



National Council of Churches in Australia

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle 2025

Wk #	Date (Sun.-Sat.)	PRAY FOR:			Liturgical readings
		Countries	Australian Churches	Ecumenical Friends	
1	5-11 Jan 6 - EPIPHANY	Middle East: Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon	Anglican Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
2	12- 18 Jan BAPTISM OF JESUS	Iran, Iraq, Syria	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
3	19- 25 Jan	Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
4	26 Jan – 1 Feb	Cyprus, Greece, Turkey	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21
5	2 - 8 Feb *Presentation of the Lord	North Africa: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30 *Malachi 3:1-4/Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10/Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40
6	9 - 15 Feb	Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City	Churches of Christ	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
7	16 - 22 Feb	Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	Congregational Federation	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
8	23 Feb -1 Mar	France, Germany, Monaco	Coptic Orthodox Church – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38
9	2 - 8 Mar ASH WED 05	Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
10	9 - 15 Mar LENT 1	Ireland, and United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13



11	16 -22 Mar LENT 2	Scandinavia: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden	Lutheran Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 <i>Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)</i>
12	23- 29 Mar LENT 3	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Mar Thoma Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
13	30 Mar – 5 Apr LENT 4	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
14	6 Apr - 12 LENT 5	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia,	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
15	13 - 19 Apr (PALM) PASSION SUNDAY	Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Palm Sunday Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40 Passion Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
16	20- 26 Apr EASTER Sunday	Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine	The Salvation Army	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
17	27 Apr- 3 May	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or <i>Psalm 150</i> Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
18	4 - 10 May	Afghanistan, Kazak- hstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajik- istan, Turkmen- istan, Uzbekistan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
19	11- 17 May	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Anglican Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
20	18 - 24 May	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35



21	25 - 31 May 29 th Ascension	Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles	Armenian Apostolic Church	World Council of Churches	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
22	1 – 7 Jun Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Angola, Mozambique	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
23	8 - 14 Jun PENTECOST	Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17, (25-27)
24	15 – 21 Jun TRINITY SUNDAY	Botswana, Zimbabwe	Churches of Christ	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
25	22- 28 Jun	Malawi, Zambia	Congregational Federation	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43 <i>Isaiah 65:1-9/Psalm 22:19-28</i> Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
26	29 Jun – 5 Jul	Kenya, Tanzania	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14/ Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 <i>1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21/Psalm 16</i> Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
27	6 - 12 Jul	Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	2 Kings 5:1-14/Psalm 30 <i>Isaiah 66:10-14/Psalm 66:1-9</i> Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
28	13 - 19 Jul	Eritrea, Ethiopia	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Amos 7:7-17 / Psalm 82 <i>Deuteronomy 30:9-14/Psalm 25:1-10</i> Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
29	20– 26 Jul	Djibouti, Somalia	Lutheran Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Amos 8:1-12 / Psalm 52 <i>Genesis 18:1-10a / Psalm 15</i> Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
30	27 Jul – 2 Aug	Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Hosea 1:2-10 / Psalm 85 <i>Genesis 18:20-32/ Psalm 138</i> Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13
31	3 – 9 Aug	Republic of Congo, Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 <i>Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23/Psalm 49:1-12</i> Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
32	10- 16 Aug	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea	Roman Catholic Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20/Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 <i>Genesis 15:1-6/Psalm 33:12-22</i> Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40



33	17 - 23 Aug	Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Jeremiah 23:23-29/Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
34	24 – 30Aug	Liberia, Sierra Leone	The Salvation Army	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Isaiah 58:9b-14/Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
35	31 Aug – 6 Sep	Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Proverbs 25:6-7/Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
36	7 - 13 Sep	Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Psalm 1 Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-33
37	14 – 20 Sep	Ghana, Nigeria	Anglican Church	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 Exodus 32:7-14/Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
38	21– 27 Sep	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay	Antiochian Orthodox & Armenian Apostolic Churches	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 Amos 8:4-7/Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
39	28 Sep – 4 Oct	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15/Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Amos 6:1a, 4-7/Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
40	5 – 11 Oct	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Lamentations 1:1-6/or 3:19-26 or Psalm 137 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4/Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
41	12 – 18 Oct	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama	Churches of Christ	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7/Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c/Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
42	19 – 25 Oct	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico	Congregational Federation	NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT	Jeremiah 31:27-34/Psalm 119:97-104 or Genesis 32:22-31/Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
43	26 Oct – 1 Nov	The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic,	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Joel 2:23-32/Psalm 65 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22/Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



		Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago			
44	2 – 8 Nov	Canada, United States	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4/Psalm 119:137-144 or Isaiah 1:10-18/Psalm 32:1-7 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10
45	9 – 15 Nov	Oceania: French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu	Lutheran Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9/Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 or Job 19:23-27a/ Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38
46	16 – 22 Nov	Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia	Mar Thoma Church	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	Isaiah 65:17-25/Isaiah 12 or Malachi 4:1-2a/Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
47	23 – 29 Nov Reign of Christ	East Timor, (Timor-Leste) Indonesia, Philippines	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	Jeremiah 23:1-6/Luke 1:68-79 or Jeremiah 23:1-6/Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
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48	30 Nov – 6 Dec ADVENT 1	Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore	Roman Catholic Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
49	7 – 13 Dec ADVENT 2	Myanmar, Thailand	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together / South Australian Churches</i>	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12
50	14 -20 Dec ADVENT 3	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam	The Salvation Army	<i>Council of Churches WA/ Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
51	21 -27 Dec ADVENT 4	P.R. China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council/Northern Territory Council of Churches & ACT</i>	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY			Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
52	28 Dec – 3 Jan	Japan, North Korea, South Korea	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

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