

# 40 days of Prayer at Girrawheen Baptist Church

March 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

*Eph 6:18*

We invite you to join us in prayer over the 40 days leading to Easter. We pray for God's life to flow through us as we humbly turn to Him for help. We pray for a miraculous breakthrough of God's life in our nation, and revival and transformation for Australia. We pray for this world, that it will be changed according to Jesus' call to pray: *"your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*



## How will we pray?

### In homes, in families

We pray that these 40 days will be a blessing to many as we join our hearts together in prayer. We see this happening in homes and in families, around the dinner table and with children at bedtime. We want it to be a Spirit-led cry to the Lord. Get updates & encouragement via:

- our website: <http://girrawheenbaptist.org.au>
- our Facebook page: [Girrawheen Baptist Church](#)
- the PrayerMate app, download on your phone for free

### In weekly gatherings

- At the Church Hall Wednesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm
- In the existing Bible study groups through the week

## **Day One – Tuesday March 3rd**

Pray for God to be glorified in our hearts , in our church, and in this world.

*Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Ps 8:1a*

The word of God tells us how majestic our God is. Yet the Devil wants to deny this in the hearts of both believers and unbelievers. Pray for God’s people to realise His majesty that His glory would be made known among the nations.



## **Day Two – Wednesday March 4th**

Pray for a heart of repentance amongst God’s people.

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1Jn 1:8*

As we come in heartfelt prayer to the Lord, ask that we can have “clean hands and a pure heart” (Ps 24:3-5), that nothing may hinder our prayers (1Pe 3:7).



## **Day Three – Thursday March 5th**

Pray for strong families in our church and in our nation.

*...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Josh 24:15*

Families are being attacked in a number of ways because they are so foundational to our society. Pray that homes would be havens of love, peace, and safety for all.



## **Day Four – Friday March 6th**

Pray for our church community

*From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Eph 4:16*

Pray for a church family that is strong in love and harmony. Ask for passionate people to continue to stand up as pillars in the house of the Lord and that we would worship and fellowship as one people.

## **Day Five – Saturday March 7th**

Pray for the sick among us.

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isa 53:5*

We have many sick among us. Pray compassionately for the ones you know of personally, and also the ones listed in the church prayer bulletin.



## **Day Six – Sunday March 8th**

Pray that God's Kingdom will come and His will be done

*...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matt 6:10*

Jesus told us to pray this, so we can know that our prayers for this world have an effect. Pray for the kingdom of God to be manifest around us.



## **Day Seven – Monday March 9th**

Pray God will supply the daily needs of each of those in our church and community who are struggling financially.

*Give us today our daily bread. Matt 6:11*

We have many in the church, school, and community around us who struggle daily to meet their commitments and provide necessities for their families. Pray that needs would be met according to Philippians 4:19.



## **Day Eight – Tuesday March 10th**

Pray for boldness in proclaiming the gospel.

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all people". Mark 16:15*

Pray that we all could be generous in reaching out to others with the word of life. Pray that all timidity would go, and that opportunities would present themselves to make God known in our community.

## **Day Nine – Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for our Pastors and other church leaders and their families.

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Eph 4:11-12.*

Pray that leaders will be encouraged and enthused for the work of the ministry. Pray for effectiveness, boldness, wisdom, perseverance.



## **Day Ten – Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the children at JCE, Sunday School, Kids Upstairs, Play Group, and other children's ministries at the church.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..."  
Matt 19:14.*

Our church has influence in a lot of children's lives through the ministries we carry out, and also through family connections. Pray for these children that they may take hold of faith and grow in grace.



## **Day 11 – Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Emmanuel Christian School; students, teachers, staff, board.

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Prov 22:6*

Pray for our Principal, Gary Harris, and our Board Chairman, Ken Ridge. Pray for the students that they would prosper academically, socially, & spiritually.



## **Day 12 – Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for our Sunday Services that God and His people would be satisfied.

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
Ps 122:1*

Pray that each service will uplift, transform, and bless. Pray for joy, fellowship, inspiration, strengthening and encouragement.

