

National Council of Churches in Australia

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle **2024**

Wk #	Date (Sun.-Sat.)	PRAY FOR:			Liturgical readings
		Countries	Australian Churches	Ecumenical Friends	
1	31 Dec - 6 Jan 6 - EPIPHANY	Middle East: Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon	Anglican Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4 - 7 Luke 2: 22 - 40 Epiphany: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-7,10-14. Eph 3:1-12, Mt 2:1-12
2	7 - 13 Jan BAPTISM OF JESUS	Iran, Iraq, Syria	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11
3	14 - 20 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	21 - 27 Jan	Cyprus, Greece, Turkey	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	John 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
5	28 Jan - 3 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	4 - 10 Feb	Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City	Churches of Christ	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
7	11 - 17 Feb ASH WED 14 Transfiguration of Jesus	Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	Congregational Federation	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
8	18 - 24 Feb LENT 1	France, Germany, Monaco	Coptic Orthodox Church – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
9	25 Feb - 2 Mar LENT 2	Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9
10	3 - 9 Mar LENT 3	Ireland, and United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland,	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Ex 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

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11	10 - 16 Mar LENT 4	Scandinavia: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden	Lutheran Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
12	17- 23 Mar LENT 5	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Mar Thoma Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
13	24 - 30 Mar LENT 6 {PALM} PASSION SUNDAY	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	Palm Sunday Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Mark 11:1-11 P or John 12:12-16 Passion Sunday 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	31 Mar - 6 Apr EASTER Sunday	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia,	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Acts 10:34-43 or Is 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8
15	7 - 13 Apr	Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
16	14 - 20 Apr	Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine	The Salvation Army	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
17	21 - 27 Apr	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
18	28 Apr- 4 May	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
19	5 - 11 May	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Anglican Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
20	12 - 18 May Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

21	19 - 25 May PENTECOST	Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles	<i>Armenian Apostolic Church</i>	World Council of Churches	<i>Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Rom 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</i>
22	26 May - 1 Jun TRINITY SUNDAY	Angola, Mozambique	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
23	2 - 8 Jun	Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6
24	9- 15 Jun	Botswana, Zimbabwe	Churches of Christ	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35
25	16- 22 Jun	Malawi, Zambia	Congregational Federation	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 4:26-34
26	23 - 29 Jun	Kenya, Tanzania	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23), 32-49 or 1 Sm 17:57-18:5,10-16 Psalm 9:9-20 or Ps 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
27	30 Jun – 6 Jul	Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 1:1,17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43
28	7– 13 Jul	Eritrea, Ethiopia	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
29	14 – 20 Jul	Djibouti, Somalia	Lutheran Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Eph 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
30	21 – 27 Jul	Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Eph 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
31	28 Jul - 3 Aug	Republic of Congo, Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Eph 3:14-21 Jn 6:1-21
32	4 - 10 Aug	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea	Roman Catholic Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

33	11 - 17 Aug	Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	Romanian Orthodox Church	Northern Territory Council of Churches	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
34	18 - 24 Aug	Liberia, Sierra Leone	The Salvation Army	Queensland Churches Together	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
35	25 - 31 Aug	Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal	Syrian Orthodox Church	Christian Conference of Asia	1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11),22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
36	1 - 7 Sep	Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo	Uniting Church in Australia	Churches Together SA	Song 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2,6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23
37	8 - 14 Sep	Ghana, Nigeria	Anglican Church	Tasmanian Council of Churches	Prv 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10, (11-13),14-17 Mark 7:24-37
38	15- 21 Sep	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay	Antiochian Orthodox & Armenian Apostolic Churches	Victorian Council of Churches	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
39	22 - 28 Sep	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru	Assyrian Church of the East	Council of Churches Western Australia	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
40	29 Sep - 5 Oct	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela	Chinese Methodist Church	Pacific Conference of Churches	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
41	6 - 12 Oct	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama	Churches of Christ	World Council of Churches	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
42	13 - 19 Oct	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico	Congregational Federation	NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT	Job 23:1-9,16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Heb 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
43	20 - 26 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	Northern Territory Council of Churches	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Heb 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

44	27 Oct – 2 Nov	Canada, United States	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Job 42:1-6,10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Heb 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
45	3 – 9 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>	<i>Ruth 1:1-18</i> <i>Psalm 146</i> <i>Hebrews 9:11-14</i> <i>Mark 12:28-34</i>
46	10 – 16 Nov	Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Churches Together SA</i>	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
47	17 – 23 Nov	East Timor, (Timor-Leste) Indonesia, Philippines	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Tasmanian Council of Churches</i>	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8
48	24 - 30 Nov REIGN OF CHRIST	Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore	Roman Catholic Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

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49	1 – 7 Dec ADVENT 1	Myanmar, Thailand	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together /Churches Together SA</i>	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-101 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
50	8 -14 Dec ADVENT 2	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam	The Salvation Army	<i>Council of Churches WA/ Victorian Council of Churches</i>	Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
51	15 -21 Dec ADVENT 3	P.R. China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council/Northern Territory Council of Churches & ACT</i>	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
52	22 – 28 Dec ADVENT 4	Japan, North Korea, South Korea,	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY			<i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i> <i>Psalm 96</i> <i>Titus 2:11-14</i> <i>Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)</i>
	29 Dec – 4 Jan 25	Stateless People			1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

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