

# Anglican Paraguay Prayer Calendar

May & June 2014



Christ the Saviour Church, La Paciencia



Consecration of the new church

## Week Fri 23 - Thur 29 May: Giving thanks

*As He sat at the table with them, He took the bread and gave thanks and broke it. Then He gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they knew Him. Then He left them and could not be seen. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts filled with joy when He talked to us on the road about what the Holy Writings said?"* Luke 24:30-32

**Person of the week: Bishop Andrés** – this week Bishop Andrés is 60 and retires from full time ministry. He and Estela have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. They will be taking a well earned break from church ministry. We give thanks for Bishop Andrés' gifts and faithfulness in ministry and pray that he and the family will adapt well to this next phase. We pray that the move from the pastoral house to their house will go smoothly and that it will soon become home for them.

- This Saturday Miguel and Miriam Greco are leading a Marriage Day at the Redeemer Church in Zeballos Cue. We pray that this opportunity would strengthen families to live their marriages according to Kingdom principles.
- Along with our brothers and sisters in La Paciencia, Chaco, we give thanks for the blessing of a new church building for Christ Saviour Church and ask for continued blessings on all the families of this community.
- We give thanks for abundant rainfall in the Chaco in recent weeks and pray for the communities such as La Paciencia and Primavera which have been flooded, with over 300ml of water in a matter of hours. Some roads are impassable and some houses flooded, so we give thanks for the government airlift of food to the most remote places.
- The Esperanza Foster Home gives thanks for the new roof on the home which is being completed. Last week we celebrated the May birthdays of twins F & F and M, enjoying the company of the 'aunties' who attended.
- Pastor Ronnie and Nicky, along with Juanca and Marlene give thanks for the recent Anglican Marriage Encounter, especially giving thanks for the couples who decided to follow Jesus. Please pray for good attendance at the 6 weekly follow up growth groups.

*"You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."* —Augustine, Confessions

## Week Fri 30 May – Thurs 5 June: Fear or peace?

*As they talked, Jesus Himself stood among them. He said, "May you have peace." But they were afraid and full of fear. They thought they saw a spirit. Jesus said to them, "Why are you afraid? Why do you have doubts in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet. See! It is I, Myself! Touch Me and see for yourself. A spirit does not have flesh and bones as I have."* Luke 24:36-39

As we give thanks for the new members of the church council in St Paul's Concepcion. Let us pray for them, asking the Lord to open their spiritual eyes to see what He is doing and what he requires of them: Ricardo, Saul, Javier, Myrian, Claire, Zunilda and Leonarda. We also pray that they would be given a spirit of love, power and self-control.

This week let us pray for believers in Paraguay to know that the spirit that they have been given by God is a spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind. We remember in prayer those who are suffering from mental illnesses.

Please pray for Neri Sosa, from Maklawaya and the son of Pastor Juan. Pray that the wound on his leg would heal quickly and that he would receive the Lord's peace as he copes with this lengthy convalescence.



**Person of the week: Esteban Romero.** Esteban is a visionary who loves to worship and serve the Lord. He grew up in the Anglican Church, the son of pastor Cefe and Ana. He is married to Iris and they have one son Emanuel. Esteban is a English primary teacher in St Andrews School who enjoys his job and is loved by his students. He is the youth leader in the Luque church and also leads the worship group. Currently, he and his father are leading a short John Maxwell leadership course in the Luque church. Please pray for fruit from this course and for the Lord to continue to speak clearly to Esteban and Iris about His future plans regarding various projects they have in mind, including the idea of possibility of restarting the EJE youth ministry.

We pray for the following study groups that the Lord Jesus will stand among the members and minister his salvation, spiritual life, hope and peace to each person:

- The Tuesday Bible study in St Andrews Cathedral has divided into 2 groups led by Teresa and Guille
- 2 groups meeting on Tuesdays in Luque led by Cefe, Esteban and Donald
- Mum's Bible studies in St Andrews School, for wisdom for Miriam and Sally
- Abundant Life Group led in Esperanza by Teresa
- Abundant Life Groups in the Chaco led by Agustin and Victor
- Groups which Pastor Lucho leads in the Roque group of churches

We give thanks to the Lord for a record number of students in FEISA this year and for the new courses which are currently running. Pray for the 10 members of St Andrews School staff who are students in the FEISA post graduate leadership diploma, that Jesus would bless each student with greater leadership skills, development of their Christian character and his grace and peace.

