



TERM FOUR

# prayer guide

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer is the engine room of our church as we seek to *make, mature, and multiply* disciples of Jesus. As a church, we pray individually, as families, when we gather on Sundays, in small groups, and through prayer chats, groups, and lists. Our all church prayer nights each term are a key way in which we come together in prayer. You can use this prayer guide at our prayer night but also for personal and small group devotion. For more information on our *prayer groups, prayer chats, and prayer lists*, visit our website:

[STBARTS.COM.AU/PRAYER](http://STBARTS.COM.AU/PRAYER)

## AREAS OF PRAYER

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5. Church Plant & Working Groups
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## PATTERN OF PRAYER

For each of our focus areas, we have a threefold pattern of prayer.

- **Thank You.** Expressing our gratitude to God for his faithfulness and provision.
- **Sorry.** Repenting for our sin and the ways we fall short. Includes lament for the brokenness of our lives and world—the damage we do/experience.
- **Please.** Seeking God's will for our lives, church, and world. Entrusting our requests to God and trusting his will.



# Persecuted Church & Global Mission

God is active in the world, drawing people to himself through his Son and in the power of his Spirit. Ever since the inception of the church, Christians have faced persecution. For more information on how to pray for the persecuted church, visit Open Doors.

## THANK YOU

- For the faithful witness of Christians across time and place, especially for those facing persecution.
- For the significant growth of the church in many places in the world in which it is dangerous to believe.
- That even in the face of persecution *that you are present with every believer.*

## SORRY

- For when we forget the plight of the persecuted church.
- For our inconsistency of praying for the mission of the global church,

especially in those places that face persecution and the threat of persecution for their faith.

- For when we fail to grasp the significance of the Gospel opportunities that we have in Australia and on our frontlines.
- We lament all forms of persecution of Christians and the church.

## PLEASE

- For protection for those who face any form of persecution.
- Give strength to those who face persecution and suffering. Provide for them according to their needs.
- Protect, nurture, and give strength to the underground church in Algeria, Libya, Gaza, Afghanistan, and China.
- For the end to violence in Mozambique, healing for those traumatised by violent attacks, and protection for Christians forced to flee. For the Holy Spirit to minister peace and hope to all who mourn.
- For perseverance for those Muslim-background believers in Iraq.
- Move the global church to be generous to those who are most vulnerable in the world. Especially for those facing loneliness, isolation, and suffering.
- To sustain believers who have been physically harmed and/or isolated from their families and communities for becoming followers of Jesus.
- For boldness and wisdom for believers to share their faith and that people would come to Christ.
- Move us from apathy to lives shaped by faithful and persistent prayer.

# Frontlines including Workplaces

Our work, places of work, and those with whom we work, all matter to God. This term we are praying with a focus on *hospitality, logistics, and for individuals and family members living with neurodivergence.*

## THANK YOU

- For the dignity of work and for the ways in which we can serve God's mission through what we do, where we serve, and with whom we work.
- For the multitude of people who serve behind the scenes, often in areas of work that are critical for our society.
- For those committed to training, apprenticing, and developing people.
- For the tireless ways in which people serve in the areas of hospitality and logistics, along with the blessing it is to our nation, particularly rural areas.
- For the provision of fresh and abundant food and supplies, each week in stores and markets.
- For the joy that sharing food brings, and the many diverse places to share

meals together in Toowoomba & Brisbane.

- For the generosity of local hospitality businesses in supporting food charities who assist families with food hampers and feeding the homeless.
- For the complex logistics of freight, which supports the flourishing of communities across Australia.
- For the diverse and different ways God has made all people.
- For the joy and blessing of knowing and loving those with neurodivergence.
- For the way those with neurodivergence help us understand God's love in an enriched & fuller way.
- That God's Kingdom is for all.

