



From the Principal...

I am writing this in the midst of the Coronavirus lockdown in Australia. Life has changed so dramatically since the last Prayer Bulletin was sent to you. The College is delivering all its lectures, seminars and tutorials, and providing the lion's share of its pastoral care online; we've all suddenly had to become much more familiar with new technology as we seek to work, study and carry on meeting from home. It is not the same, many of us feel very keenly the gap between this and life as it was before the virus, and none of us knows just how much life will be changed forever once the pandemic is over.

We are praying, though, that for all the real and aching tragedy and sorrow of this moment in time — my computer this morning tells me nearly 290,000 people have died so far across the world — it might yet prove a time when new hope and life breaks out right across the globe as well. More than ever, people need to hear of the Lord who conquers death, disease and all the symptoms of our broken world, which are ultimately the result of our universal decision to live without God. People need to hear of the crucified one who has risen and is reigning now.

The glorious and gentle lordship of Jesus Christ has not been at all shaken by this crisis. He is still the one who is sovereign over heaven and earth. He is still the one who invites those who are burdened and troubled, anxious or in despair, to come to him. He is still the one who is able to carry us through any disaster to the astonishingly good future he has prepared for his people. His promises never fail. 'A bruised reed he will not break, a faintly burning wick he will not quench, he will faithfully bring forth justice' (Isa 42:3; Matt 12:20).

We can entrust ourselves, each other, our churches and our College to him. We can with confidence pray that he would bring all things to the conclusion he has planned. We can ask that he might use us in a new wave of evangelism and of growth in the churches on the other side of the pandemic. He is able to do all this and your prayers are critical. Our heavenly Father loves to answer the prayers of his people. Thank you for praying.

Mark Thompson



June 2020

Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS 2019.

Focus for June:

- **Mission follow-up**
- **Exams 12-19 June**
- **Men Praying for Moore 20 June**

Week 1: Monday, 1 June – Sunday, 7 June

- Pray for all **students** who have switched to online study due to the **coronavirus outbreak**. Give thanks that lecturers and students have adjusted to the online mode efficiently and pray that they might all soon be able to rejoin the College community in person. Please pray for an end to the spread of the virus.
- Thank God for the many prospective students who engaged with the College at our recent online **Open Night**. Pray that many might be convinced of the importance of full-time study at College and join us.
- **George & Koula Athas (Faculty, p45)** Thank God that our family is physically safe and healthy in the current pandemic. Pray for our older relatives who are vulnerable and feeling the effects of isolation. Pray for Koula with the pressure of coordinating online learning for primary school at St George Christian School, and for the teachers there under pressure in the challenging conditions.
- Give thanks for **Moore College Mission** this year. Give thanks that our Faculty and students responded quickly to the newly imposed social restrictions and worked together to re-imagine mission. Pray that the resources created would be used to bring glory to God. These resources are available on the College website moore.edu.au/mission-reimagined.
- **John & Amanda Sheldon (1st year)** Thanks for our church family during this time as we continue to navigate meeting together safely during COVID-19. Pray for those we come into contact with, that we might have opportunities to share Christ.
- Give thanks for **the staff working in operations** and their work in this challenging season. Pray for those who have experienced a sudden change in work environments alongside their family or household members, giving rise to considerable stress and anxiety. Pray also for continued and improved connections, working relationships and effectiveness during this disrupted environment, as well as for a smooth and quick transition back to work on campus.