### **Day 13 – Sunday March 15th**

Pray for the other congregations that worship at GBC.

*...my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Isa 56:7b*

Pray for the Nuer, Chin, and Karen congregations. Ask that these groups would prosper and grow, and influence their communities for God.



### **Day 14 – Monday March 16th**

Pray for Local, State & Federal Governments. For the leaders of our nation.

*First of all, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered on behalf of all men, for kings and all those in authority... 1Ti 2:1-2*

Intercede for these leaders that they may be used for good and not evil. Pray for God to intervene in their lives. Ask for wisdom, discernment, and grace.



### **Day 15 – Tuesday March 17th**

Pray for our missionary connections, called to labour in difficult places.

*...I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Acts 13:47*

Pray for Jono & Heather Crane in Mozambique/Malawi, Antony & Vimbai Dondatos in Zimbabwe, and David & Jennifer Juniper heading to the Congo. Ask for courage, fortitude, patience and grace in their ministries.



### **Day 16 – Wednesday March 18th**

Pray for the Wednesday night Youth Bible Group.

*"I have written to you, young men (and women), because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one."*  
*1 John 2:14.*

Ask that Brendon and Meg will be empowered to raise our youth in the way of the Lord. May the young people of our church be committed to their group, to one another, and to the Lord.

## **Day 17 – Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the Friday night Youth Outreach.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes... Rom 1:16*

Pray for Pastor Rex, Benjamin, and the other leaders as they minister to this group of high school students from different backgrounds.



## **Day 18 – Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the full breaking of the drought in our nation.

*He gives rain on the earth and sends water on the fields. Job 5:10*

We thank God for the rain that has come, but still some farmers have not had proper rain for 3 years. Six months of above average rainfall is needed to see the drought break across the whole nation. Ask that the rain will come in proper measure, and that drought affected farmers will be helped.



## **Day 19 – Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Pray for containment of the Corona virus.

*You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples. Psalm 77:14*

As outbreaks continue around the world, thousands of lives are impacted, and the global economy is disrupted, pray that the lord will have mercy on the peoples of the earth.



## **Day 20 – Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Pray for truth to prevail in our world.

*...your word is truth. John 17:17b*

Lies, deception, and error are worse than any virus and are causing great trouble in our world. Ask that God would uncover deception and lies and bring truth in every situation. Pray against media bias and the evil agendas of those who seek to move the boundary stones of our society.

## **Day 21 – Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Pray against gender confusion and the new “options” presented to young people today.

*He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them “human.” Gen 5:2*

May people reaffirm the beauty of God’s design in creating humans to be male and female. Pray against the agenda of those who want to throw off all restraint, and call others to do the same.



## **Day 22 – Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Intercede on behalf of persecuted Christians around the world.

*If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. John 15:18*

Persecution of Christians is increasing around the world. Well over 260 million Christians face intimidation, prison, or even death for their faith. Ask God to help them supernaturally, but also to help them to endure their hardships, to find joy in the midst of trials, and to find comfort in their faith.



## **Day 23 – Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the different small groups: Study, Craft, Playgroup, Seniors, Missions.

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Prov 27:17*

Our small groups are a great place for fellowship, study, and outreach to the community around us. Ask our God to bless and strengthen the small groups, that His will may be done through them. Pray for the leaders and helpers.



## **Day 24 – Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the Music ministry at GBC.

*God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth. John 4:24*

Pray that when we come together to worship we will bring “more than a song” to our God. Pray for the music teams to lead well and that as God’s people we will participate with passion.

## **Day 25 – Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Pray that we at GBC would have a thirst and desire for God.

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.  
Ps 32:1b*

Daily life and busyness keeps us from a close relationship with the Lord. Desiring God is the antidote for this. Ask that our hearts would long to know him more, and that we would reject surface Christianity.



## **Day 26 – Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for our Church Council which governs the matters of the church.

*For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.  
Prov 11:14*

Council members bear great responsibility to bring vision and leadership to the church. Pray for wisdom, insight, grace, patience, and understanding.