## SORRY

- For when we neglect our workplaces, fail to pray for our colleagues, or are hesitant to embrace Gospel opportunities before us.
- For when we skim on our commitments or let colleagues down.
- For when we evaluate people (and ourselves) by the work that we do.
- For the ways we are blind to the service of others through their work.
- We lament the brokenness of some workplaces, the challenge it is for many, and imperfect systems.
- For when we evaluate people by how well they fit into our expectations.
- For when we are indifferent to the challenges many neurodivergent individuals and families face.

## PLEASE

- Give and grow the joy of those serving in hospitality, particularly throughout the Christmas season.
- Help us to be generous in supporting local hospitality businesses.
- For financial sustainability for local cafes and food businesses, particularly as many local businesses face bankruptcy.
- Help us to be kind and compassionate to those who serve us in hospitality.
- Give us grace to consider the pressures workers face each day.
- Sustain those who travel for long hours, and protect them on the roads.
- Safety for those involved in loading and unloading freight, and maintaining fleet equipment.
- Give abundant patience and grace for truck drivers, as they share the road with others.
- Sustain those who work long hours, overtime, and on public holidays to provide spaces to meet and shop.
- Wisdom to navigate policy changes for Aged Care Meal providers, to continue to provide delicious, nutritious, and affordable meals for senior members of our local community.
- That those who work in hospitality and logistics would experience the respect and value for the work they do and the role they play in supporting Australians in the city and in the country.
- For opportunities for those working on Christmas Day to hear the Gospel.

*For those living with neurodivergence, or who have a family member with neurodivergence, please pray:*

- That individuals and families will be able to rest and flourish in who God made them to be, knowing they are fully loved and valued.
- For greater understanding in the wider community, that awareness will grow into genuine acceptance and inclusion.
- That churches and ministries will continue to find creative and flexible ways to include everyone meaningfully in worship, fellowship, and service.
- Individuals will live a happy and fulfilling life receiving respect and understanding.
- Children will have skilled teachers, trainers and carers who have their loved ones best interests at heart.
- That friends and extended family will help to support, enrich and expand their loved one's life journey.
- For patience and endurance for family and friends who daily strive to love, care for and nurture individuals who think and act in many different and sometimes challenging ways.
- That each neurodiverse family member or friend will reach their full potential in terms of daily life, learning and their relationships with others, and with the Lord Jesus.
- For those within the congregation that they will pray for and support individuals and families in ways that bless them and enhance their learning and life struggles and joys.

## AREA THREE: EVANGELISM

# Making Disciples of Jesus

As part of our response to the great commission, part of our mission as a church is to help people become followers of Jesus. We long and pray for people to put their trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord. We take our part in the power of God's Spirit, joining in with what is God's ultimate work.

### THANK YOU

- For all who have witnessed to us, prayed for us, and discipled us in our faith. Also for the privilege we share in doing the same.
- For those in our church (young, old, and in between) who have become followers of Jesus or come back to faith this year.
- For those who have been baptised this year—*Ilsa, Hamish, Evelyn, Margaret, and Hannah*. Pray that they will grow in their trust in the Lord Jesus, along with their daily following of him.
- For the thirty people currently exploring faith at Alpha, and for their openness to considering Jesus.

- For the people who don't yet know Jesus, who have come along to the Church Plant in Brisbane.
- For those currently exploring Christianity or considering coming along to Alpha in 2026.
- For the opportunities on all of our frontlines to both show and share the Good News of Jesus.
- That we have incredible freedom in Australia to proclaim the Gospel without the fear of persecution.
- For the growing openness to faith we are witnessing in our community.
- That many—people who are not yet believers—feel welcome to join us on Sundays (in-person and online).
- For the opportunity to share the Gospel with children and youth at the Holiday Kids Club and CHARGE Youth Camp.

### SORRY

- For when we fail to take seriously nor actively pray for our part in the proclamation of the Gospel.
- For when we have grown tired or apathetic towards sharing the Good News with other people.
- For when we think it is impossible that God could change the hearts of those we love.
- For times in which we have been timid in sharing our faith.

