

Dear praying friends,

Thank you so much for supporting us in prayer.

In July, I had the pleasure of visiting Hornsby Presbyterian. We were reminded of the importance of prayer in John 16 – “Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” John 16:23-24. Our loving Father wants to hear our prayers, all made possible through the abundant love Jesus has shown us. Jesus wants us to have the joy we can only have through him, a complete and everlasting joy!

Please read on to see how you can be praying for Jericho Road ministries working in partnership with Presbyterian Churches. We truly value your prayerful support as together we seek justice, show mercy and make Jesus known. May your joy be complete as you pray.



Many thanks and blessings,



Jon Flood
Director of Partner Ministries

ALLOWAH

From Elizabeth McClean - CEO



Giving thanks for:

- God's faithfulness to the work of Allowah. We are thankful for the opportunity to continue the work with children and expand to caring for young adults. God has opened doors and smoothed the way for this to take place.

Please pray for:

- Our staff as they make changes, that they would have peace of mind and be excited by the opportunities before us.
- The children and young people that it would be a change that brings even more to their lives.
- Opportunities at Allowah to seek justice, show mercy and make Jesus known.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY

From Jason Forbes - Disability Advocate



- Pray for my work on understanding godly character and how this applies to people with disabilities.

CHAPLAINCY

From Joseph Park - Senior Chaplain



Praise the Lord for:

- Jericho Road chaplains in seven hospitals, two gaols, in the wider police community in NSW with the volunteer chaplains, and Ian, senior police chaplain, and the rural community with our RFS chaplains. Thankful to God for their faithfulness in serving the community for Jesus' sake.
- Sustaining our chaplains within secular institutions like hospitals and correctional centres as the Christian voices championing Christ-mirroring values like compassion and mercy.
- The privilege of serving the Lord as "one of the many links in the chain God graciously and mercifully uses to draw people back to Him." - *Christine Mao, Prince of Wales (POW) Hospital.*

Pray for:

- The window of opportunity to show Christ's compassion to all faiths and none in our secular institutions to remain wide open.
- Our chaplains to remain joyful and hopeful in serving the homeless, the destitute, those who are affected by substance abuse and domestic violence, those who are estranged from their families, those who stopped going to church for one reason or another, those who are feeling hopeless in incarceration and the dying without the hope of resurrection.
- The financial support for the ministry to continue and grow into the future.
- The upcoming October Chaplaincy appeal would be an opportunity to showcase what God is doing in our community's hidden places.
- The Love Your Neighbour: LYN (Introduction to Pastoral & Spiritual Care) course in August would be a fruitful time for the participants and the facilitator.
- The chaplains' retreat in September would be a time of renewal for the chaplains.



Participants of LYN Course in Kiama, Nov 23

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

- Thanks for new team members, Bora and Akos joining CPU. Please pray for smooth onboarding and adjustment.
- Thanks for the opportunity to run the Understanding and Responding to Domestic Violence training seminar in Tasmania. Pray that people will be better equipped to respond.
- For the roll-out of changes to Breaking the Silence, that CPU will be able to inform congregations of the changes in a timely and clear way.

COUNSELLING



From Taryn Clausing - Counselling Coordinator

- Give thanks for the Social Work students that will be updating the database of counsellors and psychologists. Pray for good contact with the counselling community and that ongoing relationships with Jericho Road will be fostered.
- Give thanks for the hardworking Christian counsellors and psychologists. Pray that God will sustain them in their service of others.
- Give thanks for the care shown by many ministers in touch with the Counselling service and wanting to care well for their congregation.
- Give thanks that there is a growing awareness of the Counselling service and that more people are getting in touch.
- Pray for God's financial provision. As more people contact us, more funding is required.

JERICHO ROAD



From Elizabeth McClean - CEO

General Assembly: Praise God for the opportunity to speak about His work through Jericho Road to the 2024 General Assembly. Thank God for the Assembly's support for our plan to have a denomination wide conversation about Justice and Mercy ministries within the Presbyterian Church. Seek His blessing on this work which we hope will bring to the 2025 General Assembly a financial plan among other things to seek this work continue well into the future.

From Jon Flood - Director of Partner Ministries

Give thanks for:

- The opportunity to chat with so many people at General Assembly. We are thankful for the encouragement of many, and for new connections.
- The various church based food ministries around the state. For example, Narrabri Shared Table helps hundreds of people every month. These ministries take lots of energy to sustain, so please pray for sustained energy and wisdom for everyone involved.
- The opportunity to visit churches and be encouraged by the work God is doing across his church.

Please ask for:

- God's financial provision for Jericho Road. Give thanks for the generosity shown by so many, and pray for the financial and other resources needed into the future.
- Healing for team members. A number of team members are struggling with sickness.
- Wisdom for the Social Service Committee and our CEO Liz as they lead and govern what we do.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



From Bernadette Reyes - Early Childhood Services Manager

- Please pray for the Directors and their teams as they start a new term, for sustained energy for the term ahead.
- Give thanks for the many children that attend Presbyterian preschools and long day care centres every day. Pray that as they are cared for and learn, that they know the love and care of their loving Father.
- Pray for patience with new funding systems. These are systems that each service needs to work with for government funding. There was a new system and process introduced recently that has been difficult to work with. Please pray for patience and perseverance.
- Pray for wisdom for long-term planning in each service. Give thanks for the leaders in each service, and pray for time and space to reflect and plan effectively.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



From Andrew Adams - Refugee & Cross Cultural Support Worker

Praise God:

- For how well the Syrian family has been settling into Orange so far since their arrival in January 2024 under the CRISP [Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot] program. This is the second refugee family supported by members of Orange Presbyterian Church under the CRISP program.
- For the support that has been given to the Syrian family from OPC and the local community (including school, soccer club, and friends the family have made).
- For the strength and positivity of the Syrian family.
- For recent opportunities to speak about Jericho Road's refugee response at the Springwood Churches.
- For the rice and oil collection for refugees by St Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Wentworth Falls.

Please Pray:

- For God's ongoing provision for the Syrian Family's physical and emotional needs as they continue to set up life in Orange.
- For their extended family that are still in Syria. For their wellbeing, and that the families will be able to be reunited again in the future.
- That the Syrian family will continue to learn English and the other skills they need.
- That other churches may give prayerful and careful consideration about sponsoring refugees under the CRISP program.
- The Federal Government will find a compassionate approach to address the issue of asylum seekers coming to Australia by boat - rather than the harsh method of off-shore detention.
- The physical and mental welfare of the 47 refugees formerly detained in Manus Island who are still stranded in Papua New Guinea and the 96 people now detained in Nauru.
- For upcoming opportunities to speak about Jericho Road's refugee response in the Northern Rivers region of NSW.