

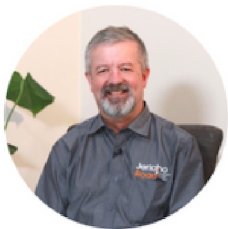
Thank you for partnering with us in prayer.

In the opening to his letter to the church in Philippi, Paul writes:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 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." - Phil 1:3-6.

We are so thankful for our partnership in the gospel with you, and for the many prayers that sustain justice and mercy ministries each day, whether that be prayers for food ministries in a local Presy church serving families in need, or a chaplain ministering to those doing it tough in prison or hospital.

Please keep reading for how you can continue to pray for these ministries. We are so thankful for your prayerful and faithful partnership, as we seek together to seek justice, show mercy and make Jesus known.



Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Flood'.

Jon Flood
Director of Partner Ministries

ALLOWAH



From Jon Flood - Director of Partner Ministries

Giving thanks for:

- Our wonderful supporters, both prayerfully and financially, that continue to make Allowah possible. Thankful for the enthusiastic support and love shared at the supporters' morning tea.
- The kids church teams from Epping and Hurstville and their willingness to go through all sorts of training and requirements so they can share Jesus with the kids at Allowah.
- The dedicated staff at Allowah who put their heart and soul into caring for the kids and young people at Allowah, and their families.
- The visit from year 11 students from Brigidine College and the opportunity they had to spend time with the kids and young people. We also continue to enjoy wonderful partnerships with PLC and Scots College.

Please pray for:

- Protection from illness for the kids and staff. There are a number of respiratory diseases around at the moment, and this risk heightens as we get closer to winter.
- Wisdom for Allowah's leadership as they continue to navigate some very complex issues.
- For more parents to come to MyTime, Allowah's parent support group. This is an important part of the support we offer parents and carers. The numbers have dropped off recently making it difficult to keep running.

CHAPLAINCY

From Joseph Park - Senior Chaplain



Praise God for:

- The resilient chaplains who are faithfully holding their posts with tenacity and faithfulness.
- Many of our chaplains who are also serving as coordinators in their respective facilities, leaders in their departments, mentors, and team builders.
- Tim Wilson, who recently retired after 19 years as a prison chaplain at Parklea Compulsory Drug Treatment Centre. Thank God for leading Sam Yip to continue serving in the facility.
- The government subsidies for our chaplains in hospitals, prisons, and the police. It is not enough to cover our costs, but nevertheless, it is a sound public policy that ensures the community is well-served holistically.
- Supporters - for their generosity and trust in what God is doing in chaplaincy.

Pray for:

- More doors to open to magnify Christ in facilities that our chaplains are serving.
- Courage to speak the truth in love, embodying the compassion of Jesus for people of all faiths and none.
- Love Your Neighbour (LYN) courses in May and June to be filled with willing learners.
- For our Police Chaplain Ian who often travels far and wide through the West of the State, for safety on the road and for fruitful time visiting stations.
- For our emergency volunteers in the Police and RFS, for safety and effectiveness.



Our Jericho Road Chaplains

**For Prayer Updates
from Individual
Chaplains**

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CONDUCT PROTOCOL UNIT

From Vera Buvcevska - Acting Director, CPU

Conduct Protocol Unit
Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW/ACT

- Lots of churches are organizing BTS training as new ministries start up. Thanks for the many people committed to serving in various ministries and completing the training as part of keeping vulnerable people and children safe.
- It has been an extremely busy season for the team overall with compliance lists being sent, audit visits, lots of training events and providing support and advice to churches regarding notifications. Please pray for dependence on God, wisdom and his sustaining power.
- As always, pray for people in very dark, difficult places – for them to know God's peace, love and freedom in Christ.

COUNSELLING



From Taryn Clausing - Counselling Coordinator

- Give thanks that quite a few people are accessing the counselling service. Pray for wisdom to refer the right counselling client to the right counsellor.
- Give thanks for good relationships with our current counsellors and pray that those relationships might grow stronger. Pray for more Christian counsellors to be added to the service, particularly in rural areas.
- Pray for Taryn, our Counselling Coordinator, as she assists people with their counselling needs. Pray for wisdom for Taryn in that process.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY



From Jason Forbes - Disability Advocate

- Praise God for the unique opportunities in the disability space to show and tell the gospel and pray that more churches will be excited about this.
- Praise God for the opportunities Jason has had to think about God's word in depth and how it applies to God's people today.
- Praise God for his Holy Spirit who enables us, his people, to live and act for his eternal purposes.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



From Bernadette Reyes - Early Childhood Services Manager

Praise God for His guidance and strength to minister and provide the best education and care to the children God has entrusted to us in each of our services this year. We have had a busy but good start with the newly enrolled children settling in well in the first few weeks of the term.

Please continue to pray for:

- Health and wellness of our educators and staff as many staff had been away sick due to a variety of illnesses going around in the community (e.g. flu, gastro, etc.).
- Wisdom and guidance upon all service leaders as we make important day-to-day decisions for the best interests of the children under our care.
- Strength & direction for our service directors as we oversee the many facets of running a service specifically in regards to compliance.
- All early childhood services to be able to build positive relationships with the families and work collaboratively with them so we can achieve the best learning outcomes for the children.
- God's favour as we apply for funding to better support the children with additional needs in each service, such as Inclusion Support, Disability Inclusion Funding, etc.

JERICHO ROAD

From Jon Flood - Director of Partner Ministries



Giving thanks for:

- The many food ministries run by churches around NSW. A good example is Shared Table Narrabri providing free meals and food hampers to local people needing assistance.
- The opportunity to provide Christmas hampers and gifts to many families and individuals last Christmas, in partnership with local Presy churches.
- The regular supporters of Jericho Road ministries, supporting ministries like chaplaincy and Allowah financially, or where help is most needed.

Please pray for:

- More opportunities to partner with churches in seeking justice, showing mercy, and making Jesus known.
- Our CEO Liz and the Social Service Committee, for wisdom as they lead the Jericho Road team and ministries.
- That the Jericho Road team will stay rooted in the gospel, as we seek to serve the Lord Jesus in everything we do.

REFUGEE RESPONSE

From Andrew Adams - Refugee & Cross Cultural Support Worker



Prayer points:

- For the second family sponsored under the Community Refugee Integration Settlement Pilot (CRISP) by a group of members from Orange Presbyterian Church.
- This Syrian family of Muslim Background arrived in January. Pray that they may continue to settle in well, including the children who are attending school.
- An urgent ceasefire agreement in Gaza so that humanitarian aid can reach hundreds of thousands of desperately starving innocent civilians caught up in the conflict between Hamas and Israel.

From Jericho Road's partner Sydney Refugee Team:

Pray for:

- Families to find Jesus during Ramadan 10th March - 8th April.
- Comfort, provision, and healing for those traumatized, suffering and isolated.
- Curiosity to know more about the Christian faith they see around them.
- Muslims to be invited into the homes and lives of Jesus followers.
- Just and fair employment.
- A number of families and individuals from the "legacy caseload" who still only have short-term bridging visas after over 10 years - first in detention and now living in the community. They are being neglected by our government in an effort to force them to seek resettlement elsewhere (Canada or NZ). They are particularly struggling in the current economic environment and lack of affordable housing.