



# PRAYER BULLETIN

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#### From the Principal

A friend of mine recently told me about how they had come to realise the number of conversations they had left with their elderly parents was in fact limited. He wanted to make the most of every opportunity to talk with them because one day this would no longer be possible. He saw those opportunities as precious gifts from God.

The opportunities we have been given to talk with our heavenly Father are precious gifts too, though we can look forward to those going on into eternity. We are invited to share our personal, private concerns, the joys and the struggles of those we love, the needs of the ministries we are involved in, and the larger scale issues we face as Christians living in this moment of history, with the one who made us and redeemed us.

Moore College has been sustained by the prayers of God's people over the entirety of its life. All these prayers have been part of God's plan to bless the College and to extend its ministry.

We need your prayers today as much as ever. We continue this ministry in a world of rapid change, and some of that change is a negative reaction to the gospel. The Lord has provided us with large numbers of students, for which we are very grateful, but this also brings additional costs and pressures. We also need to appoint some more Faculty and a very particular type of wisdom is needed there too.

So thank you for your prayers. It is a privilege to be in this partnership with you. As the Lord has guarded and provided for this ministry in the past, we are confident that he will do so long into the future.

Your brother in Christ, Mark Thompson





# **SEPTEMBER**

Give thanks for Moore College Sunday (held throughout August) and the opportunities to invite parishes to partner with the College in prayer. Give thanks for all those who faithfully pray for the College and ask that God might raise up more people to be praying regularly.

Pray that our students would be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching Research Week (2 - 6 Sept).

Shawn Chen & Ningjia Wang (1st year, p11): We are thankful for Shawn enjoying studying at College within a loving 1st year community, and for Ningjia enjoying reaching out to international students with the gospel at Credo UTS. Pray that we will continue to grow in our love for Christ, each other, and those around us. Pray for us as we work on how to balance life, study, and ministry well and, God willing, the gifts of children.

Give thanks for Dan Cole, Brandon Szerlip, Jane Tooher, Lionel Windsor and Peter Orr as they all present at the School of Biblical Theology today. Thank God for the time and work they have put into preparing their presentations for the event.

Pray for those students who are learning languages at College. Pray that they would continue to be patient and trust God when facing challenges in their study.

- Pray for Faculty member Philip Kern who is on long service leave this semester.

  Give thanks for all the work that he does for the College and for the gospel. Pray that this will be an encouraging time of rest.
- Spring Break (7 15 September): Pray for a refreshing break for students and Faculty. Please pray for those in the College community who are unable to be with family and friends during this time.
- Give thanks for the salvation of new believers, for the growth of ministry opportunities and for the teams of people working together for God's glory across the Bathurst Diocese. Please pray for the provision of 11 ministers to bring support to parishes across the region.
- Pray for two christian families to move to the East Coast parish of Buckland in Tasmania to support College graduate Ben Allen (2017 cohort) and his family as they seek to bring the gospel to seaside communities.
- Alan Collins (1st year, p11): Please give thanks for settling into Australia (from UK) well and making good friends quickly. Please pray I would be able to grow in my humility and clarity of thought as I seek to learn to teach others well. Pray that God would help me be able to discern truth and know what things to hold firmly to.
- Give thanks for the recent appointment of Darlene Evans to the Registrar

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  Department. Pray that she would continue to settle into the role well and become familiar with the College.
- Thank God for the work of Bush Church Aid across Australian communities and in particular for their support of ministry workers, such as College graduate James Boardman (2022 cohort) in the Bathurst Diocese.
- Martin Combs (1st year, p11): Thanks be to God for the many provisions over the first half of 2024. In moving towns, separation from family and church family and establishing new connections, our family has experienced God's goodness and provision. Continued prayer is much appreciated for balancing obligations at College, in our Sydney church at Petersham, with our children scattered throughout NSW/ACT and our sending church in Wagga.

Pray for all those at College who are involved with Synod over the next two weeks.

