

Anglican Paraguay Prayer Calendar

May & June 2015



Easter Sunday worship St Paul's Concepcion



Asunción Rojas, faithful Bible translator

Week Fri 15 – Thurs 21 May: Wonderful deeds!

O LORD my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them. Psalm 40:5

We do not always understand what God is doing. Up till the moment of Jesus' ascension his followers hoped that he would re-establish the Davidic kingdom. Instead of ushering in a kingdom with military strength, Jesus sent them off to Jerusalem to wait for the presence of the Holy Spirit, to empower them to witness to the ends of the earth. We, his disciples are part of this mission and we have been given a part to play in the taking of the Gospel to the very ends of the earth. In this cycle of prayer we will be praying for believers to be equipped and empowered in this mission, and will be basing our prayers on the God's unchanging Word. Thank you for your partnership in prayer with the Anglican Church in Paraguay.

As you wait for Pentecost take time to praise God and be grateful for the multitude of wonders that he has performed and the plans that he has for you.

Please pray for Alison Hawksbee, for a prompt recovery from pneumonia, that the Lord's hands will bring healing, a prompt recovery and peace. Pray also for Sam White for good and rapid recovery from his recent surgery.

I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand – I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, "You are my people." Isaiah 51:16

Pastor Ronald Irene is visiting England this week and will be speaking at the CMS Adelante conference. Pray that the Lord will use Ron for his glory and give him His words in each situation.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' Acts 1:8

Nicky Irene teaches English at St Andrews College and along with her husband Ron leads the Christ the Saviour Church, pray that she will be given bold words of encouragement for her students and church members.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. Acts 2:18

We pray for believers in La Patria who are being confirmed in the church. May each one grow in their relationship with the Father, their identity in Christ and be empowered by the Spirit. Pray for them this week and the visit of Bishop Peter & Sally, Chris Hawksbee, Agustin Maidana, Victor Gonzalez and Tim Curtis for safe travelling and that it would be a time of great rejoicing, fellowship and learning together and the receiving of God's words for these times.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

Pray for the meeting in Rio Verde with Pastor Miranda that the Lord would prosper His purposes in the Chaco.

Week Fri 22- Thurs 28 May: Pentecost

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Acts 2:17

Give thanks to God for the ministry of Pastor Cefe and his wife Ana in this new phase as they support the life of the church in Luque. May the Lord prosper their plans to set up small groups to teach the Bible. May the word of the Lord build up the church in Luque and may Cefe and Ana be used as instruments of God's blessing across the generations.

He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. Isaiah 49:2

Pray for Bishop Peter, Sally, Pastors Donald and Luis as they prepare for the School of Ministry this weekend.

so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

Pray for Ana Maria Demestri and the FEISA teachers, staff and students that each one would receive faith and confidence in the plans that God has for them. Pray especially for the classes on Biblical world vision.

'My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants – from this time on and for ever,' says the Lord. Isaiah 59:21

Pray for Nilza, leading the Toy Library team, the volunteers and the children who attend, that each one would receive the Spirit of God and words of truth which will remain in their hearts and bear fruit in their futures.

The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. Isaiah 62:2

Pray for the children currently in the Mission Esperanza home that each little one would grow in hope and confidence and be touched by the Lord's healing power.

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

Ask the Lord to pour his love into the hearts of those studying in the School of Ministry: Rafael, Victor, Hernan, Gustavo, Rebeca, Magdalena, Salomon, Nicky, Juanca, Marlene, Dina, Gloria, Katty, Regina and Sadrac. May each grow in confidence and boldness in their church responsibilities.

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

Please pray for Catalino Bogado, head of the Annexe school. May the Lord continue to give him give him wisdom, boldness, stamina, vision, joy and love for the staff and pupils of the school.

Week Fri 29 May – Thurs 4 June: The Holy helps us to understand and believe the truth

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 1 Corin 2:14

We pray for Nancy, a member of the Zeballos Cue church who heads up the team of cleaners at St Andrews School, asking the Holy Spirit to use her as his instrument of blessing for the lives of those she leads.

They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit Acts 6:5

Pray for wisdom in the Anglican church in developing new leaders, may the Lord call forth those men and women of his choosing.

So the Lord said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. Numbers 27:18

Pray for St Paul's church in Concepcion as the church council along with Bishop Peter seek to find new patterns of leadership and ask the Lord to open the way for new leaders to develop.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

Thank the Lord for Deacon Romualdo in Maklawaya, giving thanks for his faithful teaching of the Word and his love for the community and praying that his gift of teaching would be developed and used powerfully by the Holy Spirit.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

We pray for Pastor Luis as he continues with his Masters studies and for Pastor Ronald studying for the Chaplain's Diploma. May their studies be guided by the Holy Spirit and produce fruit for the Kingdom of God.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corin 3:18

This week humbly ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and use you for the glory of God.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. Ephesians 1:17

We thank you Lord for the life, family, work and ministry of Regina Echeverria, may she be given wisdom in her responsibilities in the book shop, especially as she chooses stock and has opportunities to share testimony and truth with shoppers in the book shop.

Week Fri 5 - Thurs 11 June: The Holy Spirit produces spiritual fruit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22,23

We pray for the Youth Group meeting in the Cathedral: for Guille, Eliana, Naty, Esther and Santi, that the Spirit would continue to produce fruit in their lives and witness as they reach out to young people.

