
Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal...

The wonderful privilege of prayer should be a source of delight, but sometimes we find it so hard. Distractions easily intrude, the pressure of deadlines and jobs still to be done draws us away, and our own sinful independence can also get in the way. Though we know prayer is such a good thing, and though that becomes evident again to us when we pray, it is sometimes a battle to bring ourselves to pray.

I take it that, in some measure, this is why we have so many exhortations and encouragements to pray in the Scriptures. God knows very well the way we either feel stretched or else are tempted to think we are self-sufficient. Though we have this extraordinary privilege of bringing our cares and concerns before the God who made all things and demonstrated his love so undeniably in the cross of Jesus, we need to be urged to do it because left to ourselves we would not.

One such encouragement is Paul's words to the Philippians, 'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God' (Phil. 4:6). It is instructive to notice how he puts concern, worry, anxiety, on one side and prayer on the other. Rather than being worried, pray. Rather than being worn down by the demands of the moment, pray. Rather than giving up because the task or tasks before you seem beyond you, pray.

We have the unutterable privilege of living for and speaking of the Saviour who at great cost has brought us from death to life. Yet both the living and the speaking can at times seem way beyond us. Paul's great response would be: pray.

As we make the most of the great privilege of prayer — and particularly as you pray for our College and the men and women preparing here to take the gospel to the world — will you delight in that privilege and not be weighed down by it? God himself has invited us to pray. God himself enables us to pray. And God himself has promised to hear us when we pray.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in praying for the College.

Mark Thompson

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Focus for September

- **New students for 2020**
 - **Spring Break (9-13 September)**
 - **School of Biblical Theology (11 & 12 September)**
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Week 1: Sunday, 1 September – Sunday, 8 September

- Pray for the **College Open Week (2-6 September)** Pray that the Open Week events will give potential students a good idea of all that College has to offer and the importance of the best possible training for their future ministry. Please pray that God would put in the hearts of people a desire to study at College full-time in order to know him better and serve his people more effectively.
- Give thanks for **Moore College Sunday (4 August)** and the opportunity to invite parishes to partner with the College in prayer. Give thanks for all those who faithfully pray for the College and ask that God might raise up more people to be praying for us regularly.
- **Andrew & Jean Shead (Faculty, p46)** Please give thanks for God's kindness to us. Pray for Jean's SRE Scripture class; for our three young adult children to thrive; and for Andrew to carry out his work in a godly way. Pray that each of us would be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
- **Paul & Sophie Graham (2nd year, p20)** Please pray that I would be able to fully settle in after transferring from Youthworks at the start of the year. Please also pray for Sophie as she teaches the Bible at Covenant Christian School.
- Please pray for **Malcolm Richards** as he commences his new role as Director of the Centre for Global Mission, meeting with bishops in Tanzania this week to discuss theological education. Pray that he will settle in quickly and be effective in broadening the reach of ministry training and serving our partners overseas in a more targeted, strategic and integrated manner.

Week 2: Monday, 9 September – Sunday, 15 September

- **Spring Break (9-13 September)** Please pray that this will be a refreshing break for students and Faculty.
- **School of Biblical Theology 2019 (11 & 12 September)** *Doctrine for Declaration: Explorations in the Theological Foundations of Biblical Preaching*. Please pray for the speakers (Simon Manchester, Mark Thompson, David Starling, Simon Gillham, Will Timmins, Phillip Jensen, Andrew Leslie, Jane Tooher, Tony Payne and Paul Grimmond) as they prepare to present their papers. Pray that those who attend would be encouraged in their faith and spurred on in their service of the Lord Jesus. Find more information at <https://moore.edu.au/events/school-of-theology-2019/>
- **Erina & Dan Sawyer (1st year, p13)** Thank God for 4 months of marriage and the opportunity to be studying at College together. Pray we would keep growing to serve one another. Please pray that we would make the most of every opportunity to share Jesus with those we know and love.
- **Archie & Ainsley Poulos (Faculty, p46)** Give thanks for the opportunity for Archie to progress his research into enhancing clergy competency and pray that it will prove to be of real value to our clergy.
- Give thanks for the faithful service of **Warren Darwall** as head chef at College for the last 16 years. Please pray for Warren as he settles into a new role elsewhere. Give thanks that Gaurav Taneja has taken on the role of head chef and for a helpful handover period with Warren. Pray for Gaurav as he settles in to this new role and gets to know the students, Faculty and staff.

