# 2023

# Covenant Family Worship



Wandoan Presbyterian Church QLD

Public Worship & Aids to Devotion Committee Presbyterian Church of Australia

# The Home Mission Station of Wandoan

Things in the bush are continually getting both larger and smaller at the same times. Farm properties are being increased in size as one neighbour buys out another. Thus, the people numbers decrease. We have had 3 beautiful years of wet weather with little flooding.

For the last 20 years I have been doing PIM patrol work to properties on the fringes of our area. How much fruit has been gleaned? What I can say is that the Word has gone out. Every trip I come back with a little snippet of good news borne as a result of years of visitation. This time a husband, who has treated me a bit ordinary in the past, at least this time he had a genuine discussion with me about my own farm practices including the growing of wagyu steers and Leucaena. That is a step in the right direction.

The town of Wandoan was to have the biggest open cut coal mine in the southern hemisphere and the accommodation available was increased greatly in expectations. Bare house blocks sold for as much as \$220,000. The mine didn't come and prices plummeted. A beautiful, large brick house was sold at auction this month for \$240,000. People from as far south as Tasmania and Melbourne are getting word of this very affordable accommodation and are coming to take up residence here, but there are few jobs available.

Our church has gone along very well with giving to missions increasing from nothing 20 years ago to \$26,000 last year. But this year numbers attending has slipped to an all time low. I've started doing a door to door distribution of Challenge Newspaper and associated tracts the last few months. I am happy with the friendly response of the people. We are yet to see an influx of people from this operation but the signs are encouraging.

Pray for new members to join us from our local growing community and from abroad that the Word of the Lord might go out to this town and bear much fruit.

Cheers,
Rev Laurie Peake

# **READING THROUGH THE WHOLE BIBLE!**

This Bible Reading Calendar will take you through the whole Bible in a one to four years. It is always good to be reading the New Testament at least every second year when reading the whole Bible for the first time.

One reading per day cycle could be:

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Year 1 – 0T1	Year 2 - NT	Year 3 – OT2	Year 4 – NT	Year 5 – OT1	
Or:					
Year 1 – NT	Year 2 – OT1	Year 3 – NT	Year 4 – OT2	2 Year 5 – NT	
Two readings per day could be:					
Year 1 – NT & 07	$\Gamma 1$ Year $2 - NT$	& OT2 Year 3	- NT & 0T1	Year 4 – NT & OT2	

#### **Bible Reading Suggestions**

- The central thing is not to finish the reading, but to spend some time with the Lord. God willing, there will be a next year / a next time.
- Read to find one thing that stands out to you in what you've read.
- This Bible reading calendar was based on the paragraph divisions in the King James Bible. Modern translations like the NIV have different paragraph divisions. Feel free to adjust your daily readings to your translation's paragraph divisions. This calendar has readings of varying lengths.
- Remember, daily Bible reading is not a race to finish, but an opportunity daily to sit at the feet of Jesus for a little while. It is some personal space for you to spend with Him yourself.
- It is also personal time for a couple to spend time in the Word together with your Lord and with each other – a precious three-some time.
   A couple-time together with the Lord in His Word does involve listening and talking – not just silent contemplation and thought.
- A word to wise husbands is: take the time. There is a richness in fellowship and communion with each other and the Lord that will bless couples in every generation.

Remember you have two eyes and one mouth! Listen to the Lord in His Word twice as much as you pray.

Write down today's fact, insight, understanding, ... Writing fixes what you have seen in your mind and memory. Use a diary or device.

The PWAD Aid to Devotion "Bible Guideposts" was produced originally in a weekly Church Notice sheet as a daily help for congregational members to read the whole Bible for the first time. Each Guidepost consists of two or three sentences per reading, written to give some understanding, relevant information or connection across the Bible as an encouragement to continue. They can be downloaded as a document from the PWAD website – see Page 27.

# PIM A November 2022 Supporter's Letter

Dear Patrol supporters

After time out for floods and family affairs, I took off on Tuesday to do an enjoyable patrol. I've worked this patrol now for probably 16 years. What has been achieved? The first couple I visited are now regularly reading the Our Daily Bread book at breakfast time.

A husband, who has treated me a bit ordinary in the past, this time had a genuine discussion with me about my own farm practices including the growing of wagyu steers and Leucaena. That is a step in the right direction.

Previously, at another place, most talk was done with the wife on the doorstep. We had some good discussions there. But the husband had little time for us. We invited Jack Bade to do a musical concert in the area. Prior to that concert I had left the family a couple of Jack's CD's. The husband listened to them and got excited about the concert and came. Ever since, I've been invited into that home for a cuppa. This time they were working up the paddock a bit. But when I turned up, they stopped work and went in for a cuppa.

A few years ago, I met a fellow for 30 seconds as we passed in cars on the driveway. I left him with a Challenge Newspaper. Next day I met him again on another property. He said, "Last night I read your paper from cover to cover and found what I'd been looking for". I have never seen him again. But I knew where a relative lived, and this time I did a big detour, met the relative and had a long talk with him about everything including religion. I left him my favourite tract - FATHER'S LOVE LETTER. Pray he'll read it. I also got a phone contact for my friend that so far has not borne fruit. Pray this friend will receive my message and return my call.

Shortly after I left home on this patrol my mobile ph failed. Ended up having to drive to Dalby two hours away to get it fixed.

"Anyone can count the number of seeds in an apple. But only God can count the number of apples in an apple seed." May the Lord be pleased to produce much fruit as a result of all of the Patrol work done by PIM padres.

Rev L.H.Peake

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR JANUARY

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	<b>OLD TESTAMENT 2</b>	NEW TESTAMENT
1	Genesis 1:1 - 2:3	Job 1:1 - 2:10	Matthew 1
2	Genesis 2:4-25	Job 2:11 - 3:26	Matthew 2
3	Genesis 3	Job 4, 5	Matthew 3
4	Genesis 4, 5	Job 6, 7	Matthew 4
5	Genesis 6:1 - 7:10	Job 8	Matthew 5:1-20
6	Genesis 7:11 - 8:19	Job 9, 10	Matthew 5:21-48
7	Genesis 8:20 - 9:29	Job 11, 12	Matthew 6:1-18
8	Genesis 10:1 - 11:26	Job 13, 14	Matthew 6:19 - 7:6
9	Genesis 11:27 - 12:20	Job 15	Matthew 7:7-29
10	Genesis 13, 14	Job 16, 17	Matthew 8:1-27
11	Genesis 15, 16	Job 18, 19	Matthew 8:28 - 9:17
12	Genesis 17	Job 20	Matthew 9:18-38
13	Genesis 18	Job 21	Matthew 10:1-25
14	Genesis 19	Job 22	Matthew 10:26 - 11:1
15	Genesis 20, 21	Job 23, 24	Matthew 11:2-30
16	Genesis 22	Job 25, 26, 27	Matthew 12:1-21
17	Genesis 23	Job 28	Matthew 12:22-50
18	Genesis 24	Job 29, 30	Matthew 13:1-23
19	Genesis 25	Job 31	Matthew 13:24-43
<b>20</b>	Genesis 26	Job 32, 33	Matthew 13:44 - 14:13
21	Genesis 27	Job 34, 35	Matthew 14:14-36
22	Genesis 28	Job 36, 37	Matthew 15:1-28
23	Genesis 29	Job 38, 39	Matthew 15:29 - 16:12
24	Genesis 30	Job 40, 41	Matthew 16:13 - 17:13
25	Genesis 31	Job 42	Matthew 17:14 - 18:14
<b>26</b>	Genesis 32:1 to 33:16	Psalm 1, 2, 3	Matthew 18:15-35
<b>27</b>	Genesis 33:17 to 34:31	Psalm 4, 5, 6	Matthew 19:1-15
28	Genesis 35	Psalm 7, 8	Matthew 19:16 - 20:16
29	Genesis 36	Psalm 9, 10	Matthew 20:17-34
30	Genesis 37	Psalm 11, 12, 13, 14	Matthew 21:1-32
31	Genesis 38	Psalm 15, 16	Matthew 21:33 - 22:14

Psalm 25:1,4 "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me."

The Bible Calendar followed by Bible Guideposts was originally the Scripture Truth Depot Yearly Bible Study Calendar. This present calendar has many variations.

