

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE 2021

Wk #	Date	PRAY FOR:			Liturgical readings
		Countries	Australian Churches	Ecumenical Friends	
1	3-9 Jan EPIPHANY	Middle East: Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon	Anglican Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12
2	10-16 Jan	Iran, Iraq, Syria	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11
3	17-23 Jan	Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-10 , (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51
4	24-30 Jan	Cyprus, Greece, Turkey	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
5	31 Jan-6 Feb	North Africa: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
6	7-13 Feb	Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain	Churches of Christ	Churches Together SA	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
7	14-20 Feb TRANS- FIGURATION	Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	Congregational Federation	Tasmanian Council Of Churches	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
8	21-27 Feb LENT	France, Germany, Monaco	Coptic Orthodox Church – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	Victorian Council Of Churches	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-1
9	28 Feb-6 Mar LENT	Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Greek Orthodox Church	Council Of Churches Western Australia	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 or <i>Mark 9:2-9</i>
10	7-13 Mar LENT	Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales	Indian Orthodox Church	World Council Of Churches	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

11	14-20 Mar LENT	Scandinavia: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden	Lutheran Church	NSW Ecumenical Council	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
12	21-27 Mar LENT	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or <i>Psalm 119:9-16</i> Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
13	28-Mar- 3 Apr PALM/ PASSION SUNDAY	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)
14	4 - 10 Apr EASTER	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia,	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or <i>Isaiah 25:6-9</i> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> John 20:1-18 or <i>Mark 16:1-8</i>
15	11-17 Apr	Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
16	18-24 Apr	Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine	The Salvation Army	<i>Tasmanian Council Of Churches</i>	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
17	25 Apr -1 May	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
18	2 -8 May	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1
19	9 -15May	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Anglican Church	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
20	16 -22May	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
21	23 May PENTECOST 23-29	Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Acts 2:1-21 or <i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i> Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 or <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

22	30 May-5 Jun TRINITY SUNDAY	Angola, Mozambique	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
23	6 - 12 Jun	Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16- 20, (11:14-15) or <i>Psalm 138</i> Genesis 3:8-15 or <i>Psalm 130</i> 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35
24	13-19 Jun	Botswana, Zimbabwe	Churches of Christ	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 or <i>Psalm 20</i> Ezekiel 17:22-24 <i>Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15</i> 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4:26-34
25	20- 26 Jun	Malawi, Zambia	Congregational Federation	<i>Tasmanian Council Of Churches</i>	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 <i>Psalm 133</i> Job 38:1-11 <i>Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32</i> 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
26	27 Jun – 3 Jul	Kenya, Tanzania	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 <i>Psalm 130</i> Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or <i>Lamentations 3:22-33</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43
27	4 – 10 Jul	Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 <i>Psalm 48</i> Ezekiel 2:1-5 <i>Psalm 123</i> 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
28	11 – 17 Jul	Eritrea, Ethiopia	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 <i>Psalm 24</i> Amos 7:7-15 <i>Psalm 85:8-13</i> Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
29	18 – 24 Jul	Djibouti, Somalia	Lutheran Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-14a <i>Psalm 89:20-37</i> Jeremiah 23:1-6 <i>Psalm 23</i> Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
30	25- 31 Jul	Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 11:1-15 <i>Psalm 14</i> 2 Kings 4:42-44 <i>Psalm 145:10-18</i> Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

31	1-7 Aug	Republic of Congo, Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a <i>Psalm 51:1-12</i> Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 <i>Psalm 78:23-29</i> Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
32	8-14 Aug	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 <i>Psalm 130</i> 1 Kings 19:4-8 <i>Psalm 34:1-8</i> Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
33	15-21 Aug	Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 <i>Psalm 111</i> Proverbs 9:1-6 <i>Psalm 34:9-14</i> Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
34	22-28 Aug	Liberia, Sierra Leone	The Salvation Army	<i>Tasmanian Council Of Churches</i>	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 <i>Psalm 84</i> Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 <i>Psalm 34:15-22</i> Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
35	29 Aug- 4 Sep	Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 <i>Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9</i> Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 <i>Psalm 15</i> James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
36	5-11 Sep	Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 <i>Psalm 125</i> Isaiah 35:4-7a <i>Psalm 146</i> James 2:1-10, 14-17 Mark 7:24-37
37	12 – 18 Sep	Ghana, Nigeria	Anglican Church	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	Proverbs 1:20-33 <i>Psalm 19</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 or <i>Solomon 7:26 - 8:1</i> James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
38	19 - 25Sep	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay	Antiochian Orthodox & Armenian Apostolic Churches	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Proverbs 31:10-31 <i>Psalm 1</i> Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or <i>Jeremiah 11:18-20</i> Psalm 54 James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
39	26 Sep- 2 Oct	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 <i>Psalm 124</i> Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 <i>Psalm 19:7-14</i> James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
40	3 – 9 Oct	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 <i>Psalm 26</i> Genesis 2:18-24 <i>Psalm 8</i> Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16



41	10 – 16 Oct	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama	Churches of Christ	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 <i>Psalm 22:1-15</i> Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 <i>Psalm 90:12-17</i> Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
42	17 – 23 Oct	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico	Congregational Federation	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) <i>Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c</i> Isaiah 53:4-12 <i>Psalm 91:9-16</i> Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
43	24 -30 Oct	The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 <i>Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)</i> Jeremiah 31:7-9 <i>Psalm 126</i> Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
44	31 Oct – 6 Nov	Canada, United States	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 <i>Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)</i> Jeremiah 31:7-9 <i>Psalm 126</i> Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
45	7 – 13 Nov	Oceania: French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu	Lutheran Church	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 <i>Psalm 127</i> 1 Kings 17:8-16 <i>Psalm 146</i> Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
46	14 20 Nov	Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	1 Samuel 1:4-20 <i>1 Samuel 2:1-10</i> Daniel 12:1-3 <i>Psalm 16</i> Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8
47	21 – 27 Nov REIGN OF CHRIST	East Timor, (Timor-Leste) Indonesia, Philippines	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	2 Samuel 23:1-7 <i>Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)</i> Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 <i>Psalm 93</i> Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

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48	28 Nov- 4 Dec ADVENT	Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
49	5 – 11 Dec ADVENT	Myanmar, Thailand	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together /Churches Together SA</i>	Baruch 5:1-9 or <i>Malachi 3:1-4</i> Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
50	12 -18 Dec ADVENT	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam	The Salvation Army	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
51	19 -24 Dec ADVENT 25 Dec CHRISTMAS DAY	China, Hong Kong, Macau	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 or <i>Psalm 80:1-7</i> Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
52	26 Dec-1 Jan	Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52
53	2 Jan 2021	Migrants, refugees and stateless people		<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Jeremiah 31:7-14 or <i>Sirach 24:1-12</i> Psalm 147:12-20 or <i>Solomon 10:15-21</i> Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

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