

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA
ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE 2020

Wk #	Date	Countries	Australian Churches	Ecumenical Friends	Liturgical readings
1	29 Dec -4 Jan	Middle East: Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon	Anglican Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23
2	5-11 Jan EPIPHANY	Iran, Iraq, Syria	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
3	12-18 Jan	Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3: 13-17
4	19-25 Jan	Cyprus, Greece, Turkey	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
5	26 Jan-1 Feb	North Africa: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23
6	2-8 Feb	Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain	Churches of Christ	<i>South Australian Council Of Churches</i>	Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
7	9-15 Feb	Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	Congregational Federation	<i>Tasmanian Council Of Churches</i>	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112: 1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
8	16-22 Feb	France, Germany, Monaco	Coptic Orthodox Church – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 119: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
9	23-29 Feb TRANSFIGURATION	Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 (or 99); 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9
10	1-7 Mar LENT	Ireland, United Kingdom: England Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11
11	8-14 Mar LENT	Scandinavia: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden	Lutheran Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11



12	15-21 Mar LENT	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
13	22-28 Mar LENT	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
14	29 Mar-4Apr LENT	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia,	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
15	5-11 Apr PASSION/PAL M	Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>South Australia Council Of Churches</i>	Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 (or Matthew 27:11-54)
16	12-18 Apr EASTER	Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine	The Salvation Army	<i>Tasmanian Council Of Churches</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)
17	19-25 Apr	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Acts 2:14a,22-32; Psalm 116; 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
18	26 Apr-2 May	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Acts 2:14a,36-41; Psalm 116:1-4,12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
19	3-9 May	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Anglican Church	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
20	10-16 May	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
21	17-23 May	Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 148; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
22	24-30 May	Angola, Mozambique	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11



23	31 May-6 Jun PENTECOST	Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</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)
24	7-13 Jun TRINITY SUNDAY	Botswana, Zimbabwe	Churches of Christ	<i>South Australia Council Of Churches</i>	Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; Psalm 8 2; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
25	14-20 Jun	Malawi, Zambia	Congregational Federation	<i>Tasmanian Council Of Churches</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	21-27 Jun	Kenya, Tanzania	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Genesis 21:8-21 42-49, 58-67 (or Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17); Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
27	28 Jun-4 Jul	Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
28	5-11 Jul	Eritrea, Ethiopia	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	Genesis 24:34-38, Psalm 45:10-17 (or Song 2:8-13) Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
29	12-18 Jul	Djibouti, Somalia	Lutheran Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
30	19-25 Jul	Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
31	26 Jul-1 Aug	Republic of Congo, Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (or Psalm 128); Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
32	2-8 Aug	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 ; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
33	9-15 Aug	Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>South Australia 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	16-22 Aug	Liberia, Sierra Leone	The Salvation Army	<i>Tasmanian Council Of Churches</i>	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20)
35	23-29 Aug	Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20



36	30 Aug-5 Sep	Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
37	6-12 Sep	Ghana, Nigeria	Anglican Church	<i>World Council Of Churches</i>	Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
38	13-19 Sep	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay	Antiochian Orthodox & Armenian Apostolic Churches	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; (or Ex 15: 1b-11, 20-21) Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
39	20-26 Sep	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
40	27 Sep-3 Oct	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
41	4-10 Oct	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama	Churches of Christ	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
42	11-17 Oct	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico	Congregational Federation	<i>South Australia Council Of Churches</i>	Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
43	18-24 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>	Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
44	25-31 Oct	Canada, United States	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council Of Churches</i>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 ; Matthew 22:34-46
45	1-7 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>	All Saints Day Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm Ps 34:1-10, 22 1; John 3:1-3 ; Matthew 5:1-12 or Joshua 3:7-17 ; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12



46	8-14 Nov	Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
47	15-21 Nov	East Timor, (Timor-Leste) Indonesia, Philippines	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council</i>	Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
48	22-28 Nov CHRIST THE KING	Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore	Roman Catholic Church	<i>Northern Territory Council Of Churches</i>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
49	29 Nov 5 Dec ADVENT	Myanmar, Thailand	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together /South Australia Council Of Churches</i>	Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
50	6-12 Dec ADVENT	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam	The Salvation Army	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</i>	Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
51	13-19 Dec ADVENT	China, Hong Kong, Macau	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian 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	20-26 Dec ADVENT	Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Council Of Churches Western Australia</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
53	27 Dec –2 Jan 2021	Migrants, refugees and stateless people		<i>Christian Conference Of Asia</i>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 ; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40