Pray for them as they attend and balance all the responsibilities that are involved.

Pray for the Finance team as they assist in compiling the 2025 annual budget.

Pray that they would be wise stewards in the allocation of resources, particularly in relation to increasing property repair, development costs and other inputs to ensure a high standard of education and facilities for the students.

Pray for Faculty and students as Term 4 starts today. Pray that students would grow in thankfulness and understanding as they study the word of God.

Please join the College in giving thanks to our Lord for Annabel Bristow, retiring after faithfully serving for 24 years in the Library. Annabel is enjoying spending more time with her family, particularly her grand babies. Give thanks for the Library team's flexibility in adapting to the staffing changes.



- Pray for the Supporters afternoon tea taking place tomorrow afternoon. Pray that it would be an encouraging time for the supporters that attend as they hear about the College from the Principal and students.
- Pray for 3rd year students, Khanh Nguyen, Josiah Elsley and Jordan Francis who are giving talks at different chapel services this week. Pray that they would speak clearly and faithfully from the Bible.
- Pray for the Mark Drama performances that are happening today and tomorrow. Pray that many would attend and that the gospel would be clearly shared with those who don't know Jesus.

Mark & Tanya Earngey (Faculty, p48): Praise God for the joy of teaching students

at Moore and pastoring them as they develop in preparation for Christian ministry. Praise God for his provision of a wonderful house at But-Har-Gra and the opportunity to serve the students who reside in the Croydon Park campus. Please pray for the Earngey family (Mark, Tanya, Grace, Simeon, Sophia, and Zoe) to all grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, and especially for Grace as she finishes primary school this year and begins at Meriden in Strathfield next year. Please pray for opportunity and courage to share the gospel of Christ with our not-yet-believing family members (some in Sydney, others in South Africa and America).

- Pray that many would support and partner with the College for our September e-appeal, launching next week. Pray for those ministering across Australia and those planning to move into regional areas post College. Praise God for the many ways he has grown the College over the past few years.
- Give thanks for the women meeting to bring the needs of the College before God in prayer at the Prayer Support Meeting today. Thank God for the privilege we have to bring the College before him in prayer.
- Joel Creek (1st year, p11): Thank God for a few people who have recently become Christians during Explaining Christianity at church. Pray for continual application of God's word from what I learn at College into my life.

- Pray for 3rd year students Jack Stileman, Leon Chen, Hayden Greathead and Hamish Sullivan who are preaching at different chapel services this week. Pray that they would grow through the process of preparing and delivering their sermons at chapel.
- Give thanks for the ministry of Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), and for young Christians and new Christians who blossom under their discipleship.

  Thank God for College graduate Sarah Rootes (2021 cohort), who is working in Kids and Youth ministry at Crossroads church in Canberra.
- Pray for those who are attending the College Open Event this evening. Pray that it would be a useful time where questions are answered about studying and life at College.
- Give thanks for the staff and Faculty who are hosting the College Open Event today. Pray that the day would run smoothly and many people would attend as they think about theological education in the future.
- Pray for students studying with young families at home. Pray for patience and energy as they juggle their studies and raising children.
- Gloria Giang (1st year, p12): Give thanks for things starting to settle after many changes this year and the joys of deepening relationships at College. Please ask God to help me keep growing in humility and selflessness as I seek to love others wisely and self-sacrificially.



# **OCTOBER**

Caleb Au (1st year, p11): Give thanks that I have settled into College well after moving from Canberra. I am excited to learn and grow in Semester 2. Pray that I would grow in godliness and produce fruits of the Spirit as I seek to love brothers and sisters at College and at Guildford Anglican.

Give thanks for the opportunity that 3rd year students Maddie Akankunda, Nikhil Kurien and Sam Carless have to preach at different chapel services this week. Pray that this would be an encouraging experience for them.