### PLEASE

- Embolden us with the Spirit to recognise Gospel opportunities, have the wisdom in knowing what to say, and the courage to actually speak.

- For God to prepare the hearts to whom we go that they might be receptive to inviting and the Good News.
- That those currently doing Alpha will come to know and turn to Christ. Give wisdom for the team in supporting, discipling, and nurturing new believers and those exploring faith.
- The children and youth who heard the Gospel for the first time at Holiday Kids Club and CHARGE Youth Camp will put their trust in Jesus.
- That we will embrace the many opportunities in Aged Care to share the Good News and invite people to put their trust in the Lord Jesus.
- That our Carols in December will be an incredible opportunity to welcome our friends, families, neighbours, peers, and colleagues to hear the Good News of Jesus. Pray that our community will be active in inviting people along and also consistent in following them up.
- That those who are not yet believers and connect with our Sunday services and/or various ministries will continue to grow in their faith and become followers of Jesus. Help us to be proactive in taking our part in discipling new believers.
- For those preparing for baptism and confirmation later this year.
- That our church plant will be an active Gospel-sharing community.
- That as a church we will be growing in active involvement in evangelism.
- That we would have a sense of urgency to share the Gospel actively in and through our lives.

## AREA FOUR: OUR CHURCH

# Ministries & Mission of St Bart's

Together as a church we have the privilege of serving God as we seek to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus. These prayer points are gathered from many of our leaders of our various ministry teams.

## THANK YOU

- For the rhythms of our life together (pray, gather, grow, give, serve) that nurture us as a community as we seek to take part in our mission.
- *Gatherings:* For the joy of gathering together as God's people, and for the generous ways that so many people serve to enable us to gather.
- *Gatherings:* For the privilege it is to welcome so many people, including those who are new to faith, coming back to faith, or exploring faith.
- *Gatherings:* For the team whom God has raised up, for the permission to plant, the provision of a place, for all who have been interested in joining, and our first services.

- *Gatherings:* For the opportunity to hear God's Word read, proclaimed, and expounded every week.
- *Gatherings:* For all who teach, prepare small group material, and read the Bible. For the many opportunities we have to grow in maturity in the power of God's Spirit through his living Word.
- *Gatherings: Music:* For all the musicians that faithfully serve across different congregations. Thank you for new music that we were able to try out at the recent New Music Night.
- *Gatherings:* For all who faithfully serve in hospitality (e.g., the cafe and morning tea) and provide a warm welcome. Also for those who beautify our environment with flowers.
- *Gatherings:* For the digital team who generously serve behind the scenes week by week, that enables people to hear, see, and gather online.
- *Gatherings:* For the different generations of people who serve on the welcome team and who make people feel welcome each week.
- *Gatherings:* For all who serve so humbly, willingly and joyfully as assistants for the Lord's Supper. Also for those who prepare and wash the linen with love.
- *Gatherings:* For the opportunity to assist those needing transportation, and for everyone who serves to make our community accessible, especially through the bus and the buggy.
- *Gatherings:* For the work of translation and the creation of connection opportunities like the Asian Connection.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* For a large and lively second session at mainly music, with lots of busy toddlers and many new babies.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* Give thanks for the wonderful connections and community being formed through mainly music.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* For the amazing and diverse team who disciple and nurture the children and youth of St Bart's each week, through Sunday and mid-week ministries. For the creativity and commitment of the St Bart's Kids team.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* For the large group of youth who serve so faithfully each week. Thank God for the wonderful friendships being formed through Kids Club.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* For the many children who attended Holiday Kids Club. Thank you for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus. We pray for those who heard the Gospel for the first time.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* For children's ministry at the Church Plant. Pray for the team discipling the children that come along.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* For those who attended the CHARGE Youth Camp last month - that each participant was encouraged to think about how to 'level up' in their faith journey and for the opportunity to join with two other youth groups from our Diocese.
- *Children, Youth, & Families:* For how the SBK curriculum continues to resource churches around the



country. Thanks that we can continue to be generous and our resources useful to others as they disciple children and youth.