## **Day 27 – Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for salvations and baptisms

*...open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. In 4:35*

Ask the Lord of the harvest that He will not only send us as labourers into the harvest field, but that the harvest would be great and souls would be saved.



## **Day 28 – Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Ask that all our volunteers and helpers would be encouraged and blessed.

*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Heb 6:10*

We rely greatly on the generosity of volunteers at GBC. As these faithful servants give their time, pray that they would be blessed in every aspect of their lives, and that they would be encouraged greatly in the work. Pray for great enabling to do the work, including strength, wisdom and endurance.



## **Day 29 – Tues March 31st**

Pray that there will be a rejection of immorality in our nation and a turning back to standards of right living.

*Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person can commit is outside the body, but the one who sins sexually sins against their own body. 1Co 6*

All standards of morality are undergoing attack in our nation. Children especially are being exposed to sexual content at a younger age. Pray that people will realise the harm being done, and opinion will turn against this.



## **Day 30 – Tues April 1st**

Thank the Lord for His goodness this day. Ask for a heart of thanksgiving amongst God's people.

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1Chron 16:34*

It is easy to forget our blessings and the good things that God has done. Pray for an opening of our eyes each day to see the goodness of the Lord.



## **Day 31 – Tues April 2nd**

Pray for other Churches in our nation, and around the world.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Eph 6:18*

Bring to mind a number of churches you know and pray for them.



## **Day 32 – Tues April 3rd**

Pray for those in grief and depression and enduring difficult times.

*Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh 8:10(c)*

Ask that the joy of the Lord will be their strength and that He will uphold each one with His hand and cause His face to shine upon them.

### **Day 33 – Tues April 4th**

Ask God to grant that we would produce spiritual fruit that lasts.

*Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. Matt 3:8*

Pray that God's people would be filled with the fruit of the Spirit such as; love, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Also that our lives would bear fruit in good deeds and the reproducing of our faith.



### **Day 34 – Tues April 5th**

Ask that the precious Word of God would be upheld in the hearts and lives of God's people.

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Ps 119:105*

Pray for our church and ministries, that God's lamp would never grow dim. Pray for this world, that the light of God's Word would shine strongly.



### **Day 35 – Tues April 6th**

Pray for blessing, strength, and grace for those who provide care and kindness to people with great needs.

*I led them with cords of kindness, with ropes of love; I lifted the yoke from their necks and bent down to feed them. Hos 11: 4*

Many in our church are employed in this great work of helping those who cannot help themselves. Pray for encouragement and joy as they go about this difficult work. Pray that the grace of God will always be sufficient, and that they will know that this work is also an expression of Christ's love.



### **Day 36 – Tues April 7th**

Pray for direction and guidance for all God's people and ministries at GBC.

*Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isa 30:21*

God promises to direct us and lead us on a right path. Pray this for specific ones you know, and also for the ministries and activities of the church.

### **Day 37 – Tues April 8th**

Pray for opportunities for all of us to tell someone about God's goodness, mercy and unfailing love to us... and Jesus' invitation to them.

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1Pe 3:15b*

Ask for divine appointments and openings for ourselves and others. Pray to bump into someone who needs to hear a word in season.



### **Day 38 – Tues April 9th**

Pray for the youth of the church.

*Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. Luke 22:31-32*

Lift up all the young people of the church, remembering that Satan desires to divert them from their heavenly calling and destroy the things that have been established in their lives.



### **Day 39 – Tues April 10th**

Pray for those in the congregation who need to be welcomed fully into this country, and are struggling with immigration issues.

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35*

Pray that our nation will welcome those who have shown their honest commitment to this land. Ask for those who need visas, permanent residency, and citizenship, and especially ask for families to be reunited.



### **Day 40 – Tues April 11th**

At the end of this forty days, may we give thanks to God for leading us through, and ask that our prayer lives will not diminish, but continue to be strong and robust as we seek to be faithful to the Lord and his calling.

*For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. Heb 3:14*

