

Anglican Paraguay Prayer Calendar

Mar & April 15

Week Sun 8 – Sat 14 Mar: Thank Him for all He has done!

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6

- Thankful that Paraguay continues to be blessed with adequate rainfall, especially thankful that recent rain in the Chaco means that families have more water in their storage cisterns.
- Thank you for praying for 17 year old hostage Arlan Fick. The EPP terrorist group released him before Christmas. We continue to pray for hostage Edelio (police officer) that there would an increase in pressure on the group to release him soon. Please pray for the government of Paraguay that they will be able to respond adequately to security issues in the North of the country.
- FEISA (Early Years' Teacher Training College) give thanks for Director Ana's recent successful visit to the United Kingdom, and ask us to pray that the Lord would direct the ideas and plans for the future. Give thanks for the provision of the money needed to cover the costs of accreditation for current courses. Give thanks for the 13 first year students who have signed up and pray that more would enrol.
- The Esperanza Foster Home gives thanks that M & P are now with their new family and are settling in. Give thanks for the lives of the 5 little girls in the home too, awaiting legal outcome of their futures.
- Saint Andrews School gives thanks for the new entrance to the school and the new dining hall.
- What are you grateful for today?
- St Andrews Chapel give thanks for the January Bible study which Chris Hawksbee has leading, based on "The Body of Christ: A Reality" by Watchman Nee. The studies have been very challenging.

"Reflect upon your present blessings — of which every man has many — not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." ~ Charles Dickens

Week Sun 15 – Sat 21 March: Standing together in prayer

As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage. Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset. As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle. Exodus 17:11-13

Thank you for praying for the Anglican Church in Paraguay this week. This week please pray for the pastors in Asuncion as they meet together and support each other. Aaron and Hur gave Moses a much needed lifeline. Do you know anyone who needs your support and prayers this week? Or perhaps you need to ask others to pray alongside you in the challenges of this week. Together battles are faced and won.

We continue to pray for Neri Sosa, from Maklawaya and the son of Pastor Juan that the checkups he has in Asuncion would go well and that his leg would continue to heal.

Enxet Bible Translation: We continue to uphold in prayer this month Tim and Asunción. There is exciting news, the translation of the complete Enxet Bible is virtually complete! However there are two current challenges:

- The 'cleaning up' of the text which Tim will be doing by Skype conferences with other Bible translators in different countries
- the publication of the Bible will cost approximately £30,000 - £35,000, so far about £10,000 has been raised

Please pray for Catalino Bogado who has been appointed as head of the Annexe school. Catalino has been acting head for two years. May the Lord continue to give him give him wisdom, stamina, vision, joy and love for the staff and pupils of the school as the new school year is now started.

Please pray for young Mum Raquel from the Chaco who is awaiting important medical treatment that a bed would be found in the right hospital enabling the start of her treatment. Remember her husband and their 2 young children during this time of uncertainty.

Pray for St Paul's church in Concepcion as the church council along with Bishop Peter seek to find new patterns of leadership. May the church members continue to grow in love for the Lord and each other and the community in which they are situated.

Pray for Bishop Peter and Sally, who thank the Lord for a good and productive time of home leave in the UK, praying that the Lord will give them clarity of purpose and vision and that the Bishop will be given wisdom and strength for this next stage of ministry.

Pray for the maintenance team at St Andrews School, for each member and for the head of the team, Ricardo, who has recently got married to Nila, praying that the Lord would bless them in their marriage and ministry.

Week Sun 22 - 28 Mar: Cry out day and night to God, the just judge

So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off: I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! Luke 18:7,8 Luke 2:9-11

On the road to Jerusalem Jesus encourages his followers to be persistent in prayer and to know that God is a just and loving judge who does not tarry in his justice for his people. This week let's ask Jesus to help us to be especially persistent in prayer and not to give up as it is easy to do! Maybe there is something specific that you are tempted to give up praying for, keep going.

Please pray for Bishop Peter, Donald, Luis and Sally as they prepare for the next meeting of the School of Ministry, that they would be guided by God's agenda for the classes. Please pray for the School of Ministry students: Magdalena, Salomon, Hernan, Dina, Gloria, Katty, Regina, Juanca, Marlene, Nicky, Victor, Raphael, Sadrac, Gustavo and Rebeca that each one would grow in faith and in knowledge of the love of God.

