



From the Principal...

Take a prayer journey through the Bible and you discover amazing things. The very first mention of anything like prayer is found at the end of Genesis 4, following the report of the birth of Enosh, son of Seth, the son born to Adam and Eve after Abel had been slain. 'At that time', we're told, 'people began to call upon the name of the Lord' (Gen 4:26).

It may be, as many commentators suggest, that this is not so much the beginning of prayer as the beginning of public prayer. Whether or not that is so (Did Adam and Eve pray after the Fall? Did Seth himself pray before the birth of his son?) the expression is fascinating: 'to call upon the name of the Lord'. It has the sense of using God's name, addressing him directly, aligning yourself with him and seeking his protection and direction.

It is next used with reference to Abram, after he had settled east of Bethel (Gen 12:8). This was a moment of acute vulnerability. Abram had gone to the land of Canaan only to discover it was filled with Canaanites! But he had received the promise of God: 'to your offspring I will give this land' (Gen 12:7). So he built an altar to the Lord and 'called upon the name of the Lord.' He would do it again just prior to his separation from Lot (Gen 13:4) and after he had made a covenant with Abimelech at Beersheba (Gen 21:33).

What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord? In the Old Testament, the name of God and the character of God are intertwined. When God proclaimed his own name to Moses he said, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness ...' (Exod 34:6–7). To call upon the name of the Lord is to address God directly. That is true, but it is also to acknowledge who God is. It is the character of God which gives us confidence to pray.

The Christian sees God's character most clearly, of course, in the cross of Jesus. Jesus has revealed our heavenly Father's heart of compassion and his determination to set things right. Jesus invited us to pray knowing that our heavenly Father knows what we need (Matt 6:25–34). He gave us a model for faithful prayer in the Lord's Prayer (Matt 6:9–13). He showed us what prayer determined to give glory to God and bring benefit to others is like (Jn 17).

Our God has been extraordinarily generous in giving us a very large intake this year. He has heard and answered your prayers! Thank you for 'calling on the name of the Lord' as you've prayed for the College, trusting that God is good, and wise, and able to do far more than we could ever ask or think (Eph 3:20). Let us keep praying, for God is good and the need continues to be great.

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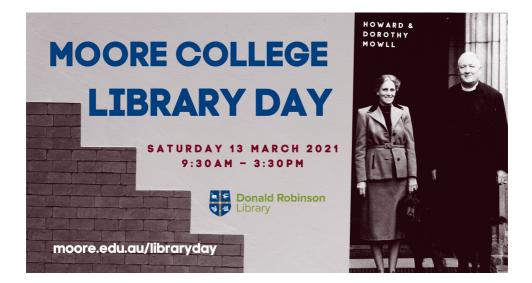
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Focus for March:

- Moore College Library Day 13 March
- Moore College Graduation 15 March
- College Missions 21 March 28 March (see back page for list of locations & chaplains)

Week 1: Monday, 1 March - Sunday, 7 March

- Give great thanks to God for the many new full-time and part-time students in first year
 this year. Thank God for his answer to our prayers for more men and women to be raised
 up to study and be equipped to take his word out. Pray that they will come to know God
 better as a result of all that they learn during their time at College.
- Pray for the **Registrar's Department** in this extra busy time for them as they prepare for the students' graduation coming up in the next few weeks.
- Give thanks for the appointment of **Chris Conyers as our new part-time faculty member.** Ask that God would sustain him as he gets used to all that his new role entails.
- Pray for the many churches in Sydney, Armidale and Maitland who will be holding College
 missions this year (see back page). Pray for fruitful preparations and particularly that many
 people in those churches will invite family and friends to come and hear the good news of
 Jesus.