Week 2: Monday, 8 June – Sunday, 14 June

- **StuVac 8 - 11 June** Pray that students will be able to focus well during this week of study in the lead-up to exams.
- **Exams 12 - 19 June** Pray that the students will be able to recall all they have learnt and not be anxious. Pray also that through preparing for the online exams they might know God better and be better prepared for their future ministry.
- **Moore Mission Team - Video Resources:** Pray that Christians struggling in isolation would be encouraged by the video reminders of the goodness of the gospel of salvation. Pray also that God would use the sadness of the present situation for his glory, especially in calling many to himself at this time.
- **Moore Mission Team - Japanese Evangelistic Materials:** Pray that our “Uncover John” material will help Japanese Christians feel equipped to read the Gospel of John with their non-Christian friends and family. Pray also that people who read John’s Gospel while using this “Uncover John” resource will come to believe in Jesus and have life in his name.
- **Tara & Ian Stenhouse (Faculty, p46)** We’re so thankful for the many blessings of long service leave in Term 1, which was physically and spiritually restful. Pray for Tara to settle in quickly to online teaching and pastoral care, and for our renewed leadership of our Growth Group as we meet on Zoom this term.
- **Ryan & Lynn Verghese (3rd year, p21)** Praise God for enabling us to adjust to studying at home. I am thankful for the benefits this has with me being around for our family. Pray for Lynne as she looks after Alisha (2) and John (born late Feb).
- **Stephanie Adams (1st year)** Thank God for good health and a clear mind. Ask for diligence and focus in study, and for growth in generosity and servant-heartedness.



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Week 3: Monday, 15 June – Sunday, 21 June

- **Men Praying for Moore (20 June, 8am – 9.30am)** Pray that many Christian men from around Sydney Diocese and beyond would gather online for prayer and build a greater sense of involvement and partnership with the College. Pray also for Mark Thompson as he gives a short talk on Moore in this COVID-19 season.
- **Winter Break 20 June – 12 July** Pray for a refreshing break for all.
- **Joseph & Shuvah Pun (4th year, p33)** We are thankful for the opportunity to share the gospel with our non-Christian friend over video chat. Please pray for preparation of a 4-week evangelistic sermon series for church which Joseph may have to preach over Zoom if the current restrictions on gatherings continue.
- **Moore Mission Team - Read the Bible with Me on YouTube:** Praise God for the opportunity to read the Bible on YouTube. Pray that many people would be encouraged to open up their Bibles, read through the text and encounter the Lord Jesus by the help of the Spirit.
- **Moore Mission Team - Social Media Post:** Thank God for the time we were given to prepare and post material on social media. Pray that God would use the posts made by our team to bring people to faith in Christ, to strengthen and encourage Christians, and to equip and encourage Christians to share their faith with others.

Week 4: Monday, 22 June – Sunday, 28 June

- **Philip & Amy Kern (Faculty, p45)** Give thanks for the increased time we've had with our children as they work and study from home, and for the amazing technology that allows us to stay connected with overseas family members. Please pray that we'd be generous and patient with one another, and that we wouldn't tire of remote meetings.
- **Jennifer & Nathan Cheung (3rd year)** We are very thankful for the opportunity to complete the BTh this year with Old Testament 3. It's been a joy to delve into the Psalms. Pray for us as Jennifer juggles studies, schooling for children and the grief of leaving our current church and ministry at the end of May.
- **Moore Mission Team - Jesus Club:** Give thanks for the opportunity the students had to serve the Jesus Club by producing video content. Please pray that the videos would drive home the message to the children watching that Jesus loves them and they are precious in his sight.
- Praise God that the College continues to function so well during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please pray for those students who face financial challenges, and **that the work of the Foundation might help ease this strain**. Pray that their personal and (in some cases) family needs will be met, in order to enable them to continue their studies.

Focus for July:

- **Mission follow-up**
 - **Mission Awareness Week 20-24 July**
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Week 1: Monday, 29 June – Sunday, 5 July

