



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 unless God blesses this work 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. 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.

Joyfully in his service



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SPIRITUAL GROWTH	GRADSFUND NEEDS	VISION VALUES	REACHING OUT	CAMPUS NEEDS	VISION VALUES	THANKS-GIVING
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p> When you see this symbol, visit gradsfund.org/prayermonth for prayer videos.</p>					<p>1 Thank God for the many EU graduates who have made an impact in their local churches with the knowledge and skills acquired from their time in the EU. Pray that the EU will continue to flood God's church with such people.</p> <p>Lucy Anderson - Secondary Education Praise God for all he is teaching me in my first year as a Howie. Pray I will make decisions which enable me to serve in a sustainable way as I continue to adapt to full time ministry on campus</p> <p> A</p>	<p>2 Praise God for the 5 people who became Christians in Semester 1. Pray that they might continue in the faith, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.</p> <p>David Baker - Pure Arts Thank God for the friendships forming among students of different faiths. Pray that there would be more opportunities for inter-faith dialogue on campus. Pray that Quran & Bible Circles would be places where all participants can together search for God's truth.</p>
<p>3 Pray that the first year and senior small group studies will strengthen students in their faith and encourage them to continually submit every aspect of their lives to the Lordship of Christ.</p> <p>Sylvia Barry - Engineering Praise God for the enthusiasm of the Engineering faculty for growing in training and in service despite their busy schedules. Pray they grow in love and knowledge of Jesus through this and not burn out.</p>	<p>4 Praise God for the twelve Senior Staff who are working on campus and as this team seeks to grow next year ask that God would raise up the right men and women for these roles.</p> <p>Paddy Benn - Senior Staff Please give thanks to God for the opportunity for public evangelism on campus. Pray that our Public Meetings would be well attended by visitors interested in hearing about Jesus. Pray that EUs would ask their friends to commit to following Jesus.</p>	<p>5 Pray for students serving in lay capacities at their churches as Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, bible study leaders and other roles. Pray that the EU would equip and inspire them to serve their local church long term.</p> <p>Bill Ford - Nursing (Mallet Street Campus) Praise God for enabling public meetings to happen at Mallet Street for the first time this semester. Pray that students would prioritise to come, that they would be changed and encouraged, and that they would invite friends to hear the good news of Jesus.</p>	<p>6 As the EU seeks to reach the lost this year through Public Meetings praise God for all the students who visited last semester and pray that as the topic of desire is preached on over this month that many more would come to hear about Jesus.</p> <p>Moussa Ghazal - Senior Staff Please pray that as a family we would be provided helpful services for our son Ben who has autism and wisdom to navigate the NDIS process.</p>	<p>7 Pray for EU President, Owen Robson, and the student executive to lead God's people with wisdom, love and humility as they appoint leaders for next year and consider how to adapt to the proposed changes in university structure in 2018.</p> <p>Ninoy Gonzales - euFOCUS Pray for the FOCUS family--that the staffworkers would continue to be faithful in teaching the gospel to international students. Pray for international students as they struggle to find a home in Sydney. Pray that we would continue to be loving to them.</p>	<p>8 Jesus said "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." So please pray that the EU would continue to send out graduates to serve in vocational ministry.</p> <p>Rowan Kemp - Staff Team Leader Give thanks for the team of EU staff the Lord has provided to serve the students at Sydney Uni. Pray that the senior staff would have wisdom as we plan and pray together this semester about the next five years on campus.</p> <p> B</p>	<p>9 Praise God for the 650 students who attended Ancon this year. Give thanks for Rowan's faithful teaching on the Resurrection and pray that all who attended would live in light of Jesus' resurrection.</p> <p>Ben Lim - Senior Staff (eu-FOCUS) Pray for strength, wisdom & grace to love like Christ as a husband, father of three growing boys, brother (in Christ), son & friend.</p>
<p>10 Thank God for the EU's decision this year to particularly promote the value of prayer. Pray that individuals, small groups, faculties and the wider EU would be characterised by prayerfulness, and that God would mightily answer these prayers.</p> <p>Lachlan Miller - Arts Plus Pray for wisdom as I prepare to go to Bible College next year, that I may honour God with that decision and spend my time at College being transformed by God's word and equipped to continue serving His people</p> <p> C</p>	<p>11 Pray that God would raise up new Howies to replace the nine Howies who are leaving at the end of the year. Pray not only that there would be enough Howies to replace them but more than nine so that the ministry may continue to grow.</p> <p>Matthew Moffitt - Senior Staff (Postgrads) We've just welcomed our first child into our family. Please pray for Alison and I as we make this transition that our home would be warm and welcoming, and our child would grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.</p>	<p>12 Please pray for faculty ministries as some consider restructuring, particularly in light of potential changes to the university faculties and degrees offered. Pray that staff and students would find creative, wise solutions to reach the campus.</p> <p>Alan Orr - Administrator Thank God for the faithful supporters who pray for and give to the Grads Fund's ministry.</p>	<p>13 Praise God for all the stories coming from students involved in the EU's walk-up ministry where they engage with strangers about the gospel. Pray for the students as many faculties seek to do a 'walk-up week' this semester.</p> <p>Xanthe Reid - euFOCUS Praise God for all He has been teaching me in this last 6 months and for the way He has constantly been refocusing my eyes on Him. Pray that I would trust God in my weakness and never cease to pray.</p>	<p>14 Pray that the EU would have an increased presence on campus and be known as a group who love God and one another. Pray that God would use this to bring opportunities for evangelism.</p> <p>Katie Ristevski - Senior Staff I give thanks for the answered prayer of being able to usefully fulfil a ministry need on campus upon my return from maternity leave in April. Pray for the strategic use of my part-time work for God's kingdom glory.</p>	<p>15 Ask God that those within the EU and those who are being sent out from the EU may embrace Jesus' words in Mark 10:45 and have a servant heart for their local communities.</p> <p>Sam Robb - Economics & Business Please ask God to continue to grow Economics and Business students in boldness and love as they proclaim Jesus as Lord on campus. Thank him for the strategic use of my part-time help equip and train each other in evangelism.</p>	<p>16 Thank God for the 350 first years who have joined small groups this year. Give thanks for the assistant leaders and Howies who have led them through small groups and the growth this has brought in them.</p> <p>Andrew Sawyer - euFOCUS Thank God that he has brought many international students from different countries to investigate Jesus and pray that in second semester he would lead them to faith in Him</p>
<p>17 Pray for students who are undertaking 'Equip' training courses to be inspired and equipped for evangelism, cross cultural ministry and serving the less reached and less resourced. Pray that many might make bold decisions in Jesus' name.</p> <p>Joel Sedorenko - euFOCUS Pray that God would continue to grow in me a heart that is filled with his love for his people and the lost; such that I will be increasingly driven to use all he has given me in seeking the growth of his kingdom</p> <p> D</p>	<p>18 Praise God for the EUGF Board who oversee the finances and operation of the ministry. Pray for Rt Rev. Robert Forsