



From the Principal...

2022 has been a year of turmoil and change. The war in Ukraine, the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II after 70 years on the throne, a change of government in Australia, the lingering disruption of COVID, economic upheaval and the pressure on day-to-day life — a very great deal has happened and it has disturbed many of us.

In times of such disturbance our great comfort remains God's unchanging character of grace, compassion and love. Book IV of the Psalms begins with Psalm 90, a prayer of Moses, the man of God. It is a reminder of God's faithfulness in the past, his power and majesty, his righteous judgment and terrifying wrath. But it is also an appeal to God's compassion, his unfailing love, his favour and his capacity to establish the work of our hands for us.

In the midst of these reminders, Moses prays another prayer: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom". There is a way of looking at life, even life in the shadow of sin's dreadful work and its consequences, that is wise. It is not a shallow Pollyanna-like blind optimism that does not see the pain of the moment. It is a recognition that hard times come from the hand of the Lord as well as good times, but they both find their source in God's unfailing love. Calling out to God, even asking hard questions of God as Moses does in this Psalm — Relent, Lord! How long will it be? — helps us to number our days in wisdom.

Prayer is such a remarkable gift of God to us. The invitation to open our hearts and not hold back as we address the Lord of heaven and earth, who is God from everlasting to everlasting, is astonishing grace. Your prayers for our College, for our students, for the work that goes on here and from here, and that we would remain faithful until the Lord returns, are also a generous expression of grace. Thank you. May the Lord continue to bless you over the Summer.

Mark Thompson

PRAYING FOR OUR FACULTY AND EXITING STUDENTS

Please note that the page numbers after Faculty and student names refer to the 2022 edition of Societas. Accompanying this Prayer Bulletin is a separate Exiting Students Prayer Booklet. The booklet contains specific prayer points for each exiting student as well as some general prayer points for all students inside the front cover. We have divided the students over the weeks of December to February. The number in brackets after the person's name refers to the page number on which they appear in the booklet. We hope you find this helpful.



December 2022

Focus for December:

- **Exiting students for 2022**
 - **Registrar's Department finalising results**
 - **Christmas services and events**
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Week 1: Thursday, 1 December – Sunday, 11 December

- Give thanks for the many godly and gifted **students** at College and pray that what they have learned will enable them to know God more fully and make him known to others. Pray that many more people might be drawn to make use of the College's courses to grow as disciples of Christ and prepare for a lifetime of serving him.
 - Give thanks for the hard work of the **Registrar's Department** and pray for them to be strengthened in patience as they undertake the demanding tasks of finalising end-of-year results and preparing for incoming students in 2023.
 - **Philip & Amy Kern (Faculty, p. 48)** Please thank God with us that we'll be in the US in December for the first time in three years so that we can introduce our daughter-in-law to her new relatives. We're also thankful for the chance to visit with Amy's elderly parents and our daughter Alexandra. Please pray that we'll be in good health and that we'll have a rich time with family. Please also pray that I'll make the most of study leave in semester 1 of 2023. We're grateful to the Lord for this provision and want to use it to his glory.
 - **Exiting Students: John Breen (p. 2), Phil Chapman (p. 2), Tahlia Freeman (p. 2), Lana Kularajah (p. 2)**
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Week 2: Monday, 12 December – Sunday, 18 December

- Pray for God to be at work through his Spirit as students and Faculty are involved in **outreach and training events** over the Summer break. Pray that beach missions, camps and conferences will be able to proceed, that people will serve faithfully and that God's word would be clearly proclaimed.
- Pray for the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference** taking place on 6 February 2023, titled 'Lazy Complimentarianism'. Please pray for the speakers, including our main speakers, Gary and Fiona Millar, as they prepare their talks and seminars. Pray that more people will register for this day conference, that all who come will find it a helpful day, and that the fruit will show in their various ministries.
- **Exiting Students: Bec Radloff (p. 2), Murray Reddie (p. 3), Lisa Sawyer (p. 3), Ryan Uy (p. 3)**

Week 3: Monday, 19 December – Sunday, 25 December

- Please pray for those involved with the **financial administration** of the College as the year end brings added pressures and tasks to be performed. Pray for patience and the ability to allocate tasks using time wisely.
- Pray for grace for students as they receive their **exam results** before Christmas. Pray that they will be encouraged by their results and motivated to keep learning. Pray especially for those who will need to sit supplementary exams in January.
- **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p. 49)** Please pray for good family relationships over Christmas and Summer as I spend time with various family members. Please pray that I will be loving, kind, patient, gracious, slow to speak, and that I listen well.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Pray particularly for those involved in **Christmas services** and evangelistic events. Pray that the true meaning of Christmas might be boldly proclaimed to all and that we might rejoice in God's amazing goodness to us in sending Jesus into the world for our redemption.
- **Chris Tompkins (1st year, p. 14)** Please give thanks to God for the way in which he has grown me this year in my knowledge and love of him. Ask God that I may continue to have wisdom as I navigate various commitments and responsibilities at church and in life, and that he would sustain my energy and enthusiasm for him and serving him.
- **Exiting Students: Jeanny Yao (p. 3), Paolo Santillan (p. 4), Belinda Liney (p. 4), Michael Hemans (p. 5)**