- *Children, Youth, & Families: Religious Instruction in Schools:* For the QLD Government's ongoing endorsement of RI classes in curriculum time. For over 130 volunteers in our region who passionately connect and share the Gospel in our local schools each week. For 16 new instructors this year.
- *St Bart's Care:* For the variety of ways that people generously care for those in need and the love which abounds in our community.
- *St Bart's Care:* For the generosity of the team who serve as part of the Friendship Morning Tea.
- *St Bart's Care:* Thanks that Communion Services at Symes Thorpe are now being held every month.
- *St Bart's Care:* For all who visit, share home communion, and prepare pastoral meals. For the privilege it is to care for God's people and reach those who are not yet followers of Jesus with God's love.
- *St Bart's Care:* For the generous donations that support our pantry ministry. Also for the opportunity to assist those most vulnerable in our broader community.
- *St Bart's Care:* Praise God for the 11 people from St Bart's who regularly and faithfully visit residents in Symes Thorpe. Thank God also for the faithful team who serve across four other aged care communities, too.
- *Discipleship & Training:* For all of our small group coordinators who open

their homes, hearts, and lives. For the privilege it is to grow in small groups and share our life with others.

- *Discipleship & Training:* For the dedicated volunteers serving in the library. Also for the incredible resource we have, along with the way that it enables spiritual growth.
- *Discipleship & Training:* Thanks for the team and their dedication to serve at Ridley and for the people who regularly attend expanding their understanding of the Bible.
- *Discipleship & Training:* For our Next Steps team. For all of the next steps taken by people already this year.
- *Discipleship & Training:* For every worker in every workplace. For the regular Transforming Work meeting and all who are part of it.
- *Discipleship & Training:* That we are a house of prayer. For all of the prayer ministries of our church, including on Sundays. For our prayer groups, chats, and lists—including coordinators.
- *Operations:* For the gardeners, who faithfully care for their areas.
- *Operations:* For the generosity and commitment demonstrated by the whole mowing team.
- *Operations:* For all who serve to help us be faithful stewards of our finances. For those who serve in reception and also on our Finance Committee. For the incredible generosity and consistency of people who give of their financial resources.
- *Operations:* For the willing and capable volunteers who help with *maintenance*.

- *Mission Partnerships*: For the opportunity to partner with our Mission Partners in prayer & finances.
- *Governance & Parish Council*: For those who serve faithfully to ensure good governance and look to the long-term vision of our church. For the various subcommittees who work tirelessly.
- *Vision 2025*: Thanks for the privilege of supporting and providing multiple other church groups with children's curriculum materials and resources. Thanks for the 155,000 resources accessed last year from our website.

## SORRY

- For the ways in which we hurt each other, fail to consider one another's needs, or carry one another's burdens.
- For when we skimp on responsibilities in the building up of God's people.
- When we can't see the need before us.
- We lament that many who have been hurt by Christian community find it hard to connect to any local church.
- We lament that so many people have not yet put their trust in Jesus and do not know the security of the salvation that he has won for us.
- For when we've missed opportunities to connect people deeper into the Body of Christ. For when we rely on our own means instead of the power of God's Spirit.
- For when our vision of the future is out of step with God's. For when our vision does not match the size of God's vision for our church.