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR **FEBRUARY**

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	Genesis 39	Psalm 17	Matthew 22:15-46
2	Genesis 40	Psalm 18:1-29	Matthew 23
3	Genesis 41:1-49	Psalm 18:30-50	Matthew 24:1-28
4	Genesis 41:50 - 42:38	Psalm 19	Matthew 24:29-51
5	Genesis 43	Psalm 20, 21	Matthew 25:1-30
6	Genesis 44	Psalm 22	Matthew 25:31-26:2
_ 7	Genesis 45	Psalm 23, 24	Matthew 26:3-30
8	Genesis 46:1 to 47:26	Psalm 25	Matthew 26:31-57
9	Genesis 47:27 - 48:22	Psalm 26, 27	Matthew 26:58-75
10	Genesis 49	Psalm 28, 29	Matthew 27:1-26
11	Genesis 50	Psalm 30	Matthew 27:27-44
12	Exodus 1:1 - 2:22	Psalm 31	Matthew 27:45-66
13	Exodus 2:23 - 3:22	Psalm 32, 33	Matthew 28
14	Exodus 4	Psalm 34	Acts 1
15	Exodus 5:1 - 6:12	Psalm 35, 36	Acts 2:1-21
<b>16</b>	Exodus 6:13 - 7:25	Psalm 37	Acts 2:22-47
<b>17</b>	Exodus 8	Psalm 38, 39	Acts 3
18	Exodus 9	Psalm 40, 41	Acts 4:1-31
19	Exodus 10	Psalm 42, 43	Acts 4:32-5:11
20	Exodus 11:1 - 12:20	Psalm 44	Acts 5:12-42
21	Exodus 12:21-51	Psalm 45, 46	Acts 6
22	Exodus 13:1 - 14:4	Psalm 47, 48	Acts 7:1-29
23	Exodus 14:5-31	Psalm 49, 50	Acts 7:30-8:4
24	Exodus 15	Psalm 51	Acts 8:5-40
25	Exodus 16	Psalm 52, 53, 54	Acts 9:1-31
26	Exodus 17	Psalm 55	Acts 9:32-43
27	Exodus 18	Psalm 56, 57	Acts 10:1-23
28	Exodus 19	Psalm 58, 59	Acts 10:24-48
29	Genesis 12:1-20	Psalm 1 and 2	John 20:1-31

Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR **MARCH**

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	Exodus 20	Psalm 60, 61	Acts 11:1-18
2	Exodus 21	Psalm 62, 63	Acts 11:19-30
3	Exodus 22:1 - 23:9	Psalm 64, 65	Acts 12
4	Exodus 23:10-33	Psalm 66, 67	Acts 13:1-25
5	Exodus 24	Psalm 68	Acts 13:26-52
6	Exodus 25	Psalm 69	Acts 14
7	Exodus 26:1-30	Psalm 70, 71	Acts 15:1-21
8	Exodus 26:31 - 27:19	Psalm 72	Acts 15:22-35
9	Exodus 27:20 – 28:14	Psalm 73	Acts 15:36-16:15
10	Exodus 28:15-43	Psalm 74, 75	Acts 16:16-40
11	Exodus 29:1-37	Psalm 76, 77	Acts 17:1-15
12	Exodus 29:38 – 30:10	Psalm 78:1-31	Acts 17:16-34
13	Exodus 30:11-38	Psalm 78:32-72	Acts 18:1-22
14	Exodus 31	Psalm 79, 80	Acts 18:23-19:20
15	Exodus 32	Psalm 81, 82	Acts 19:21-41
16	Exodus 33:1 – 34:3	Psalm 83, 84	Acts 20:1-16
<b>17</b>	Exodus 34:4-35	Psalm 85, 86	Acts 20:17-38
18	Exodus 35	Psalm 87,88	Acts 21:1-16
19	Exodus 36	Psalm 89:1-18	Acts 21:17-40
20	Exodus 37	Psalm 89:19-52	Acts 22:1-21
21	Exodus 38	Psalm 90, 91	Acts 22:22-23:11
22	Exodus 39	Psalm 92, 93	Acts 23:12-35
23	Exodus 40	Psalm 94, 95	Acts 24
24	Leviticus 1	Psalm 96, 97, 98	Acts 25:1-22
25	Leviticus 2	Psalm 99, 100, 101	Acts 25:23-26:11
<b>26</b>	Leviticus 3	Psalm 102	Acts 26:12-32
27	Leviticus 4:1-26	Psalm 103	Acts 27:1-26
28	Leviticus 4:27 – 5:13	Psalm 104	Acts 27:27-28:10
29	Leviticus 5:14 – 6:7	Psalm 105	Acts 28:11-31
30	Leviticus 6:8 – 7:10	Psalm 106	Mark 1:1-20
_31	Leviticus 7:11-38	Psalm 107	Mark 1:21-45

Psalm 86:11 "Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR **APRIL**

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	Leviticus 8	Psalm 108	Mark 2:1-22
2	Leviticus 9	Psalm 109	Mark 2:23-3:12
3	Leviticus 10	Psalm 110, 111	Mark 3:13-35
4	Leviticus 11	Psalm 112, 113, 114	Mark 4:1-20
5	Leviticus 12:1 – 13:23	Psalm 115, 116	Mark 4:21-41
6	Leviticus 13:24-59	Psalm 117, 118	Mark 5:1-20
7	Leviticus 14:1-32	Psalm 119:1-40	Mark 5:21-43
8	Leviticus 14:33-57	Psalm 119:41-72	Mark 6:1-29
9	Leviticus 15	Psalm 119:73-112	Mark 6:30-56
10	Leviticus 16	Psalm 119:113-144	Mark 7:1-23
11	Leviticus 17, 18	Psalm 119:145-176	Mark 7:24-8:10
12	Leviticus 19, 20	Psalm 120,121,122, 23	Mark 8:11-26
13	Leviticus 21	Psalm 124,125,126,127	Mark 8:27-9:13
14	Leviticus 22	Psalm 128, 129, 130, 131	Mark 9:14-32
15	Leviticus 23:1-22	Psalm 132, 133	Mark 9:33-50
16	Leviticus 23:23-44	Psalm 134, 135	Mark 10:1-31
17	Leviticus 24	Psalm 136, 137	Mark 10:32-52
18	Leviticus 25	Psalm 138, 139	Mark 11:1-26
19	Leviticus 26	Psalm 140,141	Mark 11:27-12:17
20	Leviticus 27	Psalm 142, 143	Mark 12:18-44
21	Numbers 1	Psalm 144, 145	Mark 13
22	Numbers 2	Psalm 146, 147	Mark 14:1-26
23	Numbers 3	Psalm 148, 149, 150	Mark 14:27-52
24	Numbers 4	Proverbs 1	Mark 14:53-72
25	Numbers 5	Proverbs 2	Mark 15:1-23
<b>26</b>	Numbers 6	Proverbs 3	Mark 15:24-47
27	Numbers 7	Proverbs 4	Mark 16
28	Numbers 8	Proverbs 5:1-6:19	1 Peter 1:1-12
29	Numbers 9:1 – 10:10	Proverbs 6:20-7:27	1 Peter 1:13-2:10
30	Numbers 10:11 – 11:3	Proverbs 8	1 Peter 2:11-3:7

Proverbs 3:9,10 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR $\mathbf{MAY}$

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	Numbers 11:4-35	Proverbs 9	1 Peter 3:8-22
2	Numbers 12, 13	Proverbs 10	1 Peter 4
3	Numbers 14	Proverbs 11	1 Peter 5
4	Numbers 15	Proverbs 12	2 Peter 1
5	Numbers 16:1-40	Proverbs 13	2 Peter 2
6	Numbers 16:41–17:13	Proverbs 14	2 Peter 3
7	Numbers 18	Proverbs 15	James 1
8	Numbers 19	Proverbs 16	James 2
9	Numbers 20	Proverbs 17	James 3
10	Numbers 21	Proverbs 18	James 4
11	Numbers 22:1-38	Proverbs 19	James 5
12	Numbers 22:39 - 23:26	Proverbs 20:1-21:11	Jude
13	Numbers 23:27 – 24:25	Proverbs 21:12-22:16	Luke 1:1-25
14	Numbers 25:1 – 26:51	Proverbs 22:17-23:11	Luke 1:26-56
15	Numbers 26:52 – 27:23	Proverbs 23:12-35	Luke 1:57-80
16	Numbers 28	Proverbs 24	Luke 2:1-21
17	Numbers 29	Proverbs 25:1-26:12	Luke 2:22-52
18	Numbers 30, 31	Proverbs 26:13-27:23	Luke 3
19	Numbers 32	Proverbs 28	Luke 4:1-15
20	Numbers 33	Proverbs 29	Luke 4:16-44
21	Numbers 34:1-35:8	Proverbs 30	Luke 5:1-16
22	Numbers 35:9 – 36:13	Proverbs 31	Luke 5:17-39
23	Deuteronomy 1	Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:10	Luke 6:1-19
24	Deuteronomy 2	Ecclesiastes 2:11-3:15	Luke 6:20-49
25	Deuteronomy 3	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16	Luke 7:1-29
26	Deuteronomy 4	Ecclesiastes 5, 6	Luke 7:30-50
27	Deuteronomy 5	Ecclesiastes 7	Luke 8:1-21
28	Deuteronomy 6: -7:10	Ecclesiastes 8:1-9:10	Luke 8:22-39
29	Deuteronomy 7:11–20	Ecclesiastes 9:11-10:20	Luke 8:40-56
30	Deuteronomy 9:1–10:11	Ecclesiastes 11, 12	Luke 9:1-17
31	Deuteronomy 10:12–11:32	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7	Luke 9:18-36