- Please pray for **good health** across the whole College community as we head into the middle of the winter months. Pray that those who are struggling with illness will rest well and receive healing from the Lord.
- **Mark & Tanya Earngey (Faculty, p45)** Praise God for quality family time, and pray that the Earngey family would grow in our love for the Lord and each other during this COVID-19 season. Praise God for Mark's recent lecture on Protestants and Plagues. Please pray that Mark would continue to use his time well to read and prepare lectures to help our students. Pray for our children, Grace, Simeon, Sophia and Zoe, that they would learn about God's world, and see his hand in all of his creation.
- **Josh & Maddy Donohoo (1st year)** Give thanks for the support of the College community at MooreWest. Ask that God would prompt us to be active as a part of our church community with all the COVID-19 changes.
- **Ming & Angela Yong (2nd year)** We've been sent from New Zealand, and we're thankful to have the privilege to study here at Moore College. Pray that we are still able to build strong relationships with peers despite COVID-19.
- **Moore Mission Team - Offline Resourcing Ideas:** Praise God for technology that allows many of our church members to communicate online. Pray for fellowship, community and spiritual encouragement amongst those who cannot connect with church online. Also, praise God for the fellowship possible through phone conversations and letter writing. Pray that the resources created by the team will equip people to reach out to each other, to spur one another on in faith and to pray and read the Bible together, especially during this time of isolation.
- **Moore Mission Team - Online Illustrated Children Books and Comics:** Pray that God would use the illustrated stories produced to help children better understand who he is. Pray that these resources would also open up conversations between these children and their parents about being Christian.

Week 2: Monday, 6 July – Sunday, 12 July

- **Andrew & Felicity Leslie (Faculty, p45)** We are thankful for Andrew being on study leave in Semester 2. Pray for good productivity with work projects but also time to rest and be refreshed especially after such a hectic Semester 1. We are thankful for good health for the whole family in Semester 1. Pray for Felicity and the children to balance their work and school commitments combined with remaining COVID-19 related constraints. Pray for some refreshing and enjoyable holiday time in Semester 2 for the whole family.
- **Ed & Amelia Hannah (2nd year, p11)** Thank God for the way he is growing us and the church in Christian love and unity in this time. Please pray for Amelia and me, that we would settle well into married life during this pandemic.
- Please pray for **the Finance Team** as they seek to be alert to changes in government assistance at this time of great change as they work with senior management. Pray that they can continue to work effectively to manage College finances including payroll.
- **Moore Mission Team - Family Devotion:** Praise God for the team and for a wonderful week serving together. Thank God for the resources we were able to produce, as well as those who generously gave us their existing resources (to make more widely available). Pray that the family devotional resources will equip families to disciple their kids, and that families will grow in maturity and their love for Jesus together. Pray also that God will be glorified (not us) through the work produced during the week.
- **Moore Mission Team - Writing Articles and Editing Content:** Thank God for the opportunity students had to write articles to provide comfort and a reminder of the sovereignty of God during this COVID-19 season. Pray that these articles would be read by many people, and that readers would be encouraged to turn to the Bible to hear what God has to say about their lives in these uncertain times.



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Week 3: Monday, 13 July – Sunday, 19 July

- **Semester 2 Term 3 Commences (13 July)** Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the start of the new term, and pray that the College community would keep serving each other with joy whether still online or face-to-face.
- Thank God for the **PTC Lecture Series** to be available online from 14 July. Pray for Faculty member Simon Gillham as he teaches **the Gospel of John** and that those who attend will grow in their knowledge of God.
- **Moore Mission Team - Chinese Translation:** Thank God for our individual language abilities and being able to translate great resources written by our Faculty and alumni. Pray that what we have done in the mission week will be utilised in ways beyond our imagination. Also pray that others would be inspired to use their language gifts to communicate the good news to all the nations.
- **Josh & Larissa Goscombe (2nd year, p22)** Give thanks for the family time we've been able to spend together during the isolation. Pray that our son, little Zion, will bear fruit for God's kingdom throughout his whole life, and that Larissa and I will disciple him well.
- **Will & Lizzy Timmins (Faculty, p46)** Pray that Lizzy and I would keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and that the Lord would give us the right words to serve family and friends.