Pray for the Facilities team as they comfort Keith grieving the recent loss of his father in South Africa and pray that God would also bring healing to his back issues. Pray also for team member Farney as he seeks to reapply for a new visa and for provision of work for his wife. Pray that the team would be a positive witness in their dealings with the contractors and agencies they interact with in the course of their work, especially when undergoing challenges.

- Andrew Barich (1st year, p11): Praise God for the formative friendships that have started this year. Pray that I can balance marriage preparations with College studies (particularly languages). Pray also for St Luke's Liverpool where I serve, that the men and women will think how to use their lives sacrificially for King Jesus.
- Jane Tooher (Faculty, p49): Thank God for the opportunity to work on a talk focussing on 1 Peter 4:9 for the School of Biblical Theology last month. Thank God for the privilege and joy of serving on the Faculty these past 15 years and for all God has taught me about himself, others, and myself. Praise God for the provision of a new ministry position at St Matthias in 2025.
- Give thanks for the churches that have agreed to host Moore College Mission teams next year. Pray that these missions would be a great benefit to the churches and for the kingdom.
- Pray for the ongoing recruitment and hiring of more Faculty to work with the College. Pray for wisdom and insight for those involved in this process. Pray that the Lord might be glorified through this process.

- 08 Pray that students would use their time well as they work on assignments and TUE other work due during Research Week (8 - 11 Oct) this week. Give thanks for Rev Dr Colin Reed as he presents at the Library Seminar tonight 09 on Australian Anglicans in Tanzania. Praise God for the faithful work of many WFD throughout history to share the gospel with the world. Praise God for the growth of evangelistically healthy new churches across Adelaide. 10 Thank God for College Graduate Paul Harrington (1988 cohort) and his wife Sue. THU and their faithful service in God's church in Adelaide. Pray for church plants in the early stages of development in Hobart under 11 the leadership of Moore College Graduate Dave Horne (1996 cohort). Pray for FRI preparation of hearts and minds in the church and the community as they look forward to working with the Moore Mission team in early 2025. James Beck (1st year, p11): Praise God for settling into College well and loving 12 studying and going deeper into God's word. Pray that I continue to find a good SAT routine with study and student ministry and that I can continue to grow in my faith in Christ throughout Semester 2. 13 Pray for Paul Grimmond, who is on study leave this semester. Pray that this will be a SUN fruitful time away from his regular teaching and pastoral roles at College.
- Pray for the intensive classes happening this week for years 1 and 2. Pray for the lecturers delivering that content, that they would teach with creativity and clarity in a busy week.
- Give thanks for the work of the Centre for Christian Living (CCL) as they seek to equip Christians to think biblically about ethical issues. Pray for the student team that supports the Centre. Ask that they would grow in their foundations of the Christian faith as they take part in this team.
- Pray that God would grow and challenge 3rd year students, Rachel Happer, Tim Cornford, Ben Williams and Adriel Stephen, as they preach at different chapel services this week.

- Pray for continuing provision of vocational gospel workers in a gospel-poor part of Australia, Adelaide and South Australia generally. The Trinity Network of Churches now numbers 14 and God's people there are praying for a doubling in size of this network in the next 10 years.
- Give thanks for the cohesiveness of the Facilities team integrating well as they exercise patience with one another and keep a kingdom focus before them in all their work. Praise God for Bryce's engagement on the team and for the completion of the Campbell Street townhouses building project.
- Pray for the Diocese of Tasmania, that ministry leaders would be provided for revitalised church centres.
- Nic Brown (1st year, p11): Praise God for the opportunity to study at College and be equipped to teach his word faithfully. Please pray for wisdom as I teach and lead as a student minister at Penrith Anglican Church and prepare for a sermon on the doctrine of salvation later this year.
- Pray for the Alumni of College, that they would stand firm in their faith and persevere in their ministries through uncertainty, opposition and trials.