Week 3: Monday, 16 September – Sunday, 22 September

- **Term 4 commences (16 September)** Please pray for energy and enthusiasm for all students as they return for the final term of assignments and exam preparation.
- **Men Praying for Moore breakfast (21 September)** Give thanks for the men who have gathered from all over the diocese over the past year to pray for the College, in parallel to the women's Prayer Support Group that has been meeting for many decades. Pray that men will gather on this morning to unite in our requests of our heavenly Father and that they will build a greater sense of partnership and involvement in the College. Also pray for Archie Poulos who will be speaking at the breakfast. For more details see <https://moore.edu.au/events/men-praying-for-moore-september-2019/>
- **Michael & Louise Figueira (2nd year, p19)** Give thanks to God for such a great year group and a smooth transition from Youthworks into 2nd year. Please pray for God to keep growing in us a continued love for the lost and for opportunities to share the gospel.

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Week 4: Monday, 23 September – Sunday, 29 September

- **David & Amelia Höhne (Faculty, p45)** The Höhnes are very thankful for the home our family has with the people of Newtown & Erskineville Churches. We are thankful too for the EU ministry at Sydney University and the Chaplains at Trinity Grammar. Pray for wisdom and grace for the various ministry responsibilities we have at the College and with our extended families.
- Give thanks for the growing number of **postgraduate research students** and pray that they will remain focused while balancing family and ministry responsibilities.
- **Joel & Tiff Atwood (PhD, p22)** Please pray with us for the growth of gospel-hearted tertiary student ministry in Vanuatu and the South Pacific.
- **Kamina & Mick Wüst (PhD, p22)** Thank God for the loving support of my husband, who has cheerfully devoted these next few years to championing me through my PhD. Pray God would sustain him and our marriage in continued growth and joy.
- Pray that God will raise up many **new students** to study full-time at College, to be equipped for his harvest field. Please pray that recent changes to FEE-HELP arrangements will not become a hindrance and that those planning to begin study next year would send their applications in soon.
- Pray that the national attention on **religious freedom** might produce an active and positive commitment to freedom of thought, conscience, belief and speech for the common good. Pray that Christian organisations like Moore College will not be prevented from speaking, acting and ordering themselves in line with the teaching of the Bible.

Focus for October

- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre (14 October)**
 - **Diocese of Sydney Synod (14-16, 21-22 October)**
 - **Day of Prayer (17 October)**
 - **Scripture teaching**
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Week 1: Monday, 30 September – Sunday, 6 October

- **Lionel & Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p46)** Please pray for us as we seek to live for the Lord Jesus day to day and to share the gospel with friends. Please pray especially for Adelaide as she sits her HSC exams in November and makes plans for next year.
- **James Liu & Janet He (2nd year, p20)** Give thanks for all the support from College and Faculty members! Please pray that with the strength and wisdom of God, my wife and I would continue to serve the Lord faithfully and wholeheartedly, and also pray that there will be more and more people in our family who will come to know more about Christ and his love.
- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **SRE Scripture** classes in two local schools, North Newtown Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray that many children in these schools might come to put their trust in Jesus as a result of what they hear in Scripture lessons. Pray that this wonderful opportunity might always remain in our NSW public schools.
- Please pray for preparations for the **Priscilla and Aquila Centre Annual Conference** to be held on 3 February 2020. Please pray that everything will come together smoothly and that the conference will be helpful for those attending. Pray particularly for Nick Tucker who will be joining us from the UK to give the main talks on Paul's application of Genesis 2-3 to relationships between men and women in the church. Pray that Nick will be able to prepare well and will teach God's word faithfully and clearly.