Week 4: Monday, 20 July – Sunday, 26 July

- **Mission Awareness Week (20 - 24 July)** Pray that this would be a time of encouragement as students hear more of what the Lord is doing in the world, and an opportunity to consider how they might be involved in these gospel ministries.
- **Supplementary Exams (20 - 24 July)** Pray for those students sitting for supplementary exams. Pray that they will be able to demonstrate their knowledge well and not be anxious as they prepare.
- **Kate & Bryn Weightman (2nd year, p13)** Thank God for what we have already learnt this year and for the growing relationships at College. Pray that we would not just grow in knowledge but that we would be transformed by God's living and active word.
- **Chase & Amy Kuhn (Faculty, p45)** Give thanks that Chase and Amy are expecting their fourth child this month. Pray for good health for Amy and baby. Please also pray for wisdom in continuing to disciple their children - Olive (9), Ezra (8), and Penelope (2), as well as for Chase in leadership of The Centre for Christian Living (CCL). Pray for opportunities and boldness for them to share the gospel with unbelieving family in the USA.
- **Moore Mission Team - Korean Evangelistic Resources:** Thank God for the Korean churches in Sydney who faithfully proclaim the gospel and for the opportunity to work on Korean resources with them. Pray that God would raise up missionaries from Moore College to proclaim Jesus to North and South Korea.

Week 5: Monday, 27 July – Sunday, 2 August

- **Moore College Sunday (2 August)** Give thanks for the many churches across Sydney that will be praying for the College and hearing about the work that God is doing here. Pray that many people might be encouraged to join those who support the College in prayer, financially and in many other ways.
- **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p46)** Thank God for the privilege to be involved in Moore Mission and pray that the resources continue to reach many. Thank God for the encouragement from Peter Orr's daily YouTube devotions working through the Psalms. Please pray that I would use time wisely and finish writing projects.
- **Louise & Michael Figueira (2nd & 3rd year, p11 & p19)** Praise God for the opportunity to study God's word together at College. Pray for us at St Mark's Sadleir as we seek to encourage members of the church with the gospel, especially those who have been affected by COVID-19.
- **Daniel & Erina Sawyer (4th & 2nd year, p33 & p12)** Thank God for the College community loving one another during this COVID-19 crisis. Pray for our friends, that they would show interest in visiting church or reading the Bible with us.
- **Moore Mission Team - Music:** Thank God for the 19 musos who worked together to spread the joyful sound of the gospel. Please pray that the 6 songs released (so far) on the Hopeful Singers Collective Facebook page might promote gospel hope in people's lives. Pray that believers would be encouraged and that those who don't know Jesus might be stirred to explore the gospel. Pray that the congregational songs and articles written might be beneficial in pastoring people through this difficult season. Pray for wisdom to discern what is best to do with projects yet to be completed.
- **Moore Mission Team - Resource Collation:** Pray that the resources collated through The Gospel Coalition Australia (TGCA) would equip and encourage both individuals and churches. Pray that further resources would be developed and distributed through the TGCA page. Give thanks for the team who spent many hours collating resources, and the partnership with TGCA.

August 2020

Focus for August:

- **Mission follow-up**
- **Moore College Sunday**
- **Research Week 10-14 August**

Week 1: Monday, 3 August – Sunday, 9 August

- Give thanks for the many churches across Sydney that set aside Sunday 2 August to **pray especially for Moore College** and to hear about the work that God is doing at College.
- **Dan & Chrissie Wu (Faculty, p46)** Thank God for precious time together as a family during the COVID-19 season, and pray for energy, patience and the modelling of graciousness with each other during this time. Pray also for Dan, that he would fulfil all his responsibilities well, but also keep focussing on loving people, not just getting tasks done.
- **Sarah Rootes (3rd year, p21)** Give thanks for the support of College and family in this unprecedented time so that I can continue in my studies. Please pray that I will find creative ways to faithfully serve my church family at St Mark's Malabar.
- **Matthew & Josephine Gillespie (1st year, PT)** Pray for wisdom and strength to be realistic in our capacity at College, church, home and work.
- **Kimjeng & Ben Pantlin (3rd year, p21)** Give thanks that God has protected us physically, financially, and emotionally during COVID-19. Please pray that we can continue to make meaningful connections with the members of the church that we recently joined.
- **Moore Mission Team - Podcasts:** Thank God for a week of opportunity to invest time into new and different projects, and the variety and breadth of podcasts the team produced. Pray that God might use them for the building of his kingdom. Pray also that the podcasts might encourage and strengthen Christians, and be conversation starters. Pray that the resources might reach the ears of non-Christians with the good news of Jesus.
- **Moore Mission Team - Children's Play School:** Thank God for the encouragement of creating Play School-like programs that teach young children how much Jesus loves them. Pray that in these unique times amidst a pandemic, children would be reminded that God is big, strong and mighty!