We pray for the Pastors and their wives confronting complex pastoral situations that they would be proactive ministering from a spirit of power, love and a sound mind. We pray for the **clergy of the Anglican Church in Paraguay:** Niño Pepe & Feliciana Aguero , Peter & Sally Bartlett, Donald & Caroline Brooks , Mario & Rosa Caballero, Agripino & Nilda Cerro, Luis & Regina Echeverría, Robert & Cristina Fernández, Ronald & Nicky Irene, Agustín & Teresa Maidana, Lucho & Estela Robles, Mario & Agustina Recalde, Andrés & Estela Rodríguez, Cefe & Ana Romero, Lucio & Priscilla Romero and Romualdo & Yrna Rojas and Juan & Alicia Sosa.

*Oh your hands of kindness are here for me, and I have heard they are silken and can carry me*

*How I love you, all I am is you, King of love I bow*

*Oh your hands of mercy were scarred for me, and your body was broken so that I go free*

*Oh your love that burns me, deeper than the sea, and the treasure I find here, the saviour's love for me*

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## **Week Fri 6 – Thurs 12 June: Learning about the Kingdom**

*During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Acts 1:3*

This week we ask the Lord to continue to teach us in the Anglican Church about the Kingdom of God and so may we develop Kingdom principles, culture and mentality.



**Person on the Week: Doña Feliciana** is a very special lady who loves the Lord and is a natural leader. She lives in La Paciencia where alongside her husband Pastor Niño Pepe she faithfully and cheerfully serves the Lord. She has a large extended family and with a big smile she is always reaching out to others. Pray for Feliciana as she and her community face the challenges produced by poverty, lack of employment and harsh climatic conditions, may she God's be given strength and wisdom.

We give thanks for the San Lorenzo Bible Study group and their thirst for God's word and to learn from Jesus. We pray for Teo & Lidia and Pedro & Eugenia as they lead this small community of faith.

St John's group of churches:

- we give thanks for the ministry of Lucho and Estela Robles and pray that they would be empowered to lead and teach with boldness and with the anointing of the Holy Spirit
- we pray for the group of leaders who are studying the course 'Towards Spiritual Maturity' with pastor Lucho
- we pray for the young people of Remanisto that they would reach out in love and power to the youth of their neighbourhood
- we pray for Eligio, Raphael and Victor who preach in the churches and for Carlos who has started to lead services. May their ministries be used by God to bring much fruit to the Kingdom

We give thanks to the Lord and pray for Pastor Felix, a Mennonite pastor who has been leading meetings with parents and pupils from St Andrews School about drug and alcohol abuse. We pray for open hearts in the parents and pupils to receive God's word and salvation, and for spiritual protection for the school's families.

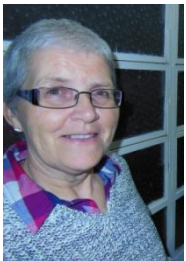
Let's pray for Claire Holmes as she teaches and disciples in Concepcion, praying for wisdom, strength and joy in this time of change in the church in Concepcion. Also we pray for her as she prepares for the visit of the Simply the Story training team who will be encouraging the experiencing of Scripture through discussion and inductive Bible Study oral style ([www.simplythestory.org](http://www.simplythestory.org))

*Commit yourself to instruction; listen carefully to words of knowledge. Proverbs 23:12*

### **Week Fri 13 – Thurs 19 June: Pentecost Preaching**

*Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God." Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" Acts 2:37-40*

We pray for all Anglicans in Paraguay that we would experience afresh the love, power and ministry of the Holy Spirit during this season of Pentecost thus enabling us to be witnesses to the our generations.



#### **Person of the week: Mags Southern.**

Mags is deputy head and secondary Maths teacher at St Andrews and her spare time activities include: preaching and teaching in St Andrews Chapel, Diocesan Treasurer, gardening, knitting and photography. Please pray for Mags in her many responsibilities in school that the Lord will fill her each day with the Holy Spirit and that she will be given strength and wisdom in all that she does. Please pray for her continued good health and for all the extracurricular activities that she is involved in at school.

We pray for Chris Hawksbee, Agustin Maidana and Victor Gonzales as they teach, preach and disciple in the Chaco. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit each day and preach and teach boldly urging their listeners to receive salvation. We pray for their families in Asuncion and especially remember Ben H as he looks for employment.

We pray for Pastor Juan Sosa and Deacon Romualdo and St Peters church in Maklawaya. May their preaching be bold and may they call the young people to repentance and turning to Jesus. We pray for their families that they will be witnesses to the community and be protected from the wiles of the evil one.

We pray for David Orritt and the Mission Paraguay volunteers as the date of their mission approaches that their final preparations will go well and that they would filled with the Holy Spirit.

We pray for the St Andrews staff who lead and prepare school assemblies, may they lead boldly in the power and leading of the Holy Spirit and may their words convict the hearts of the pupils to turn to Jesus. We pray that their message will be creative, clear and compelling. We pray especially for the secondary school assemblies based on the names of God, that the students would know the Lord in greater fullness.