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Week 2: Monday, 7 October – Sunday, 13 October

- **Ed & Joc Loane (Faculty, p46)** Thank God for the church at Cammeray and the way each member of our family can learn and contribute to that Christian community. Pray for conversations with non-Christians and that friends and family will come to know salvation through Christ.
- **James & Charly Boardman (1st year, p11)** Thank God for the opportunity to study his word and please pray for the safe delivery of our second child due in December.
- **Adam & Avril Friend (1st year, p11)** Thank God for his kindness in challenging both my actions and my thinking at College. Thank God for a smooth transition to life at College and MooreWest. Pray for wisdom as we continue to balance various demands on our time.
- Give thanks for those students who have finalised **ministry positions** for 2020. Please pray for those who are still looking that they will be wise as they consider where they can best serve God and his people and that they will trust in God's timing.

Week 3: Monday, 14 October – Sunday, 20 October

- **PAA Seminar – Recruiting Women into Vocational Ministry (14 October)** Pray for Phillip Jensen as he speaks on the day and that those who attend will be challenged by what the Bible teaches on this subject. For more details see <https://moore.edu.au/events/recruiting-women-into-vocational-ministry/>
- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (14-16, 21-22 October)** Please pray for those Faculty involved in Synod. Pray that they will make valuable contributions to the debates in Synod and pray for energy as they lecture during the days and attend Synod in the evenings. Please pray that wise decisions will be made during this Synod.
- **Day of Prayer (17 October)** Give thanks for the opportunity to put aside the College program and focus on the privilege of prayer. Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the College community.
- **Damon & Coralie Scott (2nd year, p21)** Praise and thank God for the wonderful College community, for the study group that has been super helpful, and for the people that have been there for Coralie and me in all the different circumstances of life.

Week 4: Monday, 21 October – Sunday, 27 October

- **Open Day and Spring Carnival (26 October)** Pray that this will be a great day of fun for the College community and that those attending the Open Day will have their questions answered and be better informed about the benefits of studying at Moore College. Pray that many will decide to join us next year.
- **Matt & Dee Stones (1st year, p13)** Thank God for faithful Faculty here who push our thinking and excite us for ministry. Pray that God would continue to sustain our family, helping Dee and I to be wise and loving parents to Poppy and Boaz.
- Give thanks for those who have been involved in the various **Moorewomen committees** throughout the year and for those who are involved in planning the various activities and programs for next year. Pray that these will be beneficial for the student wives and female students who attend.
- **Todd & Sophie Parry-Jones (3rd year, p33)** We are from an independent church background and are currently considering 4th year student ministry at an Anglican church in Sydney. Please pray for wisdom and a broadening and beneficial experience.

Week 5: Monday, 28 October – Sunday, 3 November

- **Books of the Reformation: An Interactive Exhibition (28 October)** Give thanks for the opportunity for the Moore College Library to hold this event as part of the NSW State Library's Sydney Rare Book Week. Our Donald Robinson Library holds many significant works printed during the Reformation, including two incunabula, first editions of Martin Luther's works and every edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Pray that this will be a great opportunity for people who attend this event to find out more about the Reformation and be encouraged by God's provision to his people through history.
- **Moorewomen Night on the Green (31 October)** Pray that this will be an enjoyable time for the women of the College as they farewell those who are leaving, while giving thanks to God for all he has graciously done for them and through them this year. Please particularly pray for all those who are working hard in the preparation that goes into this special night.
- **Peter & Emma Orr (Faculty, p46)** Please ask God for strength to serve at College, at our church (All Saints Petersham) and more widely. Please pray for our wider family who don't yet know the Lord Jesus to come to know him.
- Give thanks for the **Finance Department** who work diligently to support the College Faculty and staff. Pray for wisdom in managing budgets and making the best use of our resources.