Week 2: Monday, 8 March - Sunday, 14 March

- **Jaison Jacob (4th year, p30)** Thank God for the opportunity to start my 4th year at College and to learn and grow in Christ. Please pray that this year I would continue to grow in love and knowledge of God and in humility and faithful service of others both at College and in my student ministry.
- **Matt and Lisa Goodman (4th year, p29)** Please pray that 2021 will be an encouraging year without as many challenges as 2020. Please pray that Lisa and I enjoy our last year, adjust well to having two children and that they will grow up to know and love Christ.
- Paul and Karen Williamson (Faculty, p43) Please pray for family (especially our elderly mums) and friends in Northern Ireland enduring prolonged lock down, isolation, and anxiety. Pray for Matthew, whose plans to spend a year or so in the UK have been repeatedly postponed and for Andrew and Khataya, as they build (literally) their home in Canada and plan for the future. Ask that God will meet all our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ lesus.
- **Matthew Carmody (4th year, p29)** Thank the Lord for a restful and refreshing break, and a good devotional routine. Pray that I would keep growing as I reflect on God's word daily, and that I would serve the brothers and sisters at St Stephen's Newtown well this year.
- Pray for the **Library Day** (Saturday, 13 March, 9.30am 3.30pm) and the presentations on Archbishop Howard Mowll and his wife Dorothy from members of the Faculty and others.
- Pray for relationships between the College mission teams and the churches they will
 be serving. Pray for effective preparation and planning and for servant hearts among the
 teams.















Week 3: Monday, 15 March - Sunday, 21 March

- **Graduation (Monday 15 March, 7.30 9.30pm, City Recital Hall, Angel Place)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the graduates going out into the Lord's harvest and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray particularly for Archbishop Glenn Davies as he gives the occasional address. Pray that this will be an encouraging night as the word of God is clearly proclaimed. Give thanks for the wide variety of ministries our graduates have taken up and pray that they might effectively and lovingly serve God's people, to his glory.
- **Day of Prayer for Missions (18 March)** Give thanks for the opportunity for students to focus on prayer. Please join with them in praying that God will use Moore College Missions to bring many people to himself.
- **Martin Fong (2nd year, p10)** Thank God for how he is cultivating a heart of gratitude in me. Pray that I would make the most of College by doing the hard work and being open to having my convictions challenged and shaped.
- Please pray for the **Finance team** that they would continue to be diligent in managing the finances of the College. As the external auditors examine the records and transactions for 2020 please pray that each team member works well with the auditors.
- Please pray for the College mission teams and particularly for students finalising sermons
 and talks for mission. Please pray for safety in travel and for joyful fellowship in the gospel.

Week 4: Monday, 22 March - Sunday, 28 March

- Mission week (Sunday 21 March Sunday 28 March) Give thanks for the opportunity to hold College missions in many churches. Pray that the gospel would be presented clearly in the various events and that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of those who attend. Pray for energy and stamina for all those involved. Pray for good rest and eagerness to work hard for the sake of the gospel.
- **Jess and Zac Anderson (4th year, p29)** Give thanks for our new church this year, NorthLight Anglican Church, and pray that God will grow us in our relationships with him, our character, and our ministry skills.
- Pray that God will use mission week to deepen the unity of students and Faculty at College as they share in reaching out to others with the good news of Jesus.
- Jonathan Wu (PhD student, p20) Give thanks for a productive first year of PhD study at
 Moore, and pray for a productive second year so that I might be able to complete the PhD
 on time and return back home to serve.
- Pray for **safety for the College community** this week with students away at mission. Pray that families left at home will support one another well.

Focus for April:

- Mission follow-up
- Centre for Global Mission event 28 April

Week 1: Monday, 29 March - Sunday, 4 April

- Pray for all the **mission churches** as they follow up contacts this week. Give thanks for all those who attended events and pray that they will continue to reflect on all they heard and that many might respond in repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Chase and Amy Kuhn (Faculty, p43)** Please pray that we are wise for discipling our children at different ages and stages. Please also pray that we are thoughtful and persistent in our engagement with non-believing school families.
- Brodie and Sharon Cutmore (3rd year, p17) Give thanks with us for our son Kingsley, born last year, and pray that we would settle quickly into our new church and student ministry role on the North Shore.
- **Ashleigh Bond (3rd year, p17)** Give thanks for a restful summer break and the opportunity to visit family and friends in Queensland. Please pray that I would keep growing as I dig further into the Bible this year and serve in a new church.

