

Prayer Calendar 2024

Large print version

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2

- 1. Let's come before our great God and exalt his holy name! He is worthy of all praise and glory and honour and power. He created all things and by his will they were created and have their being.
 - **Revelation 4:11** 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.'
- 2. Give thanks that God has given us the great privilege of serving him through the ministry of CWCI Australia. Pray we will continue to enrich the spiritual lives of women and build them up in the Christian faith through Bible-based teaching.
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
- 3. Give thanks for all those who will be reached by the ministry of CWCI Australia this year through events, Know Your Bible (KYB) studies and safaris. May we have many opportunities to engage with women of all generations and backgrounds. May God use his word to draw people closer to himself through these ministries.

Psalm 145:4 One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

- 4. Pray that God will awaken in us a greater love for those in our communities that are without Christ. May we seek to reach out to them with the gospel message and by inviting them to KYB or CWCI events. Pray that many will come to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
 - Romans 10:14-15 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'
- 5. Praise God for our speakers: the women that he has gifted as Bible teachers. Give thanks for their desire to share God's word, and pray that God will keep them faithful to biblical truth. May he guide and sustain them as they spend many hours preparing their messages.
 - **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.
- Praise God for those who give so generously to the ministry of CWCI Australia. Pray that God will continue to use the financial gifts and bequests of his faithful women to supply all our material needs.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:7** But since you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you see that you also excel in this grace of giving.
- 7. Pray for those serving on our National Management Board (NMB) as they administer the work of CWCI Australia. May God give the board members wisdom and discernment as they seek to build up and develop the ministry in Australia and Melanesia. May they continue to uphold our vision of 'Growing women in Christ through sharing the Bible'.
 - **Proverbs 3:5-6** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

8. Give thanks for our President Chris's leadership of NMB. Please pray for God's strength for her as she continues to help, guide and lead the board members, and action NMB's Strategic Plan for the 2023-25 term. Pray too that those who chair our regional boards and committees will be encouraged as they help grow the ministry of CWCI Australia in their area.

Colossians 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.

 Give thanks for those who encourage prayer for all our ministries: Chris, as Vice President Prayer, the Vice Chairmen Prayer on regional boards, and the Prayer Convenors on committees.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

10. Please pray for our Vice President Speakers, Jenny, and the Vice Chairmen Speakers on our regional boards as they seek to support and care for all our speakers. Pray for them as they assist in arranging speakers for both in-person and online events.

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

- 11. Give thanks for the way Sally, as the NMB Secretary, fulfils the many facets of her role. Pray that God will continue to give her the strength and energy she needs for this, as well as for all the work associated with producing BOND. Pray too for the Secretaries on our regional boards and committees.
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17** May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

12. Give thanks for the experience and expertise that Nancy brings to the role of Finance Director on NMB. Pray for her and for the Treasurers on regional boards and committees as they diligently manage CWCI finances.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

13. Pray that the ministry of KYB will continue to grow and help many women to study God's word. Give thanks for all the work Soriya does as KYB Director, and in other areas of NMB. Pray for the KYB Admins on regional boards as they administer the work of KYB in their regions. Give thanks too for Beryl and Diane as they work with mentors and students in the ministry of KYB by Correspondence (KYBC).

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

14. Give thanks for our long history of ministry to women in rural and remote areas through safaris. Please pray for Margot as the Safari Director on NMB, as well as the Safari Administrators on regional boards. Pray too for the speakers, leaders and pilots who go on safaris. (Itineraries are on the website.)

Mark 16:15 Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'

15. Pray for Robyn who has brought creative thinking and innovation to her role as Development Director on NMB, through the provision of training activities and resources. Give thanks too for Robyn's work with the Development Administrators on regional boards, as they seek to provide training for those in their region.

Psalm 90:17 May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

16. Please pray for God's guidance for Joan, the Melanesia Director on NMB, as she oversees all CWCI Australia's work in Melanesia. Give thanks too for the Country Advisors for the KYB ministry in Melanesia: Elaine in PNG, Machi in the Solomon Islands and Jacqui in Vanuatu. Pray too for Machi in her role as Translation Advisor.

Isaiah 42:12 Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

- 17. Give thanks for the support of the members of our Board of Reference, who are willing to help us should we need their advice.
 - **2 Corinthians 1:12** Now this is our boast: our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.
- 18. Please pray for Chris and Michelle who serve so faithfully in Head Office. Give thanks for their ministry and pray that God will bless them and enable them, in his strength, to fulfil the many tasks that make up their roles.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

From days 19 to 23, pray for each of our regional boards:

- For God's wisdom, guidance and leading for board members as they seek to fulfil CWCI's mission.
- For faithfulness in sharing God's word within the region so women grow closer to the Lord.
- For good training, encouragement and building up of women so they are equipped to serve the Lord well in their homes, communities and churches.
- For the Lord to provide suitable women to fill the vacancies on many of our boards.

- 19. Pray for the boards that look after the work of CWCI in the metropolitan, coastal and rural areas of NSW.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:58b** Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.
- 20. Pray for the South Eastern Board that administers the work of CWCI in Victoria.
 - **1 Thessalonians 1:2** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.
- 21. Pray for the work of the two regional boards in Queensland: Sunshine and Tropical. Tropical region in the north extends across to Darwin.
 - **Philippians 1:6** ... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- 22. Pray for the Southern and Western Regional Boards covering the vast areas of SA and WA. Southern Regional Board includes Broken Hill and extends north to Alice Springs.
 - **Lamentations 3:22-23** Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- 23. Please continue to pray for opportunities to grow the work in Tasmania, where there is currently no regional board. Give thanks for the committed women who continue to serve there and for the national safari teams that visit.
 - **Isaiah 40:31** Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.
- 24. Pray for God's encouragement for the faithful women who serve on CWCI committees. Pray for God to guide them as they plan events to reach those in their local communities.
 - **Psalm 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

- 25. Give thanks for opportunities to encourage, teach and train women as they serve in the ministry of CWCI Australia. Pray that the National Enrichment Program, will continue to equip those serving on our regional boards.
 - **2 Timothy 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
- 26. Give thanks that CWCI values and practises prayer. Praise God for many answers to prayer in recent times. Give thanks for our Intercessors and all who pray regularly for CWCI Australia.
 - **Ephesians 6:18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
- 27. Praise God that KYB is continuing to grow and help women around the world study the Bible effectively. Please pray for the KYB Production team that makes these studies possible: writers, editors, proofreaders, vetters, pilot groups, graphic designers and printers. Pray for the International Board as they facilitate all this work.
 - Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light to my path.
- 28. Please pray that CWCI Australia will communicate well through BOND, our website, national and regional Facebook pages, regional newsletters and online platforms. Pray for clarity and creativity. Pray God will provide the right person as Communications Director on NMB.
 - **Philippians 4:19** And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
- 29. Pray for KYB Leaders and Assistant Leaders. May they prepare well and lead their groups effectively. Give thanks too for various online groups, and for our book distributors.
 - **Hebrews 12:2a** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

30. Give thanks for the dedicated ladies who make up the KYB Executive in PNG, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. They often make long and difficult journeys to train KYB leaders, and encourage and grow the work in their areas.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- 31. Thank God for His wonderful grace to us. Pray we will increasingly live and act like the holy people that God has declared us to be.
 - 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