Matthew 7:24, 25 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR JUNE

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	<b>NEW TESTAMENT</b>
1	Deuteronomy 12	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5	Luke 9:37-62
2	Deuteronomy 13:1-4:23	Song of Solomon 3:6-4:16	Luke 10:1-24
3	Deuteronomy 14:22-15:23	Song of Solomon 5:1-6:13	Luke 10:25-42
4	Deuteronomy 16	Song of Solomon 7:1-8:14	Luke 11:1-13
5	Deuteronomy 17:1-18:8	Obadiah	Luke 11:14-36
6	Deuteronomy 18:9-19:21	Joel 1	Luke 11:37-54
7	Deuteronomy 20, 21	Joel 2	Luke 12:1-21
8	Deuteronomy 22:1-23:8	Joel 3	Luke 12:22-40
9	Deuteronomy 23:9-24:22	Jonah 1, 2	Luke 12:41-59
10	Deuteronomy 25:1-26:15	Jonah 3, 4	Luke 13:1-21
11	Deuteronomy 26:16-27:26	Amos 1, 2	Luke 13:22-35
12	Deuteronomy 28:1-37	Amos 3, 4	Luke 14:1-24
13	Deuteronomy 28:38-68	Amos 5, 6	Luke 14:25-15:10
14	Deuteronomy 29	Amos 7, 8	Luke 15:11-32
<b>15</b>	Deuteronomy 30:1-31:13	Amos 9	Luke 16
16	Deuteronomy 31:14-32:14	Hosea 1:1-2:1	Luke 17:1-19
<b>_17</b>	Deuteronomy 32:15-52	Hosea 2:2-3:5	Luke 17:20-8:14
18	Deuteronomy 33	Hosea 4:1-6:3	Luke 18:15-43
19	Deuteronomy 34	Hosea 6:4-7:16	Luke 19:1-28
20	Joshua 1	Hosea 8, 9	Luke 19:29-48
21	Joshua 2	Hosea 10:1-11:11	Luke 20:1-19
_22	Joshua 3	Hosea 11:12-14:9	Luke 20:20-21:4
23	Joshua 4:1-5:12	Isaiah 1	Luke 21:5-38
24	Joshua 5:13-6:27	Isaiah 2	Luke 22:1-30
<b>25</b>	Joshua 7	Isaiah 3, 4	Luke 22:31-53
<b>26</b>	Joshua 8	Isaiah 5	Luke 22:54-23:12
27	Joshua 9	Isaiah 6	Luke 23:13-46
28	Joshua 10	Isaiah 7:1-8:4	Luke 23:47-24:12
29	Joshua 11, 12	Isaiah 8:5-9:7	Luke 24:13-53
_30	Joshua 13	Isaiah 9:8-10:5	1 Thessalonians 1

Ephesians 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ... that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR ${\bf JULY}$

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	Joshua 14, 15	Isaiah 10:6-34	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
2	Joshua 16, 17	Isaiah 11, 12	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13
3	Joshua 18, 19	Isaiah 13	1 Thessalonians 4
4	Joshua 20, 21	Isaiah 14	1 Thessalonians 5
5	Joshua 22	Isaiah 15, 16	2 Thessalonians 1
6	Joshua 23	Isaiah 17, 18	2 Thessalonians 2
7	Joshua 24	Isaiah 19, 20	2 Thessalonians 3
8	Judges 1:1-2:5	Isaiah 21:1-22:14	1 Corinthians 1
9	Judges 2:6-3:4	Isaiah 22:15-23:18	1 Corinthians 2
10	Judges 3:5-31	Isaiah 24	1 Corinthians 3
11	Judges 4	Isaiah 25	1 Corinthians 4
12	Judges 5	Isaiah 26	1 Corinthians 5
13	Judges 6	Isaiah 27	1 Corinthians 6
14	Judges 7	Isaiah 28	1 Corinthians 7
15	Judges 8	Isaiah 29	1 Corinthians 8
16	Judges 9:1-10:5	Isaiah 30	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
<u>17</u>	Judges 10:6-11:28	Isaiah 31, 32	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13
18	Judges 11:29-12:15	Isaiah 33	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
19	Judges 13	Isaiah 34, 35	1 Corinthians 11:2-34
20	Judges 14, 15	Isaiah 36:1-37:7	1 Corinthians 12
21	Judges 16	Isaiah 37:8-38	1 Corinthians 13
22	Judges 17, 18	Isaiah 38, 39	1 Corinthians 14
23	Judges 19	Isaiah 40	1 Corinthians 15:1-34
24	Judges 20	Isaiah 41:1-20	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
25	Judges 21	Isaiah 41:21-42:17	1 Corinthians 16
26	Ruth 1	Isaiah 42:18-43:10	2 Corinthians 1
27	Ruth 2	Isaiah 43:11-44:5	2 Corinthians 2
28	Ruth 3, 4	Isaiah 44:6-23	2 Corinthians 3:1-4:6
29	1 Samuel 1	Isaiah 44:24-45:8	2 Corinthians 4:7-5:10
30	1 Samuel 2	Isaiah 45:9-25	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:10
31	1 Samuel 3	Isaiah 46	2 Corinthians 6:11-7:16

Psalm 119:64 "The earth, O Lord, is full of your mercy; teach me your statutes."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR ${\bf AUGUST}$

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	1 Samuel 4, 5	Isaiah 47	2 Corinthians 8
2	1 Samuel 6, 7	Isaiah 48	2 Corinthians 9
3	1 Samuel 8:1-9:14	Isaiah 49	2 Corinthians 10
4	1 Samuel 9:15-10:27	Isaiah 50:1-51:8	2 Corinthians 11
5	1 Samuel 11, 12	Isaiah 51:9-23	2 Corinthians 12:1-13
6	1 Samuel 13	Isaiah 52:1-12	2 Corinthians 12:14-13:14
7	1 Samuel 14	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Romans 1:1-16
8	1 Samuel 15	Isaiah 54	Romans 1:17-32
9	1 Samuel 16	Isaiah 55:1-56:8	Romans 2
10	1 Samuel 17:1-31	Isaiah 56:9-57:21	Romans 3
11	1 Samuel 17:32-58	Isaiah 58	Romans 4:1-22
<b>12</b>	1 Samuel 18:1-19:7	Isaiah 59	Romans 4:23-5:11
<u>13</u>	1 Samuel 19:8-20:42	Isaiah 60	Romans 5:12-21
14	1 Samuel 21, 22	Isaiah 61	Romans 6:1-14
15	1 Samuel 23, 24	Isaiah 62:1-63:14	Romans 6:15-7:6
16	1 Samuel 25	Isaiah 63:15-64:12	Romans 7:7-25
_17	1 Samuel 26, 27	Isaiah 65	Romans 8:1-17
18	1 Samuel 28, 29	Isaiah 66	Romans 8:18-39
19	1 Samuel 30, 31	Micah 1, 2	Romans 9:1-29
20	2 Samuel 1	Micah 3:1-4:8	Romans 9:30-10:21
21	2 Samuel 2	Micah 4:9-5:15	Romans 11:1-16
_22	2 Samuel 3	Micah 6	Romans 11:17-36
<u>23</u>	2 Samuel 4, 5	Micah 7	Romans 12
24	2 Samuel 6	Nahum 1	Romans 13
<u>25</u>	2 Samuel 7	Nahum 2, 3	Romans 14:1-18
<u> 26</u>	2 Samuel 8, 9	Habakkuk 1	Romans 14:19-15:13
_27	2 Samuel 10, 11	Habakkuk 2	Romans 15:14-33
<u>28</u>	2 Samuel 12	Habakkuk 3	Romans 16
<u> 29</u>	2 Samuel 13	Zephaniah 1	Galatians 1
<u>30</u>	2 Samuel 14	Zephaniah 2	Galatians 2
31	2 Samuel 15	Zephaniah 3	Galatians 3:1-14

Psalm 12:6 "The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR **SEPTEMBER**