We pray for St Andrews Chapel that new comers and visitors will respond to the preaching and turn to Christ. We pray especially for Chris, Alison, Tim, Mags, Gwen, Steve, Sam and Sally as they prepare sermons that their messages would pierce the hearts of those listening.

### **Week Fri 20 – Thurs 26 June: United in prayer**

*All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. Acts 2:42,43*

All the believers were united and everyone felt a sense of awe and the apostles were doing many signs and wonders. This week as you pray for the church in Paraguay and your own church please pray that we would be united especially in prayer and for those the Lord is using to show His might and compassion towards the society around us.



**Person of the week: Virginia** from Remansito – Virginia and her husband Ramon are members of the King of kings church and they are committed and faithful intercessors. Virginia's thanks the Lord for his provision of a new enterprise making and selling cleaning products. We pray that they and their children will be protected from spiritual attack. Virginia is currently attending the Saturday afternoon course on Anglican identity, lead by Bishop Peter and Sally.

Bishop Peter and Sally ask us to pray for the remaining Saturday afternoon sessions on Anglican identity that they are leading in King of kings, Remansito, may they continue to provide opportunities to teach and encourage Kingdom culture. Recently the church's youth group leader Luis left to join a new Pentecostal Argentinean church along with some other members. We pray especially for leaders Salomón and Magdalena, as they lead this church through this time of challenge and change.

We pray for the Chaco pastors: Juan, Romualdo, Lucio, Mario, Robert, Agripina, Niño Pepe and Mario and their pastoral helpers that the Lord would pour out a spirit of intercession and grace on them and that they would lead their communities in faithful and fervent prayer. We pray for each one that they would be under the Lord's protection as their communities face challenges such as alcohol and drug abuse and a lack of employment opportunities. We pray for the Christian families in the Chaco that they would pray daily for strength, wisdom and the Lord's word to fall like dew on a thirsty land.

Esperanza foster home, we give thanks for:

- a successful open afternoon which lead to an increase in supporters and offers of help
- house mother - Aunty Ynocencia, full time helper Mariela and occasional helper Alejandra

we pray for:

- for suitable parents for F & F and for MP & J
- for the sessions that MP is having with both a psychologist and with a speech therapist

We thank the Lord for Nicky Irene and the Villa Guarani ladies prayer group she is leading on Wednesday afternoons in the Chapel. May these times of fellowship and praying will continue to impact the lives of the women who attend.

We thank the Lord for teachers and pray for them as they guide and teach. May they be protagonists of Kingdom culture in all their interactions with their students. We pray especially for: Alison H, Hannah, Sam, Jacqui & Deborah and also the Anglican members of St Andrews staff: Gwen Carlisle, Mags Southern, Caroline B, Esteban R, Nicky I, Raquel M, Neill B, Noemi R, Sarah M, Rita C, Miriam G, Regina E, Donald B, and chaplain Ronald I. We also pray for the Head teacher Catalino and the Annexe school staff and pray for all ancillary and administrative staff.

"There's no greater lifestyle and no greater happiness than that of having a continual conversation with God."

—Brother Lawrence (1614-1691)

### **Week Fri 27 – Mon 30 June: Spotting opportunities**

*Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "People of Israel," he said, "what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate's decision to release him. Acts 3:12,13*

This week as the Holy Spirit to show you the opportunities He is giving you to 'reach others with Jesus' salvation' whether it be through your words or through your actions or your prayers.

**Person of the week: Rev Ronald Irene** is married to Nicky Venables and they have 4 children Natasha, Tamara, Daniel and Samuel. He is the chaplain at St Andrews College, pastor of Christ the Saviour church in Villa Guarani and recently appointed as lead pastor in the Cathedral. Pray that the Lord would give him wisdom as he develops new ways of doing things. The congregation give thanks for new attenders and we pray that they would turn to God and receive the Holy Spirit. Pray also for the Villa Guarani church for creativity in seizing opportunities for the Lord.

Ask the Lord for the right opportunities for the plans for the Chaco Bible Week which is being re-programmed due to the recent flooding.

We pray for Charlie and Raquel Mendez and the opportunities that the Lord is giving them to share Jesus with family, friends, work colleagues and in the Villa Guarani church.

Please pray for Tim Curtis heading up the completion of the Old Testament translation in Exnet. Pray for the right opportunity for the printing of the entire Enxet Bible, and for stamina in the final months of corrections of the text and revision of the New Testament. Pray also for nurse Beryl thanking the Lord for the recent opportunity that she had to travel to Texas to celebrate ranch owner Rhett's marriage. Beryl's house and clinic in the Chaco is on Rhett's ranch. We give thanks for the seeds for the Gospel that she was able to sow there and is also sowing in the Chaco, that the Holy Spirit would produce spiritual growth that would impact the ranching community in Rio Verde.

Thank you for praying for the Anglican Church in Paraguay  
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