



Prayer Meeting

25th October, 2020 | 2:00pm – 3:30 pm

83 Ryans Road, St Lucia

Welcome to SLE Church's third prayer meeting for 2020. With thankfulness we are able to gather at our church building to pray together.

Here are some suggestions for our time together:

- Break up into groups of 3-4.
- Mix Generations in groups – find people from other fellowship groups to pray with.
- Spread out, pray with social distancing (1.5m apart) – otherwise use a mask if needing to be closer together.
- Use the following prayer points as a guide. Pray as God leads you on these prayer points!
- If you've finished praying earlier than others, be careful about noise levels for those still praying.
- Once done, please do not congregate on the patio.

The prayer points are focused on our fellowship groups and for each other.

Kids Church

(Preschool)

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for the faithfulness of the teachers who press on tirelessly to teach and serve in the different ways. Thank God for the joy of gospel partnership with parents. Thank God especially for teachers who still serve alongside us even when they are not physically in Brisbane.

Prayer:

Pray for opportunities to encourage the kids and families who will be attending Church@Ryans Rd. Pray that the teachers will finish the term and year well and labour on to the end. Pray as well for new helpers and teachers for the ministry next year.

SaLT

Thanksgiving:

Praise God for the recent Bible studies reminding the teens how the whole Bible fits together to point to Jesus. Thank God that SaLT gatherings were mostly able to continue in person at church on Friday evenings.

Prayer:

Pray for the senior teens who are trying to keep on top of studies and exams but missing weekly Bible Study. Pray that they would be challenged to keep fellowship, church, and personal Bible reading and prayer a priority in their lives. Pray for a potential teens camp that may happen in

January 2021 – for the planning and for attendance from our teens.

International YF

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for the recent increase in Singaporeans gathering in homes for SLE church! Give thanks for the faithfulness of the YF student leaders, who labour in teaching, pastoring and being trained.

Prayer:

Pray for good planning & ideas for how to use this summer fruitfully for the students, in their service of King Jesus. It's a rare opportunity to have them stay around, so pray we'd all make the most of it!

Sunday YF

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for consistent in-person meetings, hopefully no more zoom sessions! Thank God for new series on the book of Judges – as we see Israel's downward spiral of sin (disobedience to God and turning to other gods), we marvel at God's abounding grace and mercy towards them, and us even more!

Prayer:

Pray for regulars to look after irregular members – pray that we will seek to care for each other, in practical acts of service, words of encouragement, prayer, rebuke (if needed) in and out of our regular meetings on Sunday.

Clay

Thanksgiving:

Praise God for the recent church camp that many of the Clayers went on. Praise God for the recent time of refreshment and connecting with others. Praise God for the completion for the biblical theology Bible studies and the great feedback in reading the OT in the light of Jesus.

Prayer:

Pray for the new Judges studies that Clay has just started. Pray that though it is a new book for a lot of people that they continue to learn more about God's covenantal promises for Israel, both in his curses and wrath in light of God's big picture.

SOS

(Central & South)

Thanksgiving:

(Central) Praise God for the recent School Holidays & Church Camp. A time to refresh, reconnect and strengthen our unity in the Gospel. Praise God for our upcoming last couple of last studies in the Book of Joshua. Striving for obedience to our steadfast God for both our own sake and the sake of others - as we look at the glorious inheritance we have in Christ.

(South) Praise God for the opportunity to resume face to face meetings! It is so much nicer than virtual meetings. Thankful for the recent church camp - many found it a

time of refreshment and a good opportunity to meet people they have not met before.

Prayer:

(Central) Pray that we will seek more opportunities meet with others. To show hospitality and reach out to our unbelieving family and friends. Especially with Church at Ryans Rd and Church @ Home Groups. Pray that God would keep us safe as we meet during this COVID times. Pray, that in our conversations - personally & online (social media), that we would continue to seek the interest of others, being kind, gracious and free of judgmentalism as we express our freedoms and concerns.

(South) Pray that as we go through studies in Ruth that we will see the greatness of God's character and grace, to see that in Jesus, and that this will spur us to pursue and enjoy our relationship with Him.

Women's Group

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for the joy we've had in meeting face to face this term! Thank God for the recent series we've done on evangelism in light of Covid, and that Jesus' mission to save the lost has been brought back into focus.

Prayer:

Pray for opportunities to share "the better story" that we have in Jesus, and that we'd grow in prayerfulness for unbelievers who we desire to be saved. Pray for us to be able to keep meeting and encourage each other, even in the midst of busyness, tiredness and sickness.

Bloom

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for the recent talk 2 on "Untangling Emotions" and how it's helped many of us identify and evaluate our various emotions, engaging with God as we do so. Thank God for what that has revealed about us, both good and bad, and for leading us to repentance.

Prayer:

Pray for God's help in continuing to deal with our emotions, particularly the difficult & strong ones. Pray that the final Bloom session on Nov 28 will be of great encouragement as we hear from women who have been doing just that! Pray for wisdom & sensitivity for Faith & Sonja as they answer in the QnA.