NOVEMBER 2019

Focus for November

- **Stuvac (4-7 November)**
 - **Students sitting exams (8-14 November)**
 - **Graduating Students' Dinner (14 November)**
 - **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (15 November)**
 - **Faculty with exam marking**
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Week 1: Monday, 4 November – Sunday, 10 November

- **Faculty Conference (4 & 5 November)** Pray that this will be a refreshing time for the Faculty as they share their current research.
- **Stuvac (4-7 November)** Pray for effective study for the students as they prepare for their exams. Pray that the students will grow in their knowledge of God as they study, and that their families will be able to support them well. Pray that this week will be a worthwhile time of drawing together what they have learned and that all, particularly those who find exams stressful, might know the peace of God at this time.
- **Rachel & Michael Huntington (1st year, p12)** Praise God for the year of study I have been able to have alongside my husband, Mike. Please pray for changes next year as we prepare to welcome our first baby in January!
- Pray for **library staff** as they seek to provide high-quality collections and services to students. Give thanks for the blessing the Library is to students as well as non-students, including many ministry workers in both their studies and research.
- Give thanks for those who visit **new mothers** and their babies at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on behalf of Mothers' Union, and for those who make the gifts they give the women. Pray that God will raise up more women from the College community to be involved in visiting and for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus. Pray particularly that the increasing requirements for women visiting will not deter new volunteers.

Week 2: Monday, 11 November – Sunday, 17 November

- **End of year examinations (8-14 November)** Pray that students will be able to recall all they have learned and be able to demonstrate their knowledge in the exams. Pray that they will cope well with the stress that exams can bring and continue to serve one another as a student body.
- **Graduating Students' Dinner (14 November)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate all that the students have learned in their time at Moore College and the friendships they have made. Pray that this night will be an enjoyable and memorable time for the students as they are farewelled.
- **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (15 November)** This day marks the end of the College year for students. Give thanks for the opportunity for the entire College community to share in the celebrations of this day.
- **Term 4 concludes (15 November)** Give thanks for all that the students have learned from their lectures throughout the year. Pray for them as they apply this knowledge to their own lives and the ministries in which they are involved. Pray that they will always delight in God.

Week 3: Monday, 18 November – Sunday, 24 November

- Pray for the Faculty as they continue **marking exams** and seek to finalise results for students within a tight deadline. Pray for energy and perseverance so that they will be able to work carefully and that they will be fair and consistent in their marking.
- **Samuel John & Rebecca Atem (2nd year)** Please pray for the South Sudanese congregation at Oakhurst as we are planning our goals for the next 5 -10 years. Pray that God will continue to grow his church in numbers and in faith, and bring faithful leaders for the various groups in the church. Pray that Samuel can successfully complete his studies at Moore College and ask God to bring more Sudanese students to College. Please also pray for peace in South Sudan.
- Pray for the **Registrar's Department** as they collate and organise exam results for the various Faculty and Academic Board meetings. Please help them to work efficiently and accurately so that students can receive their results in a timely manner.
- Pray for the **Centre for Ministry Development** as they offer a range of training, mentoring and support services to serve gospel workers in their ministries and in their churches. Pray for the Acting Director as he supports pastors and churches to be effective in ministry.

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Week 4: Monday, 25 November – Saturday, 30 November

- Please pray for all the **staff** that they may be encouraged in the contribution they make to training men and women for lifelong Christian ministry. Pray that their particular skills and knowledge may be used effectively and efficiently.
- Give thanks for the provision of students from all over the world for our **Distance courses**. Pray that through their studies they will learn more of God's word, know him better and be excited about all that he has done for them in Jesus.
- Pray for families living on the **Newtown, Croydon Park and North Parramatta campuses**, that they will grow in godliness as they balance the special joys and unique trials of living in close communities. Pray particularly for those about to farewell neighbours and welcome new ones. Pray that the communities will adjust quickly and that they will be welcoming to the newcomers over the next few months.
- Pray for the **Governing Board of the College** and its various committees. Thank God for the great skills and talents that the Board members bring to their task. Pray for wisdom and discernment as, under God, they plan for the future of the College. Please pray particularly for wisdom as they seek an effective long-term solution to the accommodation needs of our female residential students.

Personal Prayer Notes



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