima last month & pray for Tim, Asuncion, Martin & Juan as they increasingly put into practice the new knowledge gained there. Pray for the translators & their families as they return to their communities for the Christmas holiday period & for Tim as he remains in the Anglican Centre in Rio Verde.
20. Pray for pastor Agustin & Teresa & the congregation in San Andres as they celebrate Christmas & for the activities with the marginalized children who attend the Saturday club. Pray too for several older members of the congregation who are struggling with serious health problems. For God's peace & strength in the midst of their difficult situations.
21. Pray especially for all the indigenous congregations in La Patria this weekend. For pastor Robert & deacons Mario, Agripino & Nino Pepe & their families giving thanks for their faithful witness over many years.
22. Give thanks for the ministry amongst children & adolescents in San Lorenzo this year & the faithful commitment of Teo & Lidia, Pedro & Maria Eugenia & Maria Constanza. Pray for God's guidance over all the plans to purchase the site there next year, with help from Mission Paraguay volunteers & extend & improve the facilities the following year. Pray for sufficient funding to make this possible.
23. Give thanks for all the visits that have been made by Mission Paraguay coordinator David Orritt to local churches in the UK & Ireland. Pray for God's overruling & guidance for each project envisaged & for wisdom for each volunteer who is considering taking part.
24. Remember all the different congregations in the Chaco, Concepcion & Asuncion as they celebrate Christ's birth tonight. For God's hand of blessing on each family.
25. Give thanks that "the Lord Jesus Christ...though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." Happy Christmas!
26. Pray for the staff of the Esperanza Foster Home as they enjoy their summer break & pray for the well being of each of the little ones who has been adopted into a family this year. Pray too for Murray & Penny as they undertake Home Ministry in the UK & for their family.
27. Continue to pray for all Mission Partners preparing for visits to churches in the UK & for the forthcoming SAMS staff Conference at Dalesdown (7th to 9th January 2008)
28. Pray for Tim Curtis as he will be travelling to the UK on January 3rd & for the translators as they return to the Anglican Centre. For Nelson & Carmen & their family as they care for the Centre.
29. Pray for the church leaders preaching & leading services in the urban congregations whilst many people are away and fore encouragement for the families who are unable to afford a break and continue at home during the hot summer weeks
30. Pray for the group of young people preparing to travel to Chile over the New Year period to take part in Youth Leadership Training programmes with young people from other parts of the Southern Cone.
31. Give thanks to God with us for all his faithfulness & blessing during 2007 & for his hand on the indigenous communities despite the prolonged time of drought. Pray that crops being sown will produce a good harvest. Pray for Chris Hawksbee as he accompanies the community & church leaders in the use of their resources.