

*National Council of Churches in Australia**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle 2023*

Wk #	Date (Sun.-Sat.)	PRAY FOR:			Liturgical readings
		Countries	Australian Churches	Ecumenical Friends	
1	1-7 Jan 6 - 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	8 - 14 Jan BAPTISM OF JESUS	Iran, Iraq, Syria	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17
3	15 - 21 Jan	Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42
4	22 - 28 Jan	Cyprus, Greece, Turkey	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23
5	29 Jan - 4 Feb	North Africa: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Cor 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12
6	5 - 11 Feb	Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City	Churches of Christ	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20
7	12 - 18 Feb	Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	Congregational Federation	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37
8	19 - 25 Feb ASH WED 22	France, Germany, Monaco	Coptic Orthodox Church – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9
9	26 Feb - 4 Mar LENT 1	Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
10	5 - 11 Mar LENT 2	Ireland, and United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or P Matthew 17: 1-9



11	12 - 18 Mar LENT 3	Scandinavia: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden	Lutheran Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
12	19 - 25 Mar LENT 4	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Mar Thoma Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
13	26 Mar - 1 Apr LENT 5	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
14	2 - 8 Apr LENT 6 {PALM} PASSION SUNDAY	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia,	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11 <i>Passion Sunday</i> Is 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14 – 27:6
15	9 - 15 Apr EASTER	Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
16	16 - 22 Apr	Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine	The Salvation Army	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
17	23 - 29 Apr	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
18	30 Apr - 6 May	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
19	7 - 13 May	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Anglican Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
20	14 - 20 May	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
21	21 - 27 May	Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11



22	28 May - 3 Jun PENTECOST	Angola, Mozambique	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24- 34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
23	4 - 10 Jun TRINITY SUNDAY	Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
24	11 - 17 Jun	Botswana, Zimbabwe	Churches of Christ	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Genesis 12:1-9, Psalm 33:1-12 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
25	18- 24 Jun	Malawi, Zambia	Congregational Federation	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
26	25 Jun – 1 Jul	Kenya, Tanzania	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Genesis 21:8-21 or Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
27	2 – 8 Jul	Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42
28	9 – 15 Jul	Eritrea, Ethiopia	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
29	16 – 22 Jul	Djibouti, Somalia	Lutheran Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
30	23 - 29 Jul	Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
31	30 Jul - 5 Aug	Republic of Congo, Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
32	6 - 12 Aug	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea	Roman Catholic Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21
33	13 - 19 Aug	Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
34	20 - 26 Aug	Liberia, Sierra Leone	The Salvation Army	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28



35	27 Aug – 2 Sep	Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
36	3 - 9 Sep	Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
37	10 – 16 Sep	Ghana, Nigeria	Anglican Church	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Mt 18:15-20
38	17 – 23 Sep	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay	Antiochian Orthodox & Armenian Apostolic Churches	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 or Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
39	24 – 30 Sep	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16
40	1 – 7 Oct	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
41	8 – 14 Oct	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama	Churches of Christ	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
42	15 – 21 Oct	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico	Congregational Federation	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
43	22 - 28 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>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
44	29 Oct – 4 Nov	Canada, United States	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46



45	5 – 11 Nov	Oceania: French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu	Lutheran Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12
46	12 - 18 Nov	Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
47	19 – 25 Nov	East Timor, (Timor-Leste) Indonesia, Philippines	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	Jgs 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
48	26 Nov- 2 Dec REIGENESIS OF CHRIST	Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore	Roman Catholic Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

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49	3 – 9 Dec ADVENT 1	Myanmar, Thailand	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together /Churches Together SA</i>	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
50	10 -16 Dec ADVENT 2	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam	The Salvation Army	<i>Council of Churches WA/ Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
51	17 -23 Dec ADVENT 3	P.R. China, Hong Kong, Macau	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council/Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
52	24 - 30 Dec ADVENT 4	Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
25		CHRISTMAS DAY			Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

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