Week 4: Monday, 26 December – Sunday, 1 January

- Please pray that the **Information Technology staff** would be able to keep the College systems working well over the Summer period.
- Give thanks for all that the **exiting students** have learned during their time at College and pray that they will be faithful to the word of God, confident in the gospel, and humble and generous servants of God's people. Pray that God will enable them to proclaim Christ clearly, live for Christ consistently and love Christ's people genuinely. Pray especially for those who are still not sure where they will be serving in 2023.
- Pray that students will have a **refreshing break** before returning to study.
- **Hosea Luy (3rd year, p. 32)** Praise God for growing me in the midst of hardship in 2022 and for how I can now genuinely say that I feel really good. Pray for God to continue to give me wisdom, thoughtfulness, patience, gentleness and love in my relationships with family, friends and others in my life.
- **Exiting Students: Sheila Pang (p. 5), Daniel Walmsley (p. 5), Richard Wong (p. 5), James Boardman (p. 6)**

January 2023

Focus for January:

- **New students for 2023**
 - **Property Maintenance Department**
 - **Students moving into College**
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Week 1: Monday, 2 January – Sunday, 8 January

- Please pray for perseverance in study over the Summer break for students who need to sit **supplementary exams** in January. Pray that they will find a good balance between rest and effective preparation for another year of study.
 - **Henry Pascoe (1st year, p. 13)** Thank God for a great first year of College. Please pray that that I would use my time off well and rest, so that I start second year ready to learn again.
 - Pray that **incoming students** would look forward to their time at College and be eager to study God's word. Pray that those preparing to leave jobs might make the most of the opportunity to share with their colleagues why they are leaving. Pray that students will adjust quickly to the College program and community. Pray particularly for the adjustments necessary for those coming from interstate and overseas.
 - **Exiting Students: Brodie Cutmore (p. 6), Sam Davidson (p. 6), Russell Denten (p. 7)**
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Week 2: Monday, 9 January – Sunday, 15 January

- **Priscilla & Jonathan Tan (1st year, p. 18)** Praise God for the opportunity that both of us have to be at College. We thank God for Naremburn and Cammeray Anglican Church (NCA), and for the privilege to serve and learn there. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we finish up at the end of the year (in 2023) and return to Singapore.
- Pray that our **exiting students** might be consistent in giving priority to prayer and that prayer would be their instinctual reaction to the situations they face.
- Ask God for smooth transitions for **students moving into College accommodation**. Pray for them as they settle into new neighbourhoods. Give thanks for the College communities and pray that they will welcome the newcomers.
- **Exiting Students: Ed Hannah (p. 8), Matt Hearne (p. 8), Alex Hitchcock (p. 8), Mike Huntington (p. 8)**

Week 3: Monday, 16 January – Sunday, 22 January

- Give thanks for the hard work and faithfulness of **Faculty** members and pray that they will be refreshed over the Summer and be able to spend quality time with their families. Pray for them in their research and preparation over the Summer break.
- **Jordan & Amy Cunningham (3rd year, p. 31)** Praise God for providing a unique student ministry position this year which will help me think through using the full potential of the internet for outreach and evangelism.
- Pray for patience and energy for the **Property & Maintenance Department** during this busy time of year with many students moving in and out of College properties. Give thanks that God has sustained the work of the department through their many projects last year, while also keeping them safe.
- **Supplementary exams commence (16-20 January)** Please pray for clarity of thought and for God's sustaining of those sitting supplementary exams.
- **Exiting Students: Jason Ling (p. 9), Braydon Lucas (p. 9), Angus Martin (p. 9), Tony Nguyen (p. 9)**