Let us pray for our pastors: Niño Pepe & Feliciano Agüero, 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, for:

- their personal prayer relationship with God to develop and grow
- their marriages to be strong and their children and grandchildren to be nurtured in the Christian faith
- each one to receive specific encouragements this week

Pray for each follower of Jesus, that we may have servant hearts remembering and being encouraged by Jesus' words spoken to ambitious disciples as they walked with him towards Jerusalem and his impending suffering on the cross: *'For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.'* (Mark 10:45) Jesus also faced the religious leaders and their criticisms in the last week before his death, with grace and wisdom and holding on to his mission. Pray for all who lead in both church and secular situations that when they are faced with criticism they would be receive God given strength to keep going and be gracious in their attitudes and speech. May we remember that Jesus calls his followers to place importance on godly character growth rather than mere human success.

Let us pray with nurse Beryl Baker in her concern for the medical and health needs of the Chaco communities, that the authorities responsible for social welfare would respond with good and helpful measures. We pray for Beryl for safety as she travels and for spiritual and physical protection for her.

Please pray for the Emmanuel church in Luque, for:

- encouragements
- protections from the work of the evil one
- growth in commitment

We pray for the churches in the Chaco in communities where there are divisions and tensions asking for:

- community leadership which seeks the good of all and an increase in social justice
- protection from the work of the evil one
- Biblical teaching that can be understood and lived out by all who call Jesus Lord

Week Sun 29 Mar – Sat 4 April: Keep watch

“My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Matthew 26:38

Jesus asks his disciples to accompany him and they let him down. This week he asks us to keep watch with him. As we reflect on this hard passage and are honest we realise that sometimes we let him down. You might like to take some time this week to reflect with Jesus and ask for his help in your prayer life.

Please pray for Esther Brassett the gap year volunteer who is teaching English at St Andrews College, thanking the Lord for her contribution to the life of St Andrews College. Please pray for Esther to be encouraged in her personal prayer life and for the friendships she has made that the Jesus would use her to encourage many others in their prayer lives.

Please pray for the prayer life of the staff of St Andrews School and the Annexe school and for:

- Gwen Carlise, Victor Santa Cruz and Catalino Bogado in their leadership roles that each one would grow in faith and prayer
- Anglican staff members : who also attend Anglican churches Gwen, Mags, Alison, Aresenio, Caroline, Cecilia, Donald, Deborah, Esteban, Esther, Nicky, Sarah, Rita, Victor, Mirta, Regina and chaplain Ronald
- Jorge Vera, primary school head at St Andrews for the Lord’s help him as he settles into his new role
- Administrator Maura as she settles into her new job that she would be given good health and wisdom

Please pray for the Anglican Churches in Paraguay as they remember Holy Week and celebrate Resurrection Sunday that their worship will be marked by deep gratitude and joy.

Teo Rivas has recently retired as Diocesan Administrator. Give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done in Teo’s life, and please pray for this next stage of his life, asking that it would be one of spiritual growth, faithful witness and blessing for Teo and his family.

Pray for Miriam Greco as she settles into her new role as Diocesan Administrator that she would adapt quickly and be given wisdom and grace in her responsibilities and that her personal prayer life would continue to flourish.

We pray for Bishop Peter, Agustin Maidana, Victor Gonzalez and Chris Hawksbee as they meet and plan as how best to support the Chaco churches. May each one of them grow in their prayer life and be a witness to the mighty saving power of God.

Week Sun 5 – Sat 11 April: Listening to the Risen Lord

They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.” Luke 24:32-34

St Andrews Cathedral and Christ the Saviour Villa Guarani: please pray for the new joint youth group headed up by Guille and Eliana, for the development of a group of teenagers hungry to know God and serve him.

Pray for St Johns, Roque Alonso, for Pastor Lucho and the core of members who are committed to serving the Lord, may the Lord help each one to watch and pray for the church and to listen carefully to the Lord’s guiding and leading for the development of the church.

Let us pray that our pastors and their wives: Niño Pepe & Feliciano Agüero , 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, will be guided by God into ways of living that allow space for daily encounters with the Risen Lord Jesus, and that they would grow in their understanding and obedience to the Scriptures.

Please pray for Victor, Agustin and Chris as they work together in the Chaco to proclaim the Risen Lord and his saving power in the Chaco communities, as they teach, preach and encourage local pastors and leaders of the churches in El Estribo, Rio Verde, La Patria and Rio Verde. May the manifest power of Christ who rose from the dead be evidenced by many in the Chaco and may many turn to Christ for salvation.

Please pray for the Esperanza foster home for wisdom and encouragement for Teresa, Sally, Ana Maria and Mary as they head up the leadership of the home. Pray too for each of the five little girls in the home, trusting God for justice and good legal decisions regarding their futures.

Please pray for Clare Holmes in Concepcion that her ministry will be of great encouragement to those she works with and that she will be refreshed and replenished spiritually.

