



National Council of Churches in Australia

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle 2026

PRAY FOR:					
Wk #	Date (Sun.-Sat.)	Countries	Australian Churches	Ecumenical Friends	Liturgical readings
1	4-10 Jan 6 TH - EPIPHANY	Middle East: Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon	Anglican Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	- Jeremiah 31:7-14 [or Sirach 24:1-12] Psalm 147:12-20 [or Solomon 10:15-21] - Ephesians 1:3-14 - John 1:(1-9), 10-18
2	11- 17 Jan BAPTISM OF JESUS	Iran, Iraq, Syria	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	- Isaiah 42:1-9 - Psalm 29 - Acts 10:34-43 - Matthew 3:13-17
3	18- 24 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	25 – 31 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	1 - 7Feb 2 ND PRESENTATIO N OF THE LORD	North Africa: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	- Micah 6:1-8 - Psalm 15 - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 - Matthew 5:1-12
6	8 - 14 Feb	Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City	Churches of Christ	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	- Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) - Psalm 112:1-9 (10) - 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) - Matthew 5:13-20
7	15 - 21 Feb 18 TH ASH WED Transfigurati on Sunday -	Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	Congregational Federation	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	- Exodus 24:12-18 - Psalm 2 [or Psalm 99] - 2 Peter 1:16-21 - Matthew 17:1-9
8	22 - 28 Feb LENT 1	France, Germany, Monaco	Coptic Orthodox Church – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 - Psalm 32 - Romans 5:12-19 - Matthew 4:1-11
9	1 - 7 Mar LENT 2	Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	- Genesis 12:1-4a - Psalm 121 - Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 - John 3:1-17 [or Matthew 17:1- 9]
10	8 - 14 Mar LENT 3	Ireland, and United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	- Exodus 17:1-7 - Psalm 95 - Romans 5:1-11 - John 4:5-42
11	15 -21 Mar	Scandinavia:	Lutheran Church	<i>Pacific Conference</i>	- 1 Samuel 16:1-13



	LENT 4	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden		<i>of Churches</i>	- Psalm 23 - Ephesians 5:8-14 - John 9:1-41
12	22- 28 Mar LENT 5	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Mar Thoma Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	- Ezekiel 37:1-14 - Psalm 130 - Romans 8:6-11 - John 11:1-45
13	29 Mar – 4 Apr LENT 6 PALM/PASSI ON SUNDAY- GOOD FRIDAY	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	- Isaiah 50:4-9a - Psalm 31:9-16 - Philippians 2:5-11 - Matthew 26:14-27:66 [or Matthew 27:11-54]
14	5 Apr - 11 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 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]
15	12 - 18 Apr ORTHODOX PASCHA	Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	- Acts 2:14a, 22-32 - Psalm 16 - 1 Peter 1:3-9 - John 20:19-31
16	19- 25 Apr	Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine	The Salvation Army	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	- Acts 2:14a, 36-41 - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 - 1 Peter 1:17-23 - Luke 24:13-35
17	26 Apr- 2 May	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	- Acts 2:42-47 - Psalm 23 - 1 Peter 2:19-25 - John 10:1-10
18	3 - 9 May	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajik-istan, Turkmen-istan, Uzbekistan	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	- Acts 7:55-60 - Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 - 1 Peter 2:2-10 - John 14:1-14
19	10 - 16 May 14 th Ascension	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Anglican Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	- Acts 17:22-31 - Psalm 66:8-20 - 1 Peter 3:13-22 - John 14:15-21
20	17 – 23 May Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal	Antiochian Orthodox Church	<i>Pacific Conference 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
21	24 - 30 May PENTECOST	Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madaga-scar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles	Armenian Apostolic Church	<i>World Council of Churches</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]



22	31 May – 6 Jun <i>TRINITY SUNDAY/ ORTHODOX PENTECOST</i>	Angola, Mozambique	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	- Genesis 1:1-2:4a - Psalm 8 - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 - Matthew 28:16-20
23	7 - 13 Jun	Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	- Genesis 12:1-9 - Psalm 33:1-12 - [Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15] - Romans 4:13-25 - Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
24	14 – 20 Jun	Botswana, Zimbabwe	Churches of Christ	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	- Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) - Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 - [Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100] - Romans 5:1-8 - Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
25	21- 27 Jun	Malawi, Zambia	Congregational Federation	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	- Genesis 21:8-21 - Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 - [Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18] - Romans 6:1b-11 - Matthew 10:24-39
26	28 Jun – 4 Jul	Kenya, Tanzania	Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	- Genesis 22:1-14 - Psalm 13 - [Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18] - Romans 6:12-23 - Matthew 10:40-42
27	5 - 11 Jul	Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	- Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 - Psalm 45:10-17 - [or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 - Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14] - Romans 7:15-25a - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
28	12 - 18 Jul	Eritrea, Ethiopia	Indian Orthodox Church	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	- Genesis 25:19-34 and - Psalm 119:105-112 - [Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13] - Romans 8:1-11 - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
29	19– 25 Jul	Djibouti, Somalia	Lutheran Church	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	- Genesis 28:10-19a - Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 - [Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17] - Romans 8:12-25 - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
30	26 Jul – 1 Aug	Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda	Mar Thoma Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	- Genesis 29:15-28 - Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 - 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136 - Romans 8:26-39 - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
31	2 – 8 Aug	Republic of Congo, Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	- Genesis 32:22-31 - Psalm 17:1-7, 15 - [Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21] - Romans 9:1-5 - Matthew 14:13-21



