



eu graduatesfund prayer month

Flooding God's Church with Christian leaders

Thanks for praying with us!

The EU Graduates Fund has a vision, under God, to flood the Church in Sydney, Australia and beyond with Christian leaders. But without prayer, all our efforts may be fruitless!

We know that God brings growth, and we're very thankful that you'll be joining us this month in a prayerful community of partners, committed to bringing the needs, joys and challenges of serving on campus to the Lord. In this, the EU's 86th year, we have a lot for which we thank God, and a lot for which we continue to ask. So please stick this prayer calendar up in your home and pray with us every day in September. Gather some friends to commit this work to God together. We hope you find the month encouraging.

Check out Facebook, our website and the back page of this calendar for extra items for prayer, tips for how to gather and pray with a group, and videos to fuel your prayers.



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SPIRITUAL GROWTH	VISION VALUES	CAMPUS NEEDS	REACHING OUT	VISION VALUES	THANKING GOD	GRADSFUND NEEDS
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>ONE Praise God for many generations of EU graduates who have gone out to serve in churches in Sydney, Australia and beyond. Pray that the ministry of the EU and EUGF would keep flooding God's church with lay and vocational leaders.</p> <p>Rowan Kemp – Staff Team Leader Pray that the Lord make fruitful the many opportunities I have to speak God's Word into students' lives through Public Meetings, conferences, one-to-one meetings and training courses.</p>	<p>TWO Give thanks to God for the provision of nine Howies* and four senior staff to the team this year, totaling 36 staff. Praise God for this growth in staff enabling more ministry to be done on campus.</p> <p>Paddy Benn – Snr Staff Pray for the three week PM talks series this semester on what it means to follow Jesus and that it is worth it. Pray that I would set aside good quality preparation time and that God's Spirit will change people to make them more like Jesus.</p>	<p>THREE Give thanks for the EUGF Board who oversee the finances and operation of the ministry. Pray for Rt Rev. Robert Forsyth (chair), Tracey Lubke, Richard Baird, Rev. Mike Paget, Paul Hewson, and three new Board members who have joined this year: Emma Jonceski, Maggie Fung and Alison Glover.</p> <p>Jo Wong – Snr Staff Pray that God's all-sufficient grace in Jesus will continue to radically shape my thoughts, desires and decisions.</p>
<p> When you see this symbol, visit gradsfund.org/prayermonth for prayer videos.</p>				<p> A</p>		
<p>FOUR Pray that as we look at the book of the year Genesis, in Public Meetings this year that God will speak through Rowan clearly and faithfully. Pray that the truths of God's word will be deeply rooted in students' hearts.</p> <p>Celia Toose – Snr Staff Thank God for my three-year anniversary with the EU and the joy of seeing the EU become more globally minded.</p>	<p>FIVE Praise God for the 45 students who attended "Plunge" in May, a conference helping students to consider short and long term vocational ministry. Pray that students and graduates may be inspired and convicted to be workers in God's harvest field.</p> <p>Matthew 9:37-38 - <i>"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."</i></p> <p>Caitlin Munday - Law Give thanks for nine new first year Law students. Pray they will submit their lives to Jesus' Lordship amidst competing claims on their affections.</p>	<p>SIX Praise God for the decision of the University of Sydney Union (USU) to allow faith-based membership in all clubs and societies. Pray for continued positive relations between the EU and the USU so that we may be able to freely proclaim the gospel.</p> <p>Moussa Ghazal – Snr Staff Praise God for saving "M" last semester. Pray that he may be strongly established in his faith. Please also pray for wisdom in looking after our autistic son long term.</p>	<p>SEVEN Praise God for the many students who attended outreach events as part of our three-week campus-wide "Festival" mission during August.</p> <p>Penny Slater - Primary Ed & Masters Pray for the "Looking Forward" dinners in Education this semester, designed to equip seniors with a biblical outlook on work and encourage them to consider serving in a LRLR² area. Pray that students would make bold steps to move to LRLR areas with their profession.</p>	<p>EIGHT Pray that the EU will inspire and equip hundreds of students to be innovative ministry strategists around the world. Pray for EU grad, Chloe Wolfson, serving in Spain. They are starting a new project in a town nearby to build connections and are holding an open bible meeting to read the bible each week.</p> <p>Helen Oh and Andrew Sawyer - euFocus³ Praise God for International student "F" who became a Christian in Semester 1. Please pray that God would raise up more Christian leaders in euFocus.</p>	<p>NINE Praise God for the establishment of the new Nursing Faculty. The numbers in small groups have tripled since 2015, and 24 students attended Ancon!</p> <p>Bill Ford - Nursing Praise God for the great student leadership this year in the new Nursing Faculty. Pray that Godly and servant-hearted leaders will be raised up for 2017.</p>	<p>TEN Give thanks for the generosity of the supporters who financially and prayerfully support the work of the Graduates Fund to enable the work on campus! Pray that the last \$46,000 would be raised so that the budget for 2016 is met.</p> <p>Melissa Tjong - Social Work Praise God for the opportunity to make connections with Muslim women this year. Pray that I would seek to persevere in building good relationships with these women and speak the truth in love.</p>
<p>ELEVEN Praise God for the 927 people who regularly attended small groups and the 150 visitors in semester one. Pray that Small Groups will continue to be a time of spiritual growth for students on campus.</p> <p>Psalm 119:105 - <i>"For your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path!"</i></p>	<p>TWELVE Pray for the 114 students who are being trained by Howies as Assistant Small Group Leaders. Pray that they will lead by the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve others and that God will equip them to be servant-hearted leaders in His church.</p>	<p>THIRTEEN Pray for the EU student leaders that their leadership would be Christ-shaped as they serve the student body. Pray that they would lead like Jesus with much wisdom and humility.</p>	<p>FOURTEEN EU students are challenged to invest in relationships with, and pray for three non-Christian friends this year in light of "Festival" mission. Pray that God would give them boldness to keep sharing their lives and Jesus with these people in Festival season and beyond.</p>	<p>FIFTEEN Pray that many EU students will consider serving at the 15 Summer Missions in December. Pray that as they are exposed to the gospel needs in less-reached and less-resourced areas they will make radical decisions to serve these or other LRLR places longer term.</p>	<p>SIXTEEN Praise God for His salvation! Pray for the six students who became Christians in Semester 1 and pray that many more would come to know Jesus this semester.</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:17 - <i>"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"</i></p>	<p>SEVENTEEN Pray that God would raise up 11 new Howies for 2017 to replace those who are finishing at the end of this year. Pray that there might be a steady stream of willing and mature graduates ready to serve as Howies over the next few years.</p>