## PLEASE

- *Gatherings*: Grow us as a community, raise up more people to serve, draw many people along to worship as God's people, keep us faithful to God's Word, guide us by your Spirit as we gather.
- *Gatherings*: Sustain and inspire those who preach, shape our hearts, minds, and wills in accordance with your Word in the power of your Spirit.
- *Gatherings*: Grow this new community, keep us unified in Christ, raise up people to serve, provide a Church Planter, and use this community to proclaim the Good News — that many may come to put their trust in the Lord.
- *Gatherings*: Help us to warmly welcome new people, encourage them in faith, and provide opportunities for their gifts to be used amongst us.
- *Gatherings*: Raise up more musicians and singers, particularly for the 6PM congregation. Help our teams to be faithfully living out the Gospel truth that we sing on a Sunday every day of the week. For God's wisdom to the team leaders, in caring for their music teams, and choosing helpful songs.
- *Gatherings*: For more willing volunteers to join the tech team. For wisdom and calmness when unexpected technical issues arise. For unity, creativity, and joy in the tech team as we serve together.
- *Gatherings*: Help to prepare wisely for Carols, so that the Gospel is clearly proclaimed. Pray for courage in invitation, and a positive response for those who are invited.

- *Gatherings*: To grow our hospitality and welcome teams, especially after the 9:30AM Toowoomba service.
- *Gatherings*: For the Holy Spirit to guide us to be aware of any wishing to attend services at St Bart's but need help to do so.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For those preparing for baptism & confirmation.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For our involvement and preparation towards the final Chapel services at TAS for the year, especially for the school Carols service.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For volunteers to be raised up in all areas of children and youth ministry: particularly at St Bart's in Early Childhood and Sunday School; and RI instructors in local state schools.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For relationships with local boarding schools and how to best enable interested students to attend Kids Club and/or CHARGE Youth.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For those families who have experienced times of trial recently. That they would continue to find comfort and strength in our Lord and Saviour.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For the role of Youth Coordinator to be filled.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: That parents/carers may continue to be supported and encouraged in their role as primary disciple-makers.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For the families of all those who attend Kids Club, that they may feel welcomed and cared for.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For more families to join our first session at mainly music. Pray for opportunities to invite families to upcoming events.
- *Children, Youth, & Families*: For children to be reminded that Jesus is with them every day. For courage to talk about Jesus to their friends, and to demonstrate God's compassion.
- *Children, Youth, & Families: Religious Instruction in Schools*: That every class in all our local schools will have a volunteer to teach them about God's love and purposes.
- *St Bart's Care*: For the Lord to prompt residents to attend our Christmas Carol Service so they will understand fully why Jesus came to earth.
- *St Bart's Care*: That everyone in need will know the love and care of God through his people.
- *St Bart's Care*: Help us not to forget those who are less visible, heal according to your will & purposes, and that those who are in need may know the tenderness and presence of God.
- *St Bart's Care*: Raise up more volunteers and leaders, to support each of our care ministries.
- *St Bart's Care*: Continued support through donations—particularly requested items.
- *St Bart's Care*: That as the Gospel is presented in our twice-monthly chapel Services at Symes Thorpe, that hearts would be turned to Jesus. Pray the same would also happen in the other aged care communities in which we have the privilege to lead services.
- *Discipleship & Training*: For more small group leaders and groups. For more

people to join small groups. For new groups starting in Brisbane. That our leaders would be encouraged and strengthened, as they host and disciple others week by week.

- *Discipleship & Training:* For more volunteers to join the library team, and that all those who use the library would grow as followers of Jesus.
- *Discipleship & Training:* That new leaders would be raised up to support the ongoing ministry of Ridley.
- *Discipleship & Training:* That we would be active in proclaiming the Gospel on our frontline of work. That people would be equipped to see how God is at work through their work, especially through the Centre for Work + Faith.
- *Discipleship & Training:* Use the Prayer Nights to help us partake in God's mission in the world. Connect more people into regular prayer ministries such as groups, chats, and lists.
- *Operations:* For rain to keep all the plants healthy and flourishing. More gardeners to lighten the load of the current team and replace those getting too old to manage the physical work.
- *Operations:* That as a church, we would all give generously and sacrificially of our finances, intentionally committing to building God's kingdom, together.
- *Governance & Parish Council:* That we would be good stewards in all areas, faithful in governance, and wise in seeking God's will for our future.
- *Mission Partnerships:* That our vision for those who don't know Christ in our community, Australia, and other nations of the world, will be enlarged.