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	2 Samuel 16, 17	Jeremiah 1	Galatians 3:15-29
2	2 Samuel 18:1-19:8	Jeremiah 2	Galatians 4:1-20
3	2 Samuel 19:9-43	Jeremiah 3:1-4:2	Galatians 4:21-5:6
4	2 Samuel 20	Jeremiah 4:3-31	Galatians 5:7-26
5	2 Samuel 21	Jeremiah 5	Galatians 6
6	2 Samuel 22	Jeremiah 6	Ephesians 1:1-14
7	2 Samuel 23	Jeremiah 7	Ephesians 1:15-2:10
8	2 Samuel 24	Jeremiah 8	Ephesians 2:11-22
9	1 Kings 1	Jeremiah 9	Ephesians 3
10	1 Kings 2	Jeremiah 10	Ephesians 4:1-16
_11	1 Kings 3	Jeremiah 11	Ephesians 4:17-32
12	1 Kings 4, 5	Jeremiah 12	Ephesians 5:1-21
13	1 Kings 6	Jeremiah 13	Ephesians 5:22-6:9
14	1 Kings 7	Jeremiah 14	Philippians 6:10-24
<u>15</u>	1 Kings 8:1-30	Jeremiah 15	Philippians 1:1-26
<u>16</u>	1 Kings 8:31-66	Jeremiah 16	Philippians 1:27-2:11
<u>17</u>	1 Kings 9	Jeremiah 17	Philippians 2:12-30
18	1 Kings 10	Jeremiah 18	Philippians 3:1-21
19	1 Kings 11	Jeremiah 19, 20	Philippians 4:1-23
20	1 Kings 12:1-24	Jeremiah 21, 22	Colossians 1:1-20
21	1 Kings 12:25-13:32	Jeremiah 23	Colossians 1:21-2:5
22	1 Kings 13:33-14:31	Jeremiah 24, 25	Colossians 2:6-3:4
23	1 Kings 15:1-32	Jeremiah 26	Colossians 3:5-4:1
24	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Jeremiah 27	Colossians 4:2-18
25	1 Kings 17	Jeremiah 28	Philemon
<b>26</b>	1 Kings 18	Jeremiah 29	Hebrews 1
27	1 Kings 19	Jeremiah 30	Hebrews 2
28	1 Kings 20	Jeremiah 31	Hebrews 3
29	1 Kings 21	Jeremiah 32	Hebrews 4:1-13
30	1 Kings 22	Jeremiah 33	Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Psalm 56:10 "In God (I will praise *his* word), in the LORD (I will praise *his* word), in God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR **OCTOBER**

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	<b>OLD TESTAMENT 2</b>	<b>NEW TESTAMENT</b>
1	2 Kings 1	Jeremiah 34	Hebrews 5:11-6:20
2	2 Kings 2	Jeremiah 35	Hebrews 7
3	2 Kings 3	Jeremiah 36	Hebrews 8
4	2 Kings 4	Jeremiah 37	Hebrews 9:1-14
5	2 Kings 5	Jeremiah 38	Hebrews 19:15-28
6	2 Kings 6:1-23	Jeremiah 39	Hebrews 10:1-18
_ 7	2 Kings 6:24-7:20	Jeremiah 40	Hebrews 10:19-39
8	2 Kings 8	Jeremiah 41	Hebrews 11:1-16
9	2 Kings 9	Jeremiah 42, 43	Hebrews 11:17-40
10	2 Kings 10	Jeremiah 44	Hebrews 12:1-17
11	2 Kings 11, 12	Jeremiah 45, 46, 47	Hebrews 12:18-13:6
12	2 Kings 13:1-14:22	Jeremiah 48	Hebrews 13:7-25
13	2 Kings 14:23-15:31	Jeremiah 49	Titus 1:1-2:8
14	2 Kings 15:32-16:20	Jeremiah 50	Titus 2:9-3:15
<b>15</b>	2 Kings 17	Jeremiah 51:1-24	1 Timothy 1
<b>16</b>	2 Kings 18	Jeremiah 51:25-64	1 Timothy 2
<b>17</b>	2 Kings 19	Jeremiah 52	1 Timothy 3
18	2 Kings 20:1-21:18	Lamentations 1	1 Timothy 4
19	2 Kings 21:19-22:20	Lamentations 2	1 Timothy 5
20	2 Kings 23	Lamentations 3	1 Timothy 6
21	2 Kings 24	Lamentations 4, 5	2 Timothy 1
22	2 Kings 25	Ezekiel 1	2 Timothy 2
23	1 Chronicles 1	Ezekiel 2:1-3:15	2 Timothy 3
24	1 Chronicles 2	Ezekiel 3:16-4:17	2 Timothy 4
25	1 Chronicles 3:1-4:23	Ezekiel 5, 6	John 1:1-18
<b>26</b>	1 Chronicles 4:24-5:26	Ezekiel 7	John 1:19-51
27	1 Chronicles 6	Ezekiel 8, 9	John 2:1-22
28	1 Chronicles 7	Ezekiel 10	John 2:23-3:21
29	1 Chronicles 8, 9	Ezekiel 11	John 3:22-36
30	1 Chronicles 10, 11	Ezekiel 12	John 4:1-30
31	1 Chronicles 12, 13	Ezekiel 13	John 4:31-54

John 10:27,28 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR $\mathbf{NOVEMBER}$

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	1 Chronicles 13, 14	Ezekiel 14, 15	John 5:1-23
2	1 Chronicles 15	Ezekiel 16:1-34	John 5:24-47
3	1 Chronicles 16	Ezekiel 16:35-63	John 6:1-21
4	1 Chronicles 17, 18	Ezekiel 17	John 6:22-40
5	1 Chronicles 19, 20	Ezekiel 18, 19	John 6:41-71
6	1 Chronicles 21	Ezekiel 20:1-44	John 7:1-30
7	1 Chronicles 22, 23	Ezekiel 20:45-21:32	John 7:31-8:11
8	1 Chronicles 24, 25	Ezekiel 22	John 8:12-30
9	1 Chronicles 26, 27	Ezekiel 23	John 8:31-59
10	1 Chronicles 28	Ezekiel 24, 25	John 9:1-17
11	1 Chronicles 29	Ezekiel 26	John 9:18-41
12	2 Chronicles 1, 2	Ezekiel 27	John 10:1-21
13	2 Chronicles 3, 4	Ezekiel 28	John 10:22-42
14	2 Chronicles 5:1-6:11	Ezekiel 29:1-30:19	John 11:1-27
15	2 Chronicles 6:12-42	Ezekiel 30:20-31:18	John 11:28-44
16	2 Chronicles 7	Ezekiel 32	John 11:45-12:19
17	2 Chronicles 8, 9	Ezekiel 33	John 12:20-50
18	2 Chronicles 10, 11	Ezekiel 34	John 13:1-30
19	2 Chronicles 12, 13	Ezekiel 35:1-36:15	John 13:31-14:14
20	2 Chronicles 14, 15	Ezekiel 36:16-38	John 14:15-31
21	2 Chronicles 16, 17	Ezekiel 37	John 15:1-16
22	2 Chronicles 18, 19	Ezekiel 38	John 15:17-16:15
23	2 Chronicles 20	Ezekiel 39	John 16:16-33
24	2 Chronicles 21, 22	Ezekiel 40	John 17
25	2 Chronicles 23, 24	Ezekiel 41	John 18:1-27
26	2 Chronicles 25	Ezekiel 42	John 18:28-19:16
27	2 Chronicles 26	Ezekiel 43	John 19:17-42
28	2 Chronicles 27, 28	Ezekiel 44	John 20
29	2 Chronicles 29	Ezekiel 45	John 21
30	2 Chronicles 30	Ezekiel 46	1 John 1

John 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

# A YEARLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR **DECEMBER**

	OLD TESTAMENT 1	OLD TESTAMENT 2	NEW TESTAMENT
1	2 Chronicles 31	Ezekiel 47	1 John 2:1-17
2	2 Chronicles 32	Ezekiel 48	1 John 2:18-29
3	2 Chronicles 33	Daniel 1	1 John 3
4	2 Chronicles 34	Daniel 2:1-23	1 John 4
5	2 Chronicles 35	Daniel 2:24-49	1 John 5
6	2 Chronicles 36	Daniel 3	2 John
7	Ezra 1, 2	Daniel 4	3 John
8	Ezra 3, 4	Daniel 5	Revelation 1
9	Ezra 5	Daniel 6	Revelation 2:1-17
10	Ezra 6	Daniel 7	Revelation 2:18-3:6
11	Ezra 7	Daniel 8	Revelation 3:7-22
12	Ezra 8	Daniel 9	Revelation 4
13	Ezra 9	Daniel 10	Revelation 5
14	Ezra 10	Daniel 11:1-20	Revelation 6
15	Nehemiah 1, 2	Daniel 11:21-45	Revelation 7
16	Nehemiah 3	Daniel 12	Revelation 8
17	Nehemiah 4	Haggai 1	Revelation 9
18	Nehemiah 5	Haggai 2	Revelation 10
19	Nehemiah 6	Zechariah 1	Revelation 11
20	Nehemiah 7	Zechariah 2, 3	Revelation 12
21	Nehemiah 8	Zechariah 4	Revelation 13
22	Nehemiah 9	Zechariah 5, 6	Revelation 14
23	Nehemiah 10, 11	Zechariah 7	Revelation 15
24	Nehemiah 12	Zechariah 8	Revelation 16
25	Nehemiah 13	Zechariah 9, 10	Revelation 17
26	Esther 1	Zechariah 11	Revelation 18
27	Esther 2	Zechariah 12:1-13:6	Revelation 19:1-10
28	Esther 3, 4	Zechariah 13:7-14:21	Revelation 19:11-20:6
29	Esther 5, 6	Malachi 1:1-2:9	Revelation 20:7-21:8
30	Esther 7, 8	Malachi 2:10-3:6	Revelation 21:9-22:5
_31	Esther 9, 10	Malachi 3:7-4:6	Revelation 22:6-21

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God."