- Nathan & Josephine Chang (1st year, p11): We are thankful for God's immutability which encourages us to put our trust in Him and his plans. Pray for Jo as she works out what to do with an extra free day from High School Teaching, and that Nathan will be courageous in gospel opportunities.
- Pray for Rory Shiner as he presents at tonight's Centre for Christian Living seminar on Romans 12 and the search for identity. Pray that those who attend would be challenged to continually find their indentity in the gospel and Christ.
- Day of Prayer: Give thanks for the opportunity to put aside the College program to focus on the privilege of prayer. Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the College community.
- Pray that 3rd year students, Rachel Chan, Nelson Parker, Brian Hamilton and Noah Gillham, would welcome feedback and encouragement from their opportunity to speak at various chapel services this week.
- Give thanks for the Men Praying for Moore event happening today. Pray that it would be an encouragement to those who attend as they pray together.
- a group of people dedicated to the ministry and mission of the Lord Jesus throughout the city and across the world. Please give thanks for the work of the curriculum team, of which I am the leader. The new programme is gradually unfolding and bringing fruit to the whole College community. Please give thanks for the work that my wife Amelia does with Anglicare. Amelia leads a team of consultants who support teaching English in Anglican Parishes throughout the Diocese. This programme is an important evangelistic strategy for churches reaching out to their local neighbourhoods.

David Höhne (Faculty, p48): Give thanks for the opportunity to work amongst

- Give thanks for the work of the Centre for Global Mission (CGM) as they support the education of gospel workers worldwide. Pray for the ongoing translation projects as they seek to translate the Moore College PTC notes and the question banks.
- Sheina & Alex Chen (1st year, p11): Praise God for the joy it is to learn in community and for the way we've grown in our knowledge and love for him at College. Please pray for our church, St Peters Cooks River, as we undergo some big changes, and for ongoing contentment and thankfulness in all circumstances.

- Give thanks for the opportunity 3rd year students, Mark Huang, Chris Tompkins and Marcus Robertson have to preach at different chapel services at College over this week.
- Pray for those in the College community with family members overseas who are struggling with sickness and ill health. Pray for healing of those unwell and for the comfort of family members.

# **NOVEMBER**

- Jono & Phoebe Dunn (1st year, p11): This year has been a year of change for church, accommodation, becoming parents and a whole host of other things. You can thank God that He has sustained us during this time. Please ask that I would find ways to integrate my studies into church life, so that I will continue to love God and love others more and more with what I gain at College.
- Give thanks for those working in remote communities in the North West of
  Australia. Please pray for The Rev'd Darrell Parker, the Bishop of North West
  Australia as he oversees a large number of communities in an even larger area!
- Daniel Elvery (1st year, p12): Thank God for growing and sustaining me through the transition of moving, commencing study, getting to know my cohort and managing assessments. Pray for Trinity and I as we plan for her to study at College too, that this would be fruitful training and that we would trust God's provision.
- Pray for the students in years 3 and 4 as they spend this Research Week completing assignments and other class work ahead of exams later this month.
- Pray that God would provide more student accommodation as the College tries to keep up with the increasing student numbers who come to study in community on campus.

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Pray for the students leaving College this year, that they will enjoy their final weeks and have a memorable time as they are farewelled.

**07** тни Thank God for the connections that those working in remote Australia have with other Christian communities. Pray for College Graduate Daniel Faricy (2013 & 2018) at St James Anglican Church, Kununurra, for perservence and encouragement when people move on from the town.

08 F R I Ben & Steph Fraser (1st year, p12): Please thank God for the joy of studying alongside brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that the gospel would define the message and culture of the youth group Ben leads. Please pray for Steph as she serves in a school chaplaincy team while also preparing to welcome our first baby.

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Pray for the Operations team at the College. Give thanks for all the work that they do and pray for wisdom as they continue the College housing process for 2025.

10 sun Pray for the separation from family and friends that those living in North West Australia experience. Pray especially for the Morrison family serving in Broome. Matt and Leonie Morrison are College graduates (2020 cohort) who are ministering at Broome Anglican Church.