Week 2: Monday, 10 August – Sunday, 16 August

- **Research Week (10 - 14 August)** Give thanks for this break in the College routine for students to focus on essays. Pray that they will use this time productively.
- **Moore Mission Team - Youth Resources:** Pray that the youth resources created in partnership with Matthias Media and CMS would be used to help many youth engage well with the Bible. Pray that this material would be a blessing to the gospel work done by Matthias Media and CMS.
- **Moore Mission Team - Reading Christian Books Aloud:** Please pray that the recording of the Christian books that we read out loud might be listened to by many online, and that those who listen would be stirred to find out more about following Jesus.
- **Josh & Zoe Phillips (4th year, p33)** We are thankful for our supportive church community and sustained work for Zoe. Please pray that we would grow in trusting God as we find out how he will use us to serve him next year.
- **Kevin & Mathea Yeung (4th year, p34)** Give thanks for the opportunities to read the Bible with people and in one case, with a non-Christian friend. Pray for continued motivation to keep investing in studies and relationships in our final year at College.

Week 3: Monday, 17 August – Sunday, 23 August

- **Gordon & Leanne Luk (3rd year, p20)** Thank God for helping us cope with changes in family routines during this COVID-19 season. Please pray that we will have energy and good rest each day so that we may grow in grace as a family.
- **Eric Han & Janice Jang (3rd year, p20)** We thank God that our two-year-old Ellenia's sleep has improved. It has allowed Janice and me to read the Bible and pray together in the evening. Please pray for God's guidance in how we can as a family serve his kingdom after College.
- Pray for the team of **chaplains** who assist in the pastoral care of our students. Pray for good relationships with the students they serve and that the chaplains will balance their College ministry and other responsibilities well.
- **Moore Mission Team - Women:** Praise God for the opportunity to create numerous resources by women, for women. Pray that these resources would be shared widely, would encourage women in their walk with Christ and might start discussions on the topic of men and women partnering in ministry for the sake of the gospel.
- **Moore Mission Team - Children's Skits and Stories:** Pray that the skits and stories produced for children would be a help to parents struggling to balance their lives with young children, but even more that children would hear of the love that Jesus has for each of them.

Week 4: Monday, 24 August – Monday, 31 August

- **Moore Mission Team - Bible Storytelling on YouTube:** Thank God for the opportunity to record biblical narratives and present God's word to those who for a variety of reasons are not able to or are less inclined to read it. Give thanks that God's word is able to make us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim 3:15). Pray that people would come across the stories we recorded online and that this medium would be a good way of engaging people with the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Pray also that the stories would be really helpful for those who have English as a Second Language and be engaging for people to understand and connect with. Continue to pray that God will use the stories for his glory and bring people to himself through them.
- **Moore Mission Team - Prayer Book Services for the Elderly:** Pray that the Prayer Book resources would provide comfort and peace through a regular diet of Scripture for those elderly Christians among us. Pray also that these resources may reach those elderly people in our community who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus yet.
- **Rusdyan Cocks (3rd year, p19)** Give thanks for the great relationships God has blessed me with at College and at my new church this year. Please also pray that I will be selfless in the way I use my time at College.
- **Sarah Lee & Edward Yoon (1st year)** I am grateful to be given the opportunity to study at Moore. Returning to study is a bit of a challenge. Pray that I will cope with the study and grow in the knowledge of Christ and also be able to teach God's word with clarity.
- **Adam & Chinzia Johnson (2nd year)** Thank God for the opportunity to study at Moore and further dive into the Bible in this focused way. Please ask that God would help me to love my wife and my church, Sylvania Anglican, while studying hard.
- **Moore Mission Team - Evangelistic Gaming Stream:** Thank God for the opportunity to engage with gamers online and pray that the Spirit would convict people through the conversations the team had, causing many to investigate Jesus in the Bible.

Moore College Mission 2020 Resources:

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