# DAILY PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Each day pray for:

- 1. the outreach of the wider church within the **countries** of the earth; and
- 2. the **pastoral charges** of The Presbyterian Church of Australia as suggested.

### Use the APWM 2020-2021 DIRECTORY daily!

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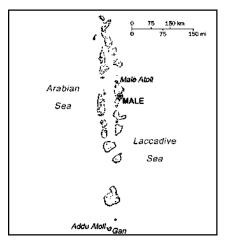
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#### PRAYER POINTS FOR ODD MONTHS -

January, March, May, July, September, November



## The Maldives (Day 12)

The Maldives comprises of 1,190 coral islands grouped into 26 atolls covering an area of 298 square kilometres. This nation lies in the Indian Ocean, south-southwest of India. There are 200 inhabited islands plus 80 islands with Tourist Resorts. The population in 2022 was 390,164. This is a strict Muslim country and it is against the law to change your religion from Islam. Non-Muslims cannot become citizens. Pray for those who have come to faith in Christ. Their lives are difficult.

### 1. APWM MISSIONARIES your church prays for:

**NSW:** Abbotsford, Albion Park, Albury, Annandale-Leichhardt, Arabic (Evangelical), Armidale (St Paul's), Ashfield-Petersham, Ashford, Auburn, Balldale.

## 2. APWM ASSOCIATES your church prays for:

**NSW:** Ballina, Balmain, Balranald, Bangalow, Batemans Bay, Bathurst, Bay and Basin, Beacon Hill, Beecroft, Ben Lomond.

#### 3. THE STAFF AT THE APWM NATIONAL OFFICE:

**QLD:** Acacia Ridge, Allora (Scots), Annerley, Arundel, Gateway (Ascot & Nundah), Gordonvale/Babinda, Bald Hills, Virginia/Banyo, Bargara, Bell.

#### 4. INDIA - MYANMAR - BANGLADESH:

**NSW:** Beresfield (St David's), Tocumwal/Finley/Berrigan, Berry, Bexley/Rockdale, Bingara/Delungra/Inverell, Black Mountain, Blackheath, Blacktown East, Blaxland, Blayney.

#### 5. THAILAND – CAMBODIA - BHUTAN

**QLD:** Benaraby/Calliope/Gladstone, Biloela, Ann St (Brisbane), Browns Plains, Bundaberg, Burdekin (Ayr/Home Hill), Caboolture, Cairns, Caloundra, Capricorn Coast, Creek Road (Carina, Springfield & Southbank).

#### 6. LAOS – VIETNAM - MARSHALL ISLANDS

**NSW:** Bomaderry, Bondi, Bonnyrigg Christian PC, Botany-Mascot, Bowenfels, Bowral (St Andrew's), Burwood (St James), Byron Bay, Camden, Campbelltown (St David's), Caringbah. **PIM Patrols:** Darling NSW – David & Gae McDonald..

#### 7. MALASIA - INDONESIA

**QLD:** Charleville, Chinchilla, Clayfield, Clifton, Companion (Korean), Coorparoo, Dalby, Deception Bay, Dulacca; NT: Darwin.

#### 8. CHINA – MONGOLIA - TAIWAN

**NSW:** Carlingford/Wentworthville, Casino/Kyogle, Castle Hill (St Columba's), Chapel Hill Rozelle, Charlestown-Eastlakes, Chatswood (St Andrews), Cherrybrook, Chester Hill, Chinese (Surrey Hills & Maroubra).

#### 9. NORTH KOREA - SOUTH KOREA

**QLD:** Christ Central - Eatons Hill, Ipswich (Central Church, Coominya & Forest Hill), Nambour/Eumundi, Gayndah, Goondiwindi/Texas/Inglewood.

#### 10. JAPAN – NEPAL – BRUNEI - PALAU

**NSW:** City Central Church (Wollongong), Clarence Town (St David's), Coffs Harbour, Comboyne, Como, Concord (North Strathfield), Condobolin/Ootha, Cook Island. **PIM Patrols:** Mungo STH NSW and NTH VIC – Colin & Alison Morrow.

#### 11. SINGAPORE – PHILIPPINES - TIMOR LESTE

**QLD:** Graceville, Crown Road (Gympie), Eternity (Helensvale), Hervey Bay, Ithaca, Village Church (Kelvin Grove), Kenmore, Kingaroy.

#### 12. SRI LANKA – MALDIVES - SAMOA

**NSW:** Coolah/Dunedoo, Coonabarabran, Cootamundra, Coreen, Cornerstone (Rhodes, Concord, Eastwood, Homebush Bay & Strathfield), Corowa.

## 13. AUSTRALIA - Cross Cultural Ministries by State Churches

**QLD:** Korean (Brisbane), Logan, Mackay (Sarina), Maleny, Manly-Lota, Maroochydore, Maryborough, Miles, Millmerran, Mitchelton.

### 14. AUSTRALIA – Ministry To The Unchurched

**NSW:** Cowra (St Peter's), Cronulla Community, Crookwell (St Andrew's), Delungra, Drummoyne, Dubbo, Dungog (St Andrew's), East Maitland (St Stephens), Engadine, Epping.

#### 15. AUSTRALIA – Your Federal, State And Local Government Member

**QLD:** Monto, Mount Isa, Salt Church (Gold Coast), North Pine, Oakey, Peninsula (Scarborough & Woody Point), Rockhampton, Roma, Sandgate, Southside.

- 16. **NEW ZEALAND VANUATU MICRONESIA COOK ISLANDS** 
  - **NSW:** Evans Head, Parkes/Forbes/Peak Hill, Forestville, Forster/Toncurry, Garah, Ghanaian, Gilgandra/Gulargambone, Gladesville, Glen Innes, Gloucester.
- 17. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA SOLOMON ISLANDS NEW CALEDONIA QLD:** St Paul's (Spring Hill), St George, Stanthorpe, Tablelands, Tamborine Mountain, Tewantin-Noosa, The Redlands (Capalaba & Victoria Point), Toowoomba (North, West & South), Townsville (John Knox, St Andrew's, North Shore & Willows). **PIM Patrols:** St George QLD Doug & Marcia Walker.
- 18. **TONGA FIJI TUVALU NAURU NIUE NSW:** Gosford, Goulburn, Newcastle/Warabrook, Grafton, Granville/Merrylands, Merrylands East, Grenfell, Griffith, Gulgong, Gunnedah.
- ARGENTINA BRAZIL CHILE URUGUAY
   QLD: Moorooka, Wandoan/Noonga, Rose City (Warwick), Wavell Heights, Wilston/Windsor, Wynnum.
- 20. **COLOMBIA ECUADOR GUYANA VENEZUELA NSW:** Guyra, Hamilton, Henty/Lockhart, Hill End (St Paul's), Hurstville (Indonesian & St Giles), Ingleburn, Junee, Kempsey, Kiama, Kingsford/ Maroubra.
- 21. **FRENCH GUYANA PERU SURINAME SA:** Adelaide (Mount Barker, Norwood & Seacliff), Mount Gambier, Naracoorte, Port Augusta, Wattle Range, Whyalla. **PIM Patrols:** Smith Dunesk SA vacant.
- 22. **BELIZE EL SALVADOR CUBA PANAMA NSW:** Kirkplace, Korean (Antioch, Canaan, Ashfield, Carlingford-Rainbow, Sydney-Urim, Sydney Young Nak), Krambach, Lakemba (Samoan), Lawrence, Leeton-Narrandera.
- 23. **GUATEMALA COSTA RICA HONDURAS TRINIDAD & TOBAGO NSW:** Lismore, Liverpool, Macksville, Maclean, Macquarie Chapel, Maitland/Rutherford, Manilla, Manly, Mittagong, Moree, Moruya/Tuross Head/Narooma, Mosman, Moss Vale, Mt Lambie.
- 24. **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ST. VINCENT JAMACIA HAITI TAS:** Scottsdale/Bridport, Cornerstone (Hobart), Devonport (St Columba's), Don, Hobart (St John's), Launceston (St Andrew's), Mole Creek, Montrose, Mt Stuart, Rokeby. **PIM Patrols:** Tasmanian Patrol Kim Jaeger.
- 25. THE BAHAMAS GRENADA ST KITTS & NEVIS ST LUCIA
  NSW: Mudgee (St Paul's), Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah (St Andrew's),
  Muswellbrook, Nambucca River, Narooma, Narrabri, Newcastle (St Andrew & Samoan).
- 26. NICARAGUA MEXICO USA CANADA BARBADOSTAS: Sidmouth, Soul, Stanley (St James), Ulverstone (St Andrew's).
- 27. **SOUTH AFRICA LESOTHO SWAZILAND (ESWATINI)**NSW: Nimbin (St Stephen's), North Sydney (St Peter's), Nowra, Orange, Penrith (St Andrew's), Penshurst (St Andrew's War Memorial), Pittwater, Port Macquarie, Portland.