11 MON StuVac (11 - 14 November): Pray for effective study for the students as they prepare for their exams. Pray that students will grow in their knowledge of God as they study, and that their families will be able to support them well.

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Give thanks for the women who meet to pray for the College yesterday as they gathered for the women's prayer support group. Pray that these times of prayer would grow their trust and reliance in the Lord.

13 w e d Andrew Shead (Faculty, p49): Give thanks for God's kindness to Andrew and Jean and their family this year, as our daughters have celebrated their graduations, and our son has celebrated getting married. Give thanks for new and growing relationships we are enjoying at our church. Pray that God would grant Jean good physical health and energy for all that she does week by week. Pray that Andrew would use his time well as he works to teach and pastor students, to create new courses, and (God willing) to complete the draft of a commentary on Jeremiah in the next six months.

- Pray for the partnerships that College has with churches and organisations, that they may be fruitful in advancing God's kingdom.
- Semester 2 Exams (15 21 November): Pray that the students would be able to recall all they have learnt and not be anxious. Pray also for endurance as they prepare for their exams and balance other responsibilities.
- Pray for the prosepective students coming to College next year, who are having conversations with non-believing family members about why they are coming to College. Pray for boldness to share the hope of the gospel.
- Please pray that the Library team would maintain their positive morale as they work through some rather tedious and sometimes challenging projects. Pray that they might continue to faithfully use the gifts, skills and experience that God has given them to continually improve services and resources in the Library for the benefit of the community and His Glory.
- Thank God for the strong connections and friendships that can exist in remote towns. Pray for Roger Kyngdon, College graduate (2014 cohort), who is serving at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Newman. Please pray for ongoing encouragement and support for him in his ministry.
- Ethan & Paige Crosweller (1st year, p11): We thank God for his gifts; he has given us a home that we love living in and many good moments of refreshment. Please pray for the church plant we will be apart of in Rockdale which is launching in a few months. Pray that many will be saved through it!
- Pray for the Faculty members as they continue to mark exams and seek to finalise results for students within a tight deadline. Pray for energy and perseverance so that they will be able to work carefully and that they will be fair and consistent in their marking.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate all the work of the 2024 exiting students at the Exiting Students' Dinner tonight. Pray that it would be an enjoyable night of celebration and reflection.

- This day marks the end of the College year for students. Give thanks for all that the students have learnt throughout the year. Pray for them as they apply this knowledge to their own lives.
- Pray for students who are changing churches at the end of this year to move onto new student ministry positions. Pray for energy, excitement and perseverance as they navigate those changes.
- Aimee Gray (1st year, p12): Praise God for this special time of being stretched and challenged in my assumptions about the Bible. Please pray I would know the peace that comes from security in Christ when I feel socially and culturally unsettled at College.
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  Give thanks for the way God has sustained many in our community through big periods of change over the past few months. Pray that these periods would challenge and grow their trust and dependance in God.
- Praise God for the hard and faithful work of the Kitchen team led by Gaurav to provide healthy and nutritious meals for the entrie College community throughout the year.
- Pray for many opportunities to share Jesus with those seeking hope in their lives.

  Pray for College Graduate Simon Roberts (2003 & 2010 cohorts) and his wife Alison as they share the good news of Jesus in Exmouth.
- Give thanks for all the students who are completing their studies this year. Thank God for their time here at Moore College and the friendships they have made.
- Give thanks for those students who have finalised ministry positions for 2025. Pray for them and their families as they prepare to transition into these ministries next year.



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Pray for those students who are still looking for ministry positions for 2025. Pray that they will be wise as they consider where they can be best serve God and his people, and that they will trust in God's timing.

This issue of the Prayer Bulletin includes prayers for a number of current students (page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS magazine 2024) as well as College graduates whose ministries can be explored through the Spring edition of the Moore Matters magazine.

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