Week 4: Monday, 23 January – Sunday, 29 January

- Pray that the decisions of our **exiting students** (in ministry and in life more generally) might be consciously and consistently shaped by the theology they have learned from the Scriptures. Pray that they might listen well and serve effectively and that their lives might adorn the gospel.
- **Silvanus Thiem & Hannah Steele (3rd year, p. 33)** Give thanks to God for the precious friendships that he has used to sustain us in the last three years. Please pray for God to sustain us, grow us, and empower us in this coming final year of study.
- Praise God for the continued generosity of those who are **prayerfully and financially supporting the College**. Give thanks to God for those who are currently considering leaving a gift in their will for the future of College. Ask God to provide more supporters who are willing to invest in future generations to continue to proclaim Christ.
- **Paul & Karen Williamson (Faculty, p. 49)** Paul and Karen are empty-nesters for the second time, and so missing our immediate family much more than usual. Pray for wisdom and insight as we seek to care for our loved ones from a distance. Matthew (31) is currently working in London for a few months, but will be returning to Sydney in April. Pray that he would make Christianity more of a priority in his busy life. Andrew and Khataya (married May 2022), living in Haida Gwaii (Canada) came to Sydney over Christmas.
- **Exiting Students: James Righetti (p. 10), Stuart Sharry (p. 10), Netane Siuhengalu (p.10)**

Week 1: Monday, 30 January – Sunday, 5 February

- **Orientation Welcome (4 February)** Please pray that this day will be a useful time for all incoming students and will provide good opportunities to get to know other students and their families.
- Please pray for the **Governing Board members**. Thank God for the time commitment each member makes to the various meetings of the Board and its committees. Thank God for the knowledge and skills that members bring to the deliberations on many issues affecting the life of the College. Thank God that each member is committed to seeing God glorified through the College.
- Pray that the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference (6 February)** might be well attended and that it might be encouraging and edifying.
- Pray that as our students **study the word of God** and seek to proclaim it to others, it will have an impact on their lives. Ask God that they will continue to grow in their knowledge and love of him and that they will live lives of godliness.
- **Martin & Liv Fong (3rd year, p. 32)** Thank God for helping us adjust to this first year of marriage. Pray that we'll continue growing in our love for God, for each other, and for our friends and family.
- **Exiting Students: Laura Smith (p. 10), Jeremy Smith (p. 11), Eva Tang (p. 11), Ned Teuben (p. 11)**

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Focus for February:

- **Faculty on study leave**
 - **Summer Intensives and Orientation for First Year students (7-17 February)**
 - **Diocese of Sydney Ordination Ceremony (18 February)**
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Week 2: Monday, 6 February – Sunday, 12 February

- Pray for the Faculty members who are on study leave this semester. Pray that as they have time away from their usual teaching load, they would study with wisdom and diligence, and pray that their research is of great benefit for others in the work of the gospel.
 - **Summer Intensives and Orientation for First Year students (7-17 February)** Give thanks for the start of the College year for new students. Pray that they will have energy to cope with these first few weeks of intensive Greek and Hebrew study in particular. Pray for the lecturers who are teaching this course.
 - **Khanh Nguyen & Phuong Tran (1st year, p. 12)** Thank God for His providence over my family for our first year of living in Australia. Give thanks for the good time with my wife and daughter during the long vacation over Summer. Please pray that I can complete my second year of study well and enjoy it.
 - **Exiting Students: Nathan Barnes (p. 11), Bryn Weightman (p. 11), Edmund Leung (p. 9), Adam Johnson (p. 8)**
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Week 3: Monday, 13 February – Sunday, 19 February

- **Diocese of Sydney Ordination Service (18 February)** Pray for the graduates of the College being ordained to serve the churches in Sydney. Please pray for the new ordinands, that they would serve with faithfulness, humility and courage.
- **Summer Hebrew Intensive (13, 15-17 February)** Pray that the students will learn much from this course and that they will have greater insight into the Scriptures as a result.
- **Mark & Kathryn Thompson (Faculty, p. 48)** Please pray for Mark's faithfulness as a husband, father, teacher, pastor and principal. Pray that Mark would manage his time well and that their family would be refreshed over the summer break.
- **Exiting Students: Josh Goscombe (p. 7), Ashleigh Bond (p. 6), Amani Kazogolo (p. 5), Bethany Williams (p. 3)**

Week 4: Monday, 20 February – Tuesday, 28 February

- **Sam & Jen Herbert (4th year, p. 32)** Join in our thankfulness for the Lord's provision and for the sustaining of our family. Please pray that we'd keep growing in loving, joyful service of each other, God's people and God's world. Pray for material provision for the remainder of 4th year and for clarity regarding where to serve on return to the UK.
- **Semester 1 Term 1 commences (20 February)** Give thanks for the start of lectures for the College year and for the opportunity for the College to join together for a Lord's Supper service to mark the start of the year.
- Pray for Gaurav Taneja and the **Kitchen staff** as they begin to serve daily meals to the whole student body. Give thanks for their commitment to the welfare of the students and Faculty and pray for energy and stamina for them.
- **Exiting Students: Erin Latten (p. 2), Tim Smith (p. 10), Adam Friend (p. 7)**

Personal Prayer Notes