- 28. NAMIBIA BOTSWANA ZIMBABWE COMOROS
  - **VIC:** Anakie, Arabic (South Yarra), Ararat, Ashburton, Aspendale, Auburn, Bairnsdale, St Kilda/Balaclava, Ballarat, Balmattum.
- 29. MOZAMBIQUE MADAGASCAR MALAWI
  - **NSW:** Randwick, Randwick (Indonesian), Revesby, Riverwood, Rockdale, Rollands Plains, Rookhurst, Rose Bay (St Andrew's), Roseville/Lindfield/Killara.
- 30. ZAMBIA ANGOLA CONGO REPUBLIC OF CONGO
  - VIC: Balwyn Korean, Bannockburn, Batesford, Belgrave Heights, Bellarine.
- 31. TANZANIA RWANDA UGANDA MAURITIUS
  - **NSW:** Ryde (St James), Scone; ACT: Quenbeyan; VIC: Benalla (St Andrew's), Bendigo (St John's), Blackburn, Cuthbert's), Brimbank.

#### PRAYER POINTS FOR EVEN MONTHS -

February, April, June, August, October, December



### **SIERRA LEONE** Day 7

Sierra Leone lies in west Africa with Guinea curling around the country from the east to the north west. Liberia lies on the lower west. The UN estimates the 2022 population is **8,605,718**. Sierra Leone's major mineral exports are diamonds, gold, bauxite and rutile (platinum). However, the majority of the population lives below the poverty line on subsistence agriculture. The country was devastated by a civil war 1991 to 2002. The national government since then has sought to rebuild the

country's physical and social infrastructure and fostering reconciliation. Sierra Leone is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. English is the official language, while Mende is spoken in the south, Temne in the north and Krio - an English based Creole spoken by freed Jamaican slaves, but understood by 95% of all Sierra Leoneans.

60-70% of citizens follow Islam, 1.8-10% follow indigenous religions, and 20.8% are said to be Christian. Sierra Leone has seen minimal religious strife, even during the civil war. The Church Missionary Society 1804 and Methodist Missions 1811 were sone of the earliest missionary societies to send people to this country.

- 1. KENYA SOMALIA ETHIOPIA DJIBOUTI
  - **NSW:** Siloam Korean, Singleton, Connect South Grafton, Wagga Wagga (South & St Andrew's), Southern Cross, Springwood/Winmalee, St Ives/Pymble, St Marys, Sutherland (St Andrew's).
- ERITREA SUDAN SOUTH SUDAN CAPE VERDE
  - **VIC:** Broadford, Bundoora, Burwood Community, Camberwell, Camperdown/Noorat/Terang, Canterbury (Japanese), Cardinia, Carisbrook/Castlemaine.
- 3. **CHAD CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC GABON NSW:** Swansea, Sydney, Tamworth Community, Tamworth (St Stephen's), Taralga (St Stephen's), Taree, Temora, Tenterfield (St Stephen's), Terrigal, The Entrance

(St Andrew's). **PIM Patrols:** MUNRO PATROL NSW/VIC – Colin & Alison Morrow.

#### 4. EQUITORIAL GUINEA – CAMERON - NIGERIA

**VIC:** Cheltenham (Pioneers), Clarinda (Sudanese), Clayton (St Andrew's), Clifton Hill, Colac, Cranbourne, Croydon, Dandenong, Darebin, Daylesford.

- BENIN TOGO GHANA NIGER IVORY COAST
  - **NSW:** Tooraweenah/Gilgandra, Trundle/Tullamore, Tottenham, Toukley (St David's), Tumut, Tweed Heads, Unanderra, Wahroonga, Walcha (St Paul's).
- 6. **NIGER MALI BURKINO FASO LIBERIA**

**VIC:** Deaf Presbyterian Church, Donvale, Dromana/Mornington, Drouin, Eaglehawk, Ebenezer (St John's), Eltham, Epping, Essendon District, Fawkner (Samoan).

- 7. SAO TOME & PRINCIPE SIERRA LEONE GUINEA
  - **NSW:** Wallerawang, Wallsend, Wards River, Warialda, Warren (St Andrew's), Wauchope, Wee Waa, Wentworth Falls, West Wyalong (Pioneer Memorial), Western Blacktown. **PIM Patrols:** Leichardt OLD Laurie & Gwen Peake.
- 8. GUINEA BISSAU GAMBIA SENEGAL

**VIC:** Flemington (St Stephen's), Frankston, Gardenvale East, Geelong (North & West), Gisborne (St Andrew's), Grace (Wodonga), Grace Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Hawthorne, Heathmont.

- 9. MAURITANIA WESTERN SAHARA MOROCCO
  - **NSW:** Windsor, Wingham, Wollomombi/Kilcoy, Wollondilly, Crossroads (Wollongbar), Woolbrook, Woonona, Woy Woy (St David's).
- 10. ALGERIA TUNISIA LIBYA EGYPT

**VIC:** Heidelberg, Heywood, Horsham/Marnoo, Hume, Indonesia Christian Church, Inverleigh, Kangaroo Ground, Kaniva/Nhill, Kerang, Kirkbrae Retirement Chapel.

- 11. **ISRAEL JORDAN LEBANON** 
  - **NSW:** Burrill Lake, Yamba, Yerong Creek, Young; ACT: Canberra, Gungahlin/Ngunnawal, Tuggeranong, Weston Creek, Kingsford, Hornsby.
- 12. **SYRIA TURKEY IRAQ KUWAIT**

**VIC:** Koroit, Leongatha, Lexton, Skipton/Lismore, Lyndhurst (Samoan), Malvern, Melbourne, Melton, Mernda/Whittlesea (Arabic & St Andrew's).

- 13. SAUDI ARABIA BAHRAIN QATAR OMAN
  - **NSW:** Captivate (Chinese), Anna Bay Port Stephens Nelson Bay (Gateway), GracePoint (Burwood, Lidcombe & Chinese), Chinese Christian Bilingual.
- 14. UNITED ARAB EMIRITES IRAN AFGANISTAN YEMEN

**VIC:** Mildura, Moe/Yarram, Mordialloc (St Andrew's), Morwell, Mt Evelyn, Mt Prospect, Myrtleford, Numurkah, Officer.

15. **PAKISTAN – TURKMENISTAN - TAJIKISTAN** 

**WA:** Albany, Bassendean, Bicton, Bunbury, Connolly, Fremantle, Mandurah, Melville (Korean). **PIM Patrols:** MID WEST WA – vacant. Please pray for a replacement for Surendra & Ma'yan Wesley.

#### 16. KYRGYSTAN – UZBEKISTAN - KAZAKHSTAN

**VIC:** Point Cook, Port Fairy, Portland, Pyramid Hill, Reservoir, Rochester, Rushworth, Rye, Sale, Scarsdale.

#### 17. CRETE - MALTA - SARDINIA - GREECE - CYPRUS

**WA:** Mindarie, Peppermint Grove, Southern River, Sovereign Grace, West Leederville (Henderson Memorial). **PIM Patrols:** Mt. Magnet Church - vacant.

#### 18. MACEDONIA – ALBANIA - MONTENEGRO

**VIC:** Shelford, Shepparton/Stanhope/ Kyabram, Smeaton, Somerville, Sorrento (St Andrews), Bendigo, South Yarra, Sunshine.

#### 19. BOSNIA-CROATIA-SERBIA-BULGARIA

**VIC:** Warburton (St Andrews), Caulfield/Elwood, Yea/Seymour /Nagambie. **NSW:** Kalos (Korean), Cameron Park, Redemption Hill, Tregear, Woodford.

#### 20. ROMANIA – MOLDOVA – HUNGARY - SLOVAKIA

**VIC:** Surrey Hills (St Stephen's), Swan Hill, Tallygaroopna, Tatura, Teesdale, Templestowe, Thoona, Valley Presbyterian Church, Wangaratta.

#### 21. CHECH REPUBLIC - SLOVENIA - ITALY - SWITZERLAND

VIC: Warragul, Warrnambool (South & St John's), West Footscray, Williamstown, Woodford, Woori Yallock, Wyndham, Yarram, Yarrawonga.