# Church Plant & Vision 2025 Working Groups

As we continue to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus, we believe that there are 5 mission goals that God is leading us to prioritise, resource, and pursue as part of VISION 2025. With steps forward (and back) with the Church Plant, we seek to rely more-and-more on God's will and ways.

## THANK YOU

- *Church Plant*: For the opportunity to not only nurture disciple-making disciples but also to multiple disciple-making communities.
- *Church Plant*: For the community God is nurturing and those who will come to hear the Gospel through the church plant in Brisbane.
- *Church Plant*: For the extraordinary number of doors that the Lord has opened, including a core planting group, permission from the bishops, a

potential venue, and also an interim church plant coordinator. Also for the financial resources, systems, and pathways needed to plant.

- *Church Plant*: For a wonderful start to gathering together in Brisbane to worship the Lord, which included those exploring faith.
- *Vision 2025*: For the significant progress that we have made under God in our various mission goals (embracing digital, actively planting, growing maturity, extending reach, and improving footprint).
- *Vision 2025 Working Group (Church Plant)*: For members of the group, their patience and perseverance. Also for the opportunity to participate in a national Church Plant Learning Community.
- *Vision 2025 Work Group (Improving Accessibility)*: For the steps we've been able to make in extending our reach, particularly the employment of a Korean Ministry Coordinator, increase the number of translation languages, and grow the number of small groups meeting in other languages). For the diversity of generations involved in music and children's ministry.
- *Vision 2025 Work Group (Gospel Workers)*: For those who have expressed interest in ministry. Also for those who serve faithfully.
- *Vision 2025 Work Group (Community Needs)*: For the addition of the pantry that serves the St Luke's Larder and also the SU Breakfast program. For those involved in the ministry of Thread Together.

- *Vision 2025 Working Group (Reducing our Footprint)*: For members of St Bart's Creation Care mission group, who volunteer in managing the regeneration areas for native plants, in the forest near the church.

## SORRY

- For when we have not listened to how the Spirit is moving us to participate in God's mission.
- For when we lack courage to step into the Gospel opportunities that the Lord has opened up.
- For relying on our own efforts more than prayer, especially as we seek to live out our mission and see that the vision that God has set on our hearts come to life.

## PLEASE

- *Church Plant*: Continued favour by all stakeholders as we plant in Salisbury. For continuing good relationships. That the plant will be fruitful in making new disciples and also helping others reconnect to faith. For the provision and appointment of a Church Planter.
- *Church Plant*: That we would have all of the staff resources necessary to support the Church Plant in Brisbane as part of our church as a whole.
- *Church Plant*: Grow the core of people serving in the Church Plant. Particularly pray for more musicians to join the community, in addition for people willing to serve in welcoming, tech, hospitality, children's ministry, and evangelism.

- *Vision 2025*: Continue to help us to nurture the health and mission of our community.
- *Vision 2025 Working Group (Church Plant)*: For continued wisdom and patience of the group members.
- *Vision 2025 Work Group (Gospel Workers)*. To actively identify, deploy, and develop more Gospel workers. Particularly the appointment and nurturing of more ordained ministers. A model to help develop those in early stages of enquiry towards becoming Gospel workers.
- *Vision 2025 Work Group (Improving Accessibility)*: That the rollout of a new AI system for live translation into multiple languages will yield Gospel fruit. That new technologies available for those with hearing impairments will be able to smoothly integrated.
- *Vision 2025 Work Group (Community Needs)*: That we would be able to extend our reach into the community through the demonstration of generosity and God's love. That we would be attentive to hearing the voice of God as to where there is need in our communities in Toowoomba and also in Brisbane.
- *Vision 2025 Working Group (Reducing our Footprint)*: Pave the way for us as we seek to be good stewards of our environment. That we would be able to attain an EcoLeaf award as a church and develop helpful resources for the entire congregation.
- *Vision 2030*: For wisdom as plan the shape of 'VISION 2030'.