Grunt

Thanksgiving:

Praise God that Grunt has continued on through the year, and in particular for the opportunities for the men to connect in small groups and online. Thank God for the opportunities the men have had to gather, encourage, and pray for each other across fellowship groups – and for the encouragement that has been for all who have participated.

Prayer:

Pray for the upcoming Grunt session on 31st October as we explore the Biblical mandate upon men to lead in

teaching the Bible in church. Pray that the lives of the past reformers, along with scripture, will spur the men to prioritise the teaching of the Bible in their families, fellowship groups, and church – and that they will be as willing to sacrifice as men in the past have to see this happen.

PA Team

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for the PA team as we continue picking up the usage of the new streaming system. Thank God for the abundance of equipment.

Prayer:

Pray that SLE would be able to meet in person with no restrictions soon. Pray that God would raise more people to manage our growing digital presence.

SLE Welcome Host Team

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for the chance to church in person again! Great excitement among the Welcome Host Team members to greet and meet visitors for Sunday services. Face to face meeting is very much appreciated by everyone.

Welcome Host Team members are thankful to serve the church in person and for the opportunities to greet new and old faces, sing corporately, hear from the pulpit

without internet or sound issues! Thank God for the gradual ease of restrictions within Queensland and how we are inching back to normality, and hopefully more people will be allowed to meet at Ryans Road in the near future.

Prayer:

Pray for the host team to continue being faithful, servant-hearted, genuine and welcoming as we serve our big God. Getting used to technology and new processes is something everyone is still trying to get used to, so pray for patience and humility as we teach and learn from each other.

Pray for wisdom and love as we navigate through (potential) tricky circumstances and/or people.

Pray for desire and excitement in meeting face to face permeates throughout the church as everyone at SLE gather to fellowship and pray together physically as a body of Christ.

Administration

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for providing many different gifts and abilities in church to generously serve in church.

Prayer:

Pray for wisdom to balance home, work and service for all involved.

Missions Co-ordination Team

Thanksgiving:

- Able to resume Missions Spots in service.
- Had 6 good meetings in 2019 and now able to hold one meeting this year.

Prayer:

- Pray that most SLEers will be aware of and praying for our Missions Partners.
- Pray for good attendance from those with an interest in missions and positive impact from the gathering.

Fay (East Asia)

Thanksgiving:

- Opportunities to get connected with different groups and to practise on-line facilities.
- Opportunities to minister and coach 3 ladies.
- Opportunities to teach the bible online to kids aged 6-11
- Participated in a church camp to meet different people.

Prayer:

- Looking for a part-time(2-3 days a week) job to update skills and qualifications.
- Perseverance and time to attend 20 hours on-line webinars.
- Being prayerful and diligent in preparation for the tasks ahead.
- Keeping up with the set schedule and to speak wisely.
- Own health (continuous recovery from recent surgeries) and parents' health.

Steve and Saeko Manders (OMF, Japan)

Thanksgiving:

- For the short Home Assignment term in mid-2021.
- For the past 15-year serving as a missionary couple in Japan (Saeko will be retired in Aug 2021 to look after her elderly parents)

Prayer:

- For the Lord's protection in health as going into a milder season of Autumn and Winter.
- Emilie's preparation for the Uni application.
- (Wisdom & knowledge)W&K to cope with ministry change upon Saeko's retirement.
- For the Lord's guidance of how Steve can further serve after his retirement in a few years' time.
- W&K of Steve to serve in different ministries (involving a total of 10 churches) especially the 3 churches in Bibal, Mikasa and Sunagawa.
- For health, deepening faith and a clear testimony of Jesus's love to be shared with the people of Japan.
- For continual provision from the Lord.

Thanksgiving:

Nick Crook (QLD
OMF State Leader)

- Attended the Mission Matters conference in Sep., being able to share with the young and old, the experienced and new missionaries.
- For the completion of the last Tectonic Mission discussion group amid the difficult COVID Year 2020.

Prayer:

- W&K to follow up with those who are interested to be in short- and/or long- term missions.
- W&K of planning for the years ahead.

David and Suzanne
Nickles (Interserve Asia)

Thanksgiving:

- For the restoration of Suanne's grief upon loss of mother a few months ago.
- For the successful executive meeting of ACCA.
- For the on-line training made possible amid the difficult COVID Year 2020

Prayer:

- For Living Wholeness ministry to look for a suitable personnel (financial / bookkeeping) to assist in a voluntary capacity.
- W&K and inspiration of the design team working on more graphics for the Living Wholeness ministry.

- W&K of the executives to lead ACCA especially the opening up of S. Korea, Taiwan and Philippines.
- For the timing and venues/locations of the Masters Course to be delivered.

Each other

Spend a little time sharing some personal prayer points that you can pray for each other.