#### 22. SPAIN - FRANCE - BELGUIM - GERMANY

Candidates for the ministry; Theological Colleges: Christ College, NSW; Presbyterian Theological College, VIC; Queensland Theological College.

#### 23. **POLAND – UKRAINE - BELLARUS**

Your **State Assembly** – its meetings, committees and personnel.

#### 24. LITHUANIA – LATVIA – ESTONIA - FINALND

Your **local presbytery**. Women's ministries including PWA, PWMU & State Church Women's Ministry committees.

#### 25. RUSSIA – GEORGIA – AZERBAIJAN - ARMENIA

**Chaplains:** Defence Force; Police; Hospital and visitors in hospitals; Church & Public Schools; Christian witness in primary and secondary schools by children, parents and SU.

#### 26. NORWAY – SWEDEN – ICELAND - GREENLAND

**Relief and development agencies:** Barnabas Fund, Compassion, PresAid, SimAid, TEAR Australia, World Vision, etc.; Ethnic work - Australia.

#### 27. UNITED KINGDOM – IRELAND - HOLLAND

Other Presbyterian/Reformed Churches and our relationship with them; Specialised ministries (to the deaf, prisoner, industry, campus ministry, etc.).

#### 28. **DENMARK - SAN MARINO - MONARCO**

The **ruling elders** of our church; evangelistic outreach through our church. **PIM Patrols:** STH QLD – Greg & Janet Chips.

#### 29. LIECHTENSTEIN - LUXEMBURG

**Presbyterian schools** in all States; Social service work in all States; Church hospitals.

#### 30. VATICAN CITY - KOSOVO - ANDORRA

All **church publications** and **websites**.

# Guidelines For Communicating With Missionaries Serving In Security-Sensitive Places

- 1. **Ask** about their living conditions/everyday life but don't imply that he/she is a missionary, is involved in evangelism or has any connection with a Christian organisation.
- 2. **Don't use** envelopes, email addresses, letterheads etc. that indicate that you come from a church, mission or Christian Organisation.
- 3. **Don't refer to** the work of other Christians in the area [foreign or national]. Do not ask about opportunities to witness, give a testimony etc.
- 4. **Don't mention** sensitive topics such as religious freedom, or politics.
- 5. **Don't criticise** the government or send anything in print that may be perceived as negative towards the government of the country in which the person is serving e.g reports from Australian newspapers.
- 6. **Don't mention** any overseas national Christians by name.
- 7. **To refer to God**, use terms such as 'our father'. Use 'ch' for 'Church' and 'p-yer' for 'prayer' and so on.
- 8. To refer to the missionaries' work, use terms such as 'the company/business' etc.
- 9. When missionaries are on home assignment in Australia, please do not take photos of them without asking permission and telling them what you will do with the photos.
- 10. **For missionaries who serve in security sensitive countries**, please DO NOT publish information about them, or photos of them, in your church news sheet or on the internet or Facebook or any social media.

# **How Support Cross-Cultural Missionaries**

- 1. **Read their Prayer Letters** Read their prayer letters and pray! Occasionally email them and tell them you are praying for them. **Important note:** Some missionaries serve in sensitive locations, meaning they are unable to receive emails and letters directly so please do not contact them unless they ask.
- 2. **Bible study groups** Ask Bible study groups to adopt a missionary and commit to pray for them and write to them. Appoint a member of the group to coordinate this.

- 3. **Financial Support** Missionaries need more than encouragement they need financial support and providing properly for missionaries is not cheap. Consider ways that you could personally give on a regular basis.
- 4. **Pray each Sunday** Each Sunday have a regular prayer slot in church for local mission and overseas cross-cultural mission. Contact the APWM National Office (national@apwm.org.au) and ask to be put on the Prayer Update email list.
- 5. **Be informed** One good way to support missionaries is learning yourself. Why not sign up to the APWM National weekly email prayer news APWM Partnership News? You'll receive a weekly email on some aspect of cross-cultural mission together with some prayer points. You can sign up on the internet at shrtm.nu/NSAb
- 6. Home Assignment If you have missionaries sent by your congregation think about ways you can care for them when they return to Australia for home assignment.
  Plan for this in advance and think about ways to help with housing, a car, filling the pantry with food, helping them reorient into life in Australia (many things will have changed while they were away), providing meals and childminding. In all of this please try to be patient. For some, returning to Australia can be quite disorientating.
- 7. **Children** Being a 'Missionary Kid' can be incredibly tough! Ask one where 'home' is and many will hesitate in their answer. While in Australia they experience constant change so be patient and do what you can to support them.

# **PRAYERS**

### from "Pray", a PWAD resource.

Go to the PWAD website <a href="https://pwad.vercel.app/">https://pwad.vercel.app/</a>. Click on the words 'PUBLIC WORSHIP' in the left-hand list on the Home Page. This will lead you to a further list. Click on the words 'PRAY (PDF)' or 'PRAY- IN OTHER FORMATS'. This will lead you to the desired format for "PRAY".

These prayers will be different every year.

## **Prayers of Approach:**

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the wills that serve you; help us to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom, In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Augustine of Hippo

Let your mighty outstretched arm, **O Lord God**, be our defence; your mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our salvation; your true word our instruction; the grace of your Holy Spirit our comfort and consolation, to the end and in the end, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

John Knox, Book of Common Order, 1564

### **Prayer of Praise**

Gracious God, we worship you for your steadfast love and faithfulness to us your redeemed people. We are so thankful that you have loved us from eternity past, before time began. Yours is a love without beginning, without limit, without measure, without failure, without change, and without end. We cannot begin to comprehend the length and breadth, the height and depth of the love you have for us that has been so wonderfully expressed in the Lord Jesus Christ, yet we have believed in and have come to know something of the love you have for us. Help us to remain in your love so that we may live in you and you in us. Help us to love you whom we have not seen by loving our brother or sister whom we have seen. Teach us to love as you first loved us. Assure us that now nothing can separate us from your love or snatch us out of your hand.

Shed abroad your love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. May we never be reduced to the level of a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal, and become as nothing, for lack of love. Grant to us the patience and kindness of love in all our dealings with others. Help us increasingly to reflect the likeness of him who gave his life in selfless love. Grant that we may faithfully bear the image of our Creator, who is the very essence of love, so to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbour as our self.

Teach us today something more of your amazing love for us, unworthy as we are, and increase our love for you through time and eternity, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

# **Prayer of Confession**

**Father**, we come to you just as we are. This is how we came at first, and this is how we come still. We do not flatter ourselves and think that we are better than we are.

We do not pretend that we have some good thing that you require from us. We come with all our failures, with all our transgressions, with so many things as they ought not to be. We are your children, but more like delinquent children

than deserved ones. Like the prodigal, we have so often been thankless, proud, self willed, reckless. We are not worthy to be called your children.

But as we come to you in such an unfit condition, we rejoice that you receive us again, and tend our wounds, and heal our diseases, and wash us clean, and give us your robe of righteousness to wear. We praise you that, because of Jesus' sin-bearing suffering, we are redeemed. We come to you labouring and heavy laiden. We come to you for rest. Thank you that you take the burden of our guilt and remove it from us. Cause us go from here and sin no more, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of Mercies, we, your humble servants give you our heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us all the days of our life. We honour you that you have created us, that you sustain us, and that you enrich our lives with so many blessings. Above all, we thank you for your unbounded love in redeeming us through the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you too that you have supplied all the means for us to grow in grace, and for the sure hope of Heaven that is now ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

We humbly ask that you will give us an awareness and appreciation of all your mercy and grace, that we may be truly thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives also, by giving ourselves to your service, and by walking with you in holiness and righteousness all our days. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, World without end, Amen

Dr. Edward Reynolds, Westminster Divine

## **Prayer of intercession**

O God, our creator and preserver, we pray for people of every race, in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Especially we pray for........

We pray for our own country and for all who exercise authority and influence, that they may serve in wisdom, honesty, and compassion.

We pray for the communities in which we live and work, that there we may use your gifts to act justly, show mercy, and walk humbly.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind or body; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their troubles. Especially we pray for ......... We pray for the life and witness of this church and all it's members, that we may serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days, find joy and contentment in your service, and see you add to our number day by day those who are being saved, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers for the People

# **Family Worship**

Keep a family worship time SHORT, SHARP, and SIMPLE. 'Navigators' had a booklet "7 Minutes Alone With God" for Adults written on the premise that one short consecutive Bible reading a day is achievable. Adults cannot lie to themselves that they cannot find 7 minutes each day for their Time Alone with God. 7 minutes – 5 minutes for reading and 2 minutes for prayer and reflection. Start with 20 minutes and you will probably not continue past the first few days. It works with teens reading a passage out loud around the table TOO!!

For Primary School aged children, once they can read, get them a read a sentence consecutively with you or with other children for a small passage. Ask them three or four factual questions starting with "Who said" or "How" or "What". Factual questions lodge actual facts in the mind and help memory and stimulate a growing knowledge of God's Word!