<p>Karen Sowden – Snr Staff Give thanks that I have had a very positive start back from maternity leave. Please pray that when I feel feeble and inadequate, I will remember my confidence in Jesus and not my own strength. Pray I that may pace myself well too.</p> 	<p>Susie Ward and Dave Baker - Arts Plus, Pure Arts Thank God for increased opportunities the EU has had to speak with Muslim students this year, especially through combined events with the Muslim student association. Pray that these may continue for God's glory and the growth of his kingdom.</p>	<p>Lilly Wright - Science Pray for Science first year students as they navigate a new stage of life at University, that God's Spirit may guide and work in them, so that they may own their faith.</p>	<p>Thank God for Alan Orr and his faithful service of the EU Graduates Fund as Administrator. Thank God for his careful and diligent oversight of financial and administrative staff matters.</p>	<p>Rob Falls – Science & Design Pray that my trip this month to serve at the Vanuatu IFES group's annual conference would grow my desire for long term cross-cultural mission work in the South Pacific.</p>	<p>Matthew Moffitt – Snr Staff Please ask that God would give me great humility and wisdom as I meet with postgraduates and staff to encourage them to think, labour, and live in a way that is shaped by the Lordship of Christ.</p>	<p>Sarah Chilton – Pure Arts Pray for "Next Steps" conference being held today. Please pray students attending will prayerfully, joyfully and boldly take sacrificial steps to make an impact for the Kingdom. Pray that I may do this too!</p>
<p>EIGHTEEN Pray for students doing the "Jesus Centred Conversations", evangelism training course, that they may be encouraged to share their faith with others and have conversations centred on Jesus!</p> <p>Christine West - Pharmacy Thank God for 'M' studying Pharmacy, who committed her life to Christ in Semester 1! Pray that she would grow in faith and love for Christ.</p> 	<p>NINETEEN Pray that EU graduates will serve in areas that are less reached and less resourced. Pray for Bonny Zacharia, an EU grad working as a teacher in Broken Hill. Pray that her school will continue to run the only remaining scripture program in the area.</p> <p>Liz Mansour – Snr Staff Pray that upcoming school leavers will be invited, encouraged and envisioned by their church family to connect with their Uni Christian group in the year ahead.</p>	<p>TWENTY Pray for continued religious freedom across the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students university groups, that all would be able to maintain their core gospel values and be a visible presence on their campuses.</p> <p>Lachlan Miller, Arts Plus As I open God's word with students on campus, pray that my own personal devotion time will also thrive.</p>	<p>TWENTY-ONE Thank God for the opportunity the EU students have this year to run interfaith discussions with the Muslim society. Pray that more relationships would develop between Christian and Muslim students.</p> <p>Laura Southam - Snr Staff Pray for God's sustenance as I find my feet in this new role as a senior staff worker with Economics & Business and across student training, and that I will continue to grow and learn for a lifetime of service.</p>	<p>TWENTY-TWO Praise God for the time spent at AnCon looking at the doctrine of humanity, to grow biblically and theologically in depth. Pray that students' identity would be found first and foremost in their identity in Christ.</p> <p>Carlo & Alison Zancanaro - Science Pray that we would grow in our love of Jesus and serving Him. Pray that our time as Howies will help us determine where we will continue to serve Him.</p>	<p>TWENTY-THREE Praise God for the 31 non-Christian students who attended AnCon! Praise God for the three students who became Christians during the conference and in the first week of Semester 2!