32	9- 15 Aug	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea	Roman Catholic Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	- Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 - Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b - [1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13] - Romans 10:5-15 - Matthew 14:22-33
33	16 - 22 Aug	Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Northern Territory Council of Churches</i>	- Genesis 45:1-15 and - Psalm 133 - [Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67] - Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 - Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
34	23 – 29 Aug	Liberia, Sierra Leone	The Salvation Army	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	- Exodus 1:8-2:10 - Psalm 124 - [Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138] - Romans 12:1-8 - Matthew 16:13-20
35	30 Aug – 5 Sep	Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	- Exodus 3:1-15 - Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b - [Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8] - Romans 12:9-21 - Matthew 16:21-28
36	6 - 12 Sep	Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	- Exodus 12:1-14 and - Psalm 149 - [Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40] - Romans 13:8-14 - Matthew 18:15-20
37	13 – 19 Sep	Ghana, Nigeria	Anglican Church	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	- Exodus 14:19-31 and - Psalm 114 - [Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 - Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13] - Romans 14:1-12 - Matthew 18:21-35
38	20– 26 Sep	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay	Antiochian Orthodox & Armenian Apostolic Churches	<i>Victorian Council of Churches</i>	- Exodus 16:2-15 and - Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 - [Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8] - Philippians 1:21-30 - Matthew 20:1-16
39	27 Sep – 3 Oct	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru	Assyrian Church of the East	<i>Council of Churches Western Australia</i>	- Exodus 17:1-7 and - Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 - [Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9] - Philippians 2:1-13 - Matthew 21:23-32
40	4 – 10 Oct	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela	Chinese Methodist Church	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 - Psalm 19 - [Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15] - Philippians 3:4b-14 - Matthew 21:33-46
41	11 – 17 Oct	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama	Churches of Christ	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	- Exodus 32:1-14 and - Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 - [Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23] - Philippians 4:1-9 - Matthew 22:1-14
42	18 – 24 Oct	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico	Congregational Federation	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council & ACT</i>	- Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99 - [Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)] - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 - Matthew 22:15-22



43	25 - 31 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>	- Deuteronomy 34:1-12 - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 - [Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1] - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 - Matthew 22:34-46
44	1 – 7 Nov	Canada, United States	Greek Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together</i>	- Joshua 3:7-17 - Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 - [Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43] - 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 - Matthew 23:1-12
45	8 – 14 Nov	Oceania: French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru,	Lutheran Church Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu Vanuatu	<i>Pacific Conference of Churches</i>	- Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 - Psalm 78:1-7 - [Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70] - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Matthew 25:1-13
46	15 – 21 Nov	Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia	Mar Thoma Church	<i>South Australian Churches</i>	- Judges 4:1-7 - Psalm 123 - [Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12] - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - Matthew 25:14-30
47	22 – 28 Nov Reign of Christ	East Timor, (Timor-Leste) Indonesia, Philippines	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	<i>Tasmanian Churches</i>	- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 - Psalm 100 - [Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 95:1-7a] Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

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48	29 Nov – 5 Dec ADVENT 1	Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore	Roman Catholic Church	<i>World Council of Churches</i>	- Isaiah 64:1-9 - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 - Mark 13:24-37
49	6 – 12 Dec ADVENT 2	Myanmar, Thailand	Romanian Orthodox Church	<i>Queensland Churches Together / South Australian Churches</i>	- Isaiah 40:1-11 - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 - 2 Peter 3:8-15a - Mark 1:1-8
50	13 -19 Dec ADVENT 3	Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam	The Salvation Army	<i>Council of Churches WA/ 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
51	20 -26 Dec ADVENT 4	P.R. China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan	Syrian Orthodox Church	<i>NSW Ecumenical Council/Northern Territory Council of Churches & ACT</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)	Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14
52	27 Dec – 2 Jan	Japan, North Korea, South Korea	Uniting Church in Australia	<i>Christian Conference of Asia</i>	- Isaiah 61:10-62:3 - Psalm 148 - Galatians 4:4-7 - Luke 2:22-40

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