Christ the Saviour Villa Guarani: pray for:

- Pastor Ronald and his family
- the music group
- plans for 2015
- special services for new people

Week Sun12 – Sat 18 April: – Constantly untied in prayer

Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), and Judas (son of James). They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus. Acts 1: 13,14

We do not know the names of each one who uses this prayer calendar but the Lord does and each one is very important to Him as well as to us! Thank you so much for your faithfulness in uniting in prayer with the Anglican church in Paraguay. We pray that each one of you will be blessed this week and filled with hope and expectancy that the Lord is answering your prayers. May you receive His grace and His gift of faith this week.

Please pray for Pastor Ronald that the chaplaincy diploma that he is studying for will help him in his ministry and be useful and of profit to the school and the church. We pray that he will be blessed as he studies with others from different Christian denominations.

Lord we pray for Pastor Juan Sosa, his wife Alicia and Deacon Romualdo and his wife Yrna, and St Peters church in Maklawaya. Grant them

- strength and wisdom in their daily duties in their homes
- spiritual protection
- unity in prayer
- fruit from their preaching
- peace in the community and church

Lord Jesus we pray for pastor Luis and his wife Regina, their children and grandchildren. This week may they know the blessing of answered prayers, may they be kept strong and healthy, may their ministry in the Zeballos Cue church and community be prospered and fruitful. Amen.

Please pray for Salomon and Magdalena as they lead the King of kings church. We thank the Lord for the recent marriage of their daughter Sonia and pray that Sonia and Gustavo's new home will be a place of blessing to the community in Remansito.

We pray for the Toy Library as it ministers in the Global Infancy Centre in Remansito. May the children who attend know God's love through this ministry. We remember to pray for Nilza as she heads up this ministry that she would be gifted with perseverance, creativity and wisdom.

We pray for Pastor Lucio Romero and Pastor Mario Caballero and their families for the Lord's spiritual protection as they are looking for secular employment.

Week Sun 19 - Sat 25 April : Praying humbly and earnestly, needing forgiveness

May you hear the humble and earnest requests from me and your people Israel when we pray toward this place. Yes, hear us from heaven where you live, and when you hear, forgive. 1 Kings 8:30

God promised Solomon that He would be present in the temple 'My Name will be there', and so Solomon dedicated the temple to God, aware of his own sin and the sins of God's people. This week as you pray be filled with hope as you remember that you are praying to God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger and abounding in great love for you and for His people.

Please pray for those who are suffering illness, unemployment, living situations which seem hopeless and struggles in their faith that the Lord of all hope will fill them with faith as they turn their eyes away from their circumstances and place their trust and hope in Jesus.

Please pray for church members in Paraguay for reconciliation where there has been offense, hurt and rejection between church members or with leaders.

Please pray for David Orritt as he prepares for this year's Mission Paraguay teams, for the practical arrangements and for wisdom. We give thanks for each team member and ask the Risen Christ to reveal himself to them in greater measure as they prepare to serve Him here in Paraguay.

Let us pray for ourselves and all church leaders in Paraguay, some struggling with persistent sins and failings or character faults or feelings of inadequacy or tiredness or lack of enthusiasm. May each one draw close to Almighty God with a humble heart filled with faith in God's goodness, mercy and knowing that the sacrifice which Jesus made on the cross is for their salvation, redemption and healing.

Pray for the clergy in Paraguay that the Lord will strengthen and equip them as pastors and give them a deeper love for his flock. May the leaders and pastors have within them the same spirit that Paul showed when he reminded the Corinthians of his love and zeal for the church - *For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ.* 2 Corinthians 11:2

We pray for Paraguayan families where there has been discord and lack of unity, that hearts of the parents would be turned towards their children and the hearts of the children be disposed to listen to their parents. Praying for an outpouring of love, forgiveness, grace and joy in each family who the Lord lays on our hearts to pray for.

Week Sun 26 - Thurs 30 April: - Called to live holy lives

For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 2 Tim 1:9

How marvellous it is that God has had plans for us since before time began! This is not a concept that we find easy to understand, so let's pray for ourselves and all believers that we will live in this reality and be given God's grace to live holy lives. Let us thank God for our spiritual salvation. This week is a good week to take stock and ask for God's help in any areas of our life where we find it a struggle to live in the ways that please him.

Pray for St Matthews in Rio Verde for its witness and growth and for believers from Rio Verde and the surrounding area, especially young people facing the pressure to take part in ungodly all night parties which are held most weekends.

Pray for wisdom for the Diocese as decisions are made as to the future of the housing which the translators used in Rio Verde.

Pray for the church in Mirador, for Pastor Lucho and his leadership and the plans which the congregation have for this year.

We pray for the communities in La Patria, and the churches lead by Robert, Niño Pepe, Agripino and Mario. May all those in leadership both men and women be give the spiritual strength that comes from the Holy Spirit to live godly lives which shine as examples to their communities.

Thank you for praying for the Anglican Church in Paraguay

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