Week 2: Monday, 5 April - Sunday, 11 April

- **Easter (2 5 April)** Praise the Lord for the wonderful salvation won for us on the cross. Thank God for the opportunity to stop and remember all that Jesus has done for us, and to celebrate his resurrection!
- Laurie and Bec Carlton (4th year, p29) We are both thankful for God's provision to study at College this year, while serving at St. Paul's Canterbury. We would love prayer for wisdom and guidance as we consider where we should minister as a family next year.
- Pray for David Höhne (Faculty, p42) on study leave this semester. Pray that he might
 use this break from teaching responsibilities well and make good progress on his writing
 commitments.
- Adam and Christyn Breasley (3rd year, p17) Give thanks for God's grace that we can commit this year to him, and know that even given the challenges of last year he provides us with strength, encouragement and perseverance. Especially pray for our two girls with schooling, particularly Kiera as she starts her first year in strange times, and that we would faithfully and lovingly guide them and each other.

Week 3: Monday, 12 April - Sunday, 18 April

- Autumn Break (10 -18 April) Pray that students and Faculty will have a refreshing break.
- Pray for those amongst the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **writing commitments** to fulfill. Pray for discipline, energy and faithfulness.
- **Becki and Ajay Philip (4th year, p31)** I'm really thankful for another year of sitting under God's word alongside my brothers and sisters, and would love prayer as we begin to imagine what life might look like post-College.
- **James and Nicole Rutherford (PhD, p20)** Thank God for his provision as we moved to Australia early last year, and for this year. Pray he would continue providing for our needs, that my studies would glorify him, and we would grow in the fruit of the Spirit.
- Andrew and Felicity Leslie (Faculty, p43) We are grateful to God for his kindnesses
 and bountiful provision. Please pray for opportunities to witness to our wider families
 and work colleagues (Felicity) and for patience and energy to care for elderly relatives
 alongside the demands of a young family.
- Pray that those who invited **friends and family to attend various events** as part of the many College missions might be bold and gracious as they continue to witness to those people about the love of God shown in Christ. Pray that many will put their trust in God as a result.





28 APRIL 2021, 7:00PM Speaker: David Williams



Week 4: Monday, 19 April - Sunday, 25 April

- The College timetable for this term includes a Research Week (19-23 April). Pray that
 our students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this
 non-teaching week.
- Praise God for the opportunity that College students have to teach **SRE Scripture** in two local primary schools, Newtown North Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray for good relationships with the schools, that parents will encourage their children to attend Scripture and that the children will delight in learning about Jesus and his love for them. Pray too for the witness of College families with children in our local schools.
- Please pray for our wonderful **Cleaning team** of Ganesh, Rowena and Ana. Thank God
 for their dedication to their work and presence on campus throughout the past twelve
 months. Please give thanks for these great people and pray for them and their families as
 Covid restrictions have prevented them from returning to their home countries to see visit
 family and friends.
- **Joey and Mary Cheng (4th year, p29)** Thank God for the encouragement of friends, and opportunities to share what we've been learning during the holidays. Pray for God's help as our family works out good patterns of spending time together relationally and spiritually in God's word and prayer.

Week 5: Monday, 26 April - Sunday, 2 May

- **Term 2 commences (26 April)** Pray that students start the new term refreshed, rested and prepared for the challenges ahead.
- Give thanks for the **CGM event (28 April)** on the homogenous unit principle and how it fits into church structures. Pray that it would be an encouraging time for all who attend.
- Praise God for the generosity of our many supporters that has enabled scholarships to be
 awarded to students requiring assistance to commence or continue their studies in 2021
 and increased financial support to the College in spite of COVID-19. Please pray that new
 international students accepted for study will be able to come in 2022.
- **Matt and Dee Stones (3rd year, p19)** Thank God for this amazing opportunity and the way he sustains us with what we need through all seasons of life. Pray that God would help Dee and I be wise and loving parents to Poppy, Boaz and Knox.
- Tara and Ian Stenhouse (Faculty, p43) Give thanks for a refreshing summer holiday on the south coast, as well as the encouragement and challenge of CMS Summer School and the Sermon on the Mount. Pray that we will grow as humble and obedient followers of Jesus this year. Give thanks for the increased numbers of full-time female students this year. Pray for women's chapel as we teach through the Pastoral Epistles, for wisdom for the upper year students as they preach, and that all of us will be transformed as servants of the gospel.