Example: You read 1 Samuel 30:11-15 at family devotional time after a meal.

Ask questions like:

Why was Gideon beating the wheat hidden in a winepress?

Who appeared to him?

What did Gideon think God had done?

What did the Lord tell Gideon to do?

# Public Worship And Aids To Devotion Committee Presbyterian Church of Australia

PWAD Website: https://www.pwad.org.au

On our **website** you will find:

#### **GAA Publications:**

The Presbyterian Church of Australia's Directory of Public Worship and a Study Paper on "Worship".

#### **Public Worship:**

"Pray" (a pdf file with a collection of prayers) and "Pray" in other e-formats; a Synopsis on the larger paper on "Worship";

Scripture Rubrics on various topics and occasions and the Apostles' and Nicene Creed;

and some basic principles for arranging a Service of Worship.

#### **Aids To Devotion:**

Daily Bible reading short notes on each passage (a guidepost to understanding) "Bible Guideposts" links;

an Aid to Family Devotions: Who's Who in the Bible;

and the 2021 Book of Covenant Family Worship – a file you or your church can print as a booklet. Only the four pages of the cover have colour.

To **download** a pdf copy of the **2022 Book of Covenant Family Worship**, go to the PWAD Home page and click on the words AIDS TO DEVOTION in the left-hand list. A drop-down list will appear. Click on the words: COVENANT FAMILY WORSHIP. This will take you to a pdf copy of the Book of Covenant Family Worship 2022.

# "Rejoice" Website

Access to the searchable 'Rejoice Hymnbook' website is by annual subscription.

# **CATECHISMS**

There are many good catechisms:

#### The Shorter Catechism

- Roland Ward's conservatively modernized text of the classic text, New Melbourne Press 6<sup>th</sup> ed available in booklet form only from Bookshops.

Words only: <a href="https://bpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/d-scatechism.pdf">https://bpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/d-scatechism.pdf</a>
Words and Scripture proofs: <a href="https://thewestminsterstandard.org/westminster-shorter-catechism">https://thewestminsterstandard.org/westminster-shorter-catechism</a>

- **The Larger Catechism** adopted by the Church of Scotland in 1648 together with the Shorter Catechism. https://thewestminsterstandard.org/westminster-larger-catechism/
- **New City Catechism** 52 questions and answers for ages 4-11. This catechism (released in 2012) is sponsored by the Gospel Coalition and Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan New York (Tim Keller retired in 2017). http://newcitycatechism.com/
- **Children's Catechism** 145 questions and answers. https://malenypc.org.au/index.php/beliefs/children-s-catechism
- The Pilgrim's Catechism -

This resource for small children is found in John Bunyan's **Pilgrim's Progress Part 2** – the story of Christiana, the wife of Christian, and their four sons. Notice the answer to "Who made/saves you?" is explicitly Trinitarian!

Q: Who made you?

A: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Q: Who saves you?

A: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Q: How does God the Father save you?

A: By His grace.

Q: How does God the Son save you?

A: By His righteousness, death and blood and life.

Q: How does God the Holy Spirit save you?

A: By His illumination, by His renovation, and by His preservation.

# **SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

"Hide God's Word in your heart!" Help children memorise verses and passages that are meaningful to you as a family. Start with short verses when they are little and progress to longer passages. Even a tiny tot can answer a question like: "What did Jesus say to Philip?" Answer: "Jesus said to Philip, 'Follow Me." (from John 1:43)

There are short Salvation Verses like Romans 3:23, Romans 6: 23, John 3:16, John 1:12&13, Ephesians 2:8&9. Progress to whole passages like Psalm 1, 23, 103 and 121, John 1:1-18, John 14:1-6. Some Christians learn whole chapters and books of the Bible, especially those who expect persecution. Psalm 119 has some classic memory verses as does the book of Proverbs.

#### SOME OTHER BIBLE READING SCHEMES

A **Grandmother's advice** to a grand-daughter in the 1960's, which that Grandmother's own Grandmother gave to her:

The old people told me to divide by 365 the number of pages in my Bible and read that many pages a day. Some divide the number of pages in the Old Testament by 365 and then the pages in the New Testament.

### The Robert Murray M'Chenyne Bible Reading Scheme

The 19th Century Scottish minister, Robert Murray M'Cheyne, (sometimes spelled McCheyne) who lived from 1813-1843, prepared a plan for Bible reading to take readers through the New Testament and Psalms twice a year, and through the rest of the Bible once each year.

There are approximately 4 chapters per day in this plan.

A pdf copy of this plan can be obtained from:

https://www.mcheyne.info/calendar.pdf

**SCRIPTURE UNION** has their Bible reading guide "**Daily Bread**" in a print edition for JAN-MAR 2023. Cost: \$12.95. Contact your Scripture Union local or State Office.

The American based "Our Daily Bread" is used by many Australian congregations. The Australian Office is: Our Daily Bread Ministries, PO Box 15, Kilsyth, VIC 3137. Email: <a href="mailto:australia@odb.org">australia@odb.org</a> . Phone: 03 9761 7086

#### **BIBLE APPS**

The Bible Hub app is one such useful app. Their web page is: <a href="https://biblehub.com">https://biblehub.com</a>. They have many useful study tools such as a Bible Atlas, commentaries, Bible Encyclopedias and Dictionaries, etc. For example, Matthew Henry's Commentary is digitally available on this app.

#### CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES

These have many resources for families. The Scripture Union **Pointing Out Books** are an excellent resource for families with young children.

# **FAMILY DEVOTIONS!**

A daily digital WordPress site is: <a href="https://whoswhointhebible.org/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/whoswhointhebible</a> Facebook page is: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/whoswhointhebible">https://www.facebook.com/groups/whoswhointhebible</a> Files \*.pdf for "Who's Who in the Bible" can be found at <a href="https://db.tt/dh0qIHxu">https://db.tt/dh0qIHxu</a> the last string is dh(zero)q(Capital i)Hxu

# Sample:

APRIL YEAR 1 - THE STORY OF JESUS BY MARK
APRIL YEAR 2 - THE STORY OF JESUS BY LUKE
APRIL YEAR 3 - DAVID, SOLOMON, ELIJAH
APRIL YEAR 4 – JEREMIAH, GEDALIAH, BARUCH, ZEDEKIAH,
EZEKIEL

#### APRIL 1ST

### YEAR 1 - Jesus Rejected At Home – Mark 6:1-6

Who followed Jesus to his home town?

Where did Jesus begin to teach?

Who were Jesus' brothers?

What made Jesus amazed?

### YEAR 2 - The Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-16

Which son wanted to leave home?

Where did he go?

What did he do with his money?

Why did he have to feed pigs?

### YEAR 3 - David in His Old Age - 1 Kings 1:1-4

What problem did King David have in old age?

How did his servants solve this problem?

Where did they look for a beautiful young woman?

Who did they choose to keep King David warm?

## YEAR 4 - The Lord Delivers Jeremiah - Jeremiah 39:11-14

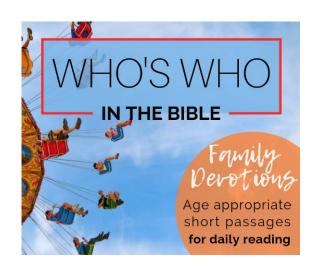
Who was king of Babylon?

Who did King Nebuchadnezzar tell to be kind to Jeremiah?

Who did the officers trust Jeremiah to?

Who did he live among?

Give every child a Bible, or put the passage up on the TV screen. It's best if Dad asks the questions, while the children look at the passage for the answers.



# **DAILY DEVOTIONS available from the PWAD Committee**



A daily digital WordPress site is: <a href="https://bibleguideposts.org/">https://bibleguideposts.org/</a>

Files \*.pdf for Bible Guideposts can be found at present at this Dropbox:

<u>https://db.tt/dh0qlHxu</u> the last string is dh(zero)q(Capital i)Hxu

Facebook page is:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/bibleguideposts

# Sample:

### 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### Leviticus 8

Aaron and his sons were anointed with oil and blood. They were the first anointed (*Messiahs*) in the Bible. Their mediatorial work came first before David was anointed as King centuries later. So, too Christ's mediatorial work came first before He comes again to reign! Do you see testimony to Jesus!

#### Psalm 108

A steadfast heart is one of God's great blessings. We often need one in life. David finds grounds for steadfastness in God's love and faithfulness, in His being active within history, not quiescent. What a resounding conclusion: with God we shall gain the victory!

#### Mark 2:1-22

Here is a famous incident of the paralytic with four friends. Notice that verse 10 informs us that Jesus HAS AUTHORITY to forgive sins! That's in today's world too! Jesus follows this up with another demonstration of His authority to forgive sins — with Matthew (or Levi as he was called).

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