## AREA SIX: GOSPEL WORKERS

# Vacant Roles & Nurturing Gospel Workers

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Pray therefore that the God of the harvest would send the workers that are needed. At this time, we pray for our vacant positions to be filled (i.e., Senior Associate Minister, Youth Minister, and Church Planter), and our part in nurturing future Gospel workers.

### THANK YOU

- For the team God has given St Bart's, and for all the ways in which the Lord sustains all who serve.
- For the commitment and devotion of the ministry team, for many ways seen and unseen, that they serve God's kingdom and our community.
- For the ways that the ministry team sacrificially give of their time and talents, and for their families who also share in the sacrifice.

- For all who have been raised up for ministry and sent out.
- For enquiries of those who are interested in serving in various ministry roles currently vacant.
- That we have financial resources—through the generosity of God's people—to support various ministry roles.
- For the daily faithfulness in prayer of so many people as we look to God to provide more workers for our various vacant roles.

### SORRY

- For when we have failed to pray that God would raise up and send workers for the harvest.
- For when we've missed opportunities to identify Gospel Workers or prioritise the development of those who have potential as Gospel Workers.

### PLEASE

- Bless our existing ministers and teams with strength, health, and strong families and networks around them. Bring healing to those who are unwell. Give them wisdom to have good rhythms of rest and work.
- For all of our leaders to continue to learn and grow in their roles, for God's wisdom to guide them.
- For those who are being called into leadership roles, that they would be wise and discerning in heeding the call. Bring them mature Christians who can give them guidance and perspective. Give those who are called, courage to take the next steps to answer God's calling. Strengthen and

nurture them, especially those who are at the start of their journey to become leaders.

- Provide a Senior Associate Minister who has a heart (and skills) for teaching, pastoring, and evangelism. May they have a passion for biblical teaching, love for God's people and community, and a heart for making disciples. Please bring the vacancy to their attention, remove any barriers for application, and give wisdom—in the power of God's Spirit—for discernment and in selection.
- For the provision of a Youth Minister who has a heart for nurturing young people, evangelism, and also a sound leader. May they have a heart for reaching youth, be skilled in raising up leaders, and be passionate about discipling young people. May they also have the potential to nurture and reach young adults, teach, and grow our partnerships.
- For the provision of a Church Planter who has a heart for teaching, pastoring, and leadership. May they have a great burden for the people of Brisbane (particularly Salisbury and Moorooka), long to see the lost saved, be excited about joining in with what God is already doing, and be faithful in pastoring God's people. Please remove any barrier that would prevent them from applying.
- For current advertisements for vacant roles to be effective.
- For wisdom in identifying and encouraging potential interns.
- For relationships in evangelical networks to be developed and nurtured. For long-term networks to

be developed to help identify and source future Gospel Workers.

- For space and connections, as our Senior Minister continues to meet with people interested in Gospel Work and serving in South Queensland. Provide further leads for people interested and suited to begin soon.
- Grow our medium and long-term leadership pipelines for Gospel Workers. Give the governance and leadership teams a sense of urgency and commitment to growing leadership pipelines. That they would have clarity as well as the ability to think laterally in their approach to growing pipelines. For God to grant resources needed, and wisdom to deploy resources well.
- That we will be able to employ ordained ministers-in-training in the coming years. Along with an ample supply of ordained ministers for the church plant and other potential plants or church revitalisations.
- For those who are called to become ordained ministers, whether they are still discerning or already in training for ordination, that they will be strengthened and equipped for their calling. That God will sustain and protect them so that they are sure of and committed to their calling. That in their formation, they are given excellent teaching and guidance, to shape them to become good leaders and carers for the communities they will serve.