MAY 2021

Focus for May:

- Open events for prospective students 10 14 May
- Centre for Christian Living event Dealing with Sin 19 May
- PTC Graduation 28 May

Week 1: Monday, 3 May - Sunday, 9 May

- Please pray for students enrolled in the Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and
 Ministry course, that God's Spirit will continue to work in them so that they will grow in
 their love and knowledge of God; that they will delight in God's word; and that they will
 grow to be more like Jesus. Please pray that as a result of doing this Advanced Diploma, the
 students will be stronger and more faithful teachers of God's word; that they will desire to
 seek the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ; and that they will be better equipped to train
 others in ministry.
- Pray that God would be pleased to use the Priscilla & Aquila Centre to encourage women in Christian ministry and to grow women and men in the theology and practice of complementarian ministry.
- **George and Koula Athas (Faculty, p42)** Pray for George and his wife, Koula, that their faith, hope, and love would be sustained through the coming year.



Week 2: Monday, 10 May - Sunday, 16 May

- **Open Week (10 -14 May) and Open Night (10 May)** Give thanks for the opportunity for people to come along and find out more about the College. Pray that many will be guided to pursue ministry training with us.
- **Prayer Support Group (10 May)** Give thanks for this women's prayer group that has been regularly meeting for many decades to pray for the needs of the College, its Faculty, students and staff. Pray that as these women gather to thank and bring requests to our heavenly Father, they will be an encouragement to one another and to the faculty wives and student wives who meet with them.
- 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.
- Please join us in thanking God for the work of the **Library team**, who work hard to provide books and other resources for our College and for others. Please pray for wisdom for the team as they seek to serve the students and support their learning needs.
- Paul and Cathy Grimmond (Faculty, p42) Pray for our family adjusting to change. Our daughter Anna was married on the 6th of February and has moved out of home. Pray for her and her husband Nick to create godly patterns in their new home, and pray for the rest of us to be thankful and gracious as we adjust to this change.













Week 3: Monday, 17 May - Sunday, 23 May

- **Centre for Christian Living event Dealing with Sin (19 May)** Pray that this would be a helpful event for all who attend.
- Give thanks for the dedicated **staff of the College** and all they do to support the students and Faculty. Please ask God to keep them in good health, particularly as the winter months approach.
- **Dave and Maddie Harrington (2nd year, p10)** Give thanks for being able to return to Adelaide over the Summer break. Pray for endurance for Maddie, as she is expecting a child in July and currently has two little ones to chase after.
- **Martin and Emma Robinson (PhD, p20)** Please pray for diligence, effective time management, and healthy balancing of family, College and church commitments.

Week 4: Monday, 24 May - Monday, 31 May

- **PTC Graduation (28 May)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the graduates who have completed the Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) study and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray that this will be an encouraging night as the word of God is clearly proclaimed.
- Pray for **students and spouses struggling** with infertility. Pray that they would have a deep trust in God and his goodness toward them and that they might be granted the gift of children. Pray too for those students struggling with depression, anxiety and other issues. Pray for strength, patience and perseverance and that they would be well supported and make good progress in their studies.
- Pray for those undertaking **postgraduate studies** at College, either full-time or part-time. Pray that they will be wise in time management and that their learning will be a blessing to God's people.
- **Elle Bryce (4th year, p29)** Pray that God will strengthen me to serve the College community well as a Senior Student this year, with all the responsibility attached. Thank God for the privilege of being so well supported as I finish up my time at theological college.

Personal Prayer Notes

MOORE COLLEGE MISSIONS 2021

LOCATION	FACULTY & CHAPLAINS
Armidale	Michael Blake & Alison Blake
Maitland	Chase Kuhn & Ruth Sheath
Naremburn-Cammeray	Dan Wu & Julia Williams
Emu Plains	Lionel Windsor & Louise Cunningham
South Sydney	Paul Williamson & Sarah Seabrook
Asquith	Chris Conyers & Tara Stenhouse
Normanhurst	Andrew Leslie & Wendy Swanton
Oatley	Mark Earngey & Cate Hong
Church at the Peak	Paul Grimmond & Joan Young
Liverpool South	Simon Gillham & Sarah Balogh
St Andrew's Cathedral School	Philip Kern & Anna Hu
Lakemba Multicultural Mission	Andrew Shead & Jocelyn Loane
Evangelism and New Churches	Peter Orr & Isobel Lin