Lord Jesus, may all those who follow you and attend the Anglican church grow *in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love, in truthful speech and the power of God* (1 Corint 6:6,7).

Please pray for the worship group in Christ the Saviour church: Arsenio, Ceci, Rachel, Esther, Marcelo, Naty and Eilyn, giving thanks for their commitment and service, and their joyful leading of worship.

God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth. John 4:24

Please pray for the Sunday worship which takes place in churches throughout Paraguay that those who choose to go to church would be taught by the Holy Spirit to worship God in a pleasing way, worshipping both in Spirit and in truth. Please pray for all who lead worship in our congregations.

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5

We thank God for the ministry of Teo and Lydia Rivas in San Lorenzo. Pray for them as Teo adjusts to his retirement, that the Lord would bless this next phase of his life, and for all the children and young people who have been reached through the children's work they have headed up in San Lorenzo, may these young lives be reborn and renewed.

You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. 2 Corinthians 3:3

Please pray for nurse Beryl Baker as she ministers in different ways to people in the Chaco and Asuncion that Spirit of God would write God's message of love and hope on the hearts of those she speaks with.

We pray for believers in Rio Verde, La Patria, Sobrero Piri and Maklawaya that *God would continually fill them with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that they may live lives worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God* (Colossians 1:2-11) and that others in their communities would be drawn to Christ through their witness. Amen.

Week Fri 12 – Thurs 18 June: The Holy Spirit gives gifts

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:4,5

You might like to spend some time this week thanking God for all the gifts he has given you and ask him to help you use them wisely for his glory.

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:17

Just as the Holy Spirit used Ananias as an instrument of healing we pray he would use Katty and Martha, Sally, Teresa, Ana and Mary as his instruments of healing for the children of Esperanza.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 1 Corinthians 9:7-9

Let us pray this week for all those to whom God has given gifts of healing that their gift would be used wisely and that God's healing touch would bring comfort, hope and health to those who suffer in spirit, body or mind. We pray for nurse Beryl Baker this week.

to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 11:10,11

We pray this week for Bishops Peter and Andres, Pastors Lucho, Luis, Donald, Ronald, Agustin and Cefe asking that the Holy Spirit would help them always to be examples of wholehearted service to the Lord. May he bless and increase their ministries.

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people. Ephesians 6:7

We pray for the clergy in the Chaco: Robert, Agripino, Mario R, Niño Pepe, Juan, Mario, Romualdo and Lucio that the Lord would protect them from the wiles of the evil one and enable them to use the opportunities that God gives.

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15

Humbly we ask the Lord for an increase in prophecy and an ability to discern the times which are taking place in Paraguay, so that many would come to the knowledge of the saving power of Christ.

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy 1 Corinthians 14:1

Please pray all those people in Paraguay who are like Cornelius, God fearing and generous. Pray that they may receive salvation through Jesus Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit

Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor Acts 10:31

Week Fri 19 – Thurs 25 June: The Spirit brings freedom

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom 2 Corinthians 3:17

We pray for Claire Holmes and the youth of Concepcion that many would find freedom in Christ through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

Pray for all members of Church councils that they would humbly serve their brothers and sister in the faith.

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 1 Cor 9:19

We thank the Lord that he calls many to the vocation of being teachers. Please pray for the all staff of Saint Andrews School that each one would think and act out of their calling from God.

But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit Romans 7:6

Pray for those who work in schools and teaching especially remembering: Gwen, Mags, Alison, Anita, Aresenio, Caroline, Cecilia, Donald, Deborah, Elena, Eliana, Esteban, Esther, Gloria, Gwen, Hannah, Kristi, Mags, Mirta, Nancy, Nicky, Sarah, Rita, Victor, Regina, Ronald, Sarita, Sam, Tony, Victor and Yesica, that they may serve in the way of the Spirit.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

We pray for the different groups in Asuncion meeting to read the Bible and study Towards Spiritual Maturity – that each member will find freedom in Christ and a new direction for their life. Pray for Pastors Lucho and Luis leading these groups.

giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:12

Pray for Victor Gonzalez, Chris Hawksbee and Agustin Maidana that they would be God's instruments to bring freedom to those bound by spiritual darkness in the Chaco.

Week Fri 26 – 30 June: Hope in the Lord

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. Psalm 130:5

Please pray for David Orritt and this year's Mission Paraguay teams, for the practical arrangements and for wisdom, and for the last minute plans that need to be made. May the projects that they are involved with bring hope and joy.

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

Pray for Gloria Maldonado and the Pepe pre-school in Zeballos Cue that the children would treasure God's word in their hearts and grow up in the knowledge that God has good plans for their future.

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it Isaiah. 55:11

Pray for provision for the printing of the Enxet Bible, thanking the Lord for all the donations received so far and thanking him that these Bibles contain the message of salvation that will bring hope to many lives. May the Lord give Tim Curtis strength and wisdom during this time of preparation.

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13

We thank the Lord for the life of Asuncion Rojas and his important role in the translation of the Bible into Enxet and pray that he will be filled with hope and that the Lord would open the right door for his future employment.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

Thank you for praying for the Anglican Church in Paraguay

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