</p> <p>Caroline Andrews – Snr Staff Pray for Public Meetings this semester that students would keep prioritising hearing God's word taught on campus and be transformed by the renewing of their minds.</p>	<p>TWENTY-FOUR Thank God for the Senior Staff team and pray that they would encourage and train Howies and students to be robust ministers of God's word, great lovers of people, passionate about evangelism and creative in developing ministries for a lifetime of service.</p> <p>Rhys Ewing – Engineering Pray that my new wife Chloe and I will make God honouring decisions together about how I may study theology in the future, and we may serve God's church in LRLR places.</p>
<p>TWENTY-FIVE Pray for faculty weekends away held this semester, that they may be a time of growing in community, knowledge of God's word and love of Jesus. Pray that non-Christians who attend these weekends away come to be in a relationship with Jesus.</p> <p>Emily Lane – Sec Ed Please pray for guidance as I think about going to bible college next year, and consider serving in student ministry long term.</p>	<p>TWENTY-SIX Praise God for over 100 international students involved in euFocus this year – double the numbers from this time last year! Pray that they would be equipped through the EU to take the gospel back to their home countries. Thank God for Jo Wong joining the staff team this year to work with euFocus.</p> <p>Pray for senior staff who are currently on extended leave; Katie Ristevski (maternity leave) and Mike Kwan (leave of absence). Pray that they would be refreshed and walk worthy of the Lord Jesus in different life circumstances.</p> 	<p>TWENTY-SEVEN Pray that many would be won for Christ in the postgraduate and academic communities. Thank God that this year we have been able to place Senior Staff worker, Matt Moffitt amongst these communities. Praise God that small group numbers have doubled this year.</p> <p>Emily Loa and Ryan Verghese - ACES* Pray for the daily prayer meetings in ACES. Pray that through them, God might grow students in their prayerful dependence on Him and strengthen students in their trust of Him.</p>	<p>TWENTY-EIGHT Pray for students as they do walk-up evangelism with their small groups this semester. Pray that their conversations would lead people to joining the Christian community and investigating Jesus.</p> <p>James Middlestat - Snr Staff Give thanks for the abundant spiritual and material resources the EU has, and pray we will steward them wisely for the kingdom. Pray for Jane and I as we move to Adelaide in 2017 to serve the less-resourced Evangelical Students at the Uni of South Australia.</p>	<p>TWENTY-NINE Praise God for EU grads Michael and Rani Grivas-Allison who came to share their experiences recently with the EU, serving at a LRLR church in Campsie. Praise God for friendships formed in Campsie with people who are seeking Him. Please pray that as they explore the bible together, people would meet Jesus and be made alive in Him!</p> <p>Dave Steele – Snr Staff Please pray that many Med & Dent students would consider taking up the opportunity to be a Howie.</p>	<p>THIRTY Praise God for the many people who have been saved, grown and sent out over the last 86 years of EU and EUGF ministry at the University of Sydney. Pray that God would keep using this ministry to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord at Sydney Uni and to flood his church.</p> <p>2 Corinthians 4:5 - "We do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord."</p> <p>Ben Lim - Snr Staff Pray for Chinese students "T", "F", & "J" who are training to be small group leaders. Pray they will be grounded in God's grace, confident in His word and will love to serve wherever God leads.</p>	<p>Footnotes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Howies - Howard Guinness Project Trainees</i> 2. <i>LRLR - Less reached, less resourced</i> 3. <i>euFocus- EU's ministry to International students</i> 4. <i>ACES - Asian-Australian Evangelical Students</i>

HOW TO GATHER + PRAY

Although the prayer calendar is designed to be used across the month, here are some suggestions on how to use the calendar to gather and pray with your old EU friends or your church Bible study group over the month of September! These options are adaptable based on your location and time allowance. For example, if you are in a café, you may choose the 15-30 minute option, however if you are having an afternoon tea or dinner, you may choose to use the 30 minute or 1 hour options.



OPTION #1 – 15 mins

For a cafe catch-up, prayer in church, Bible study etc.

1. Choose a value column to pray down or pray for all the prayer points for the week.
2. Share how you or others have been impacted by the EU/student ministry.
3. Pray through the rest of the points.
4. Work through several boxes, then take a break to watch a Prayer Month video.
5. Pray for each other.

Extra ideas:

- Cut up a copy of the prayer calendar to give to attendees to continue praying about different points during the month.
- Share the Prayer Month videos on your social media accounts, and tag your friends to encourage them to pray.

OPTION #2 – 30 mins

For a lunch break, meal at a restaurant, church supper, etc.

1. Choose two or three different values or weeks to pray for. Cut up the boxes and place them in a hat/box. Hand around the hat for everyone to choose a few prayer points each.
2. Before you pray, play a Prayer Month video related to that value or week (e.g. one of the videos that features a staff member prayed for that week). You may also like to share memories about how you, or people you know, have been impacted by the ministry of the EU.
3. Close in prayer and pray for each other.

Extra idea:

- Give each person in the group different prayer points to pray through in pairs or small groups.

OPTION #3 – 1 hour +

For a picnic in the quad, dinner party, cheese and chat night, craft and prayer afternoon, etc.

1. Set up 'prayer stations' at your venue. You may like to set up four prayer stations which include 1) A copy of the EU prayer calendar 2) Photos of the staff members 3) Prayer Month videos set up on a computer and 4) print-outs of some 'Flood' articles.
2. Split your group into four groups (or as many prayer stations as you have). Set a timer, and cycle the small groups through the prayer stations. Along the way, groups can share stories about how they and those they know have been impacted by the EU/student ministry.
3. Come back together to close in prayer.

Extra idea:

- If your group is crafty, you could create prayer bunting, each flag with a different prayer point, to take home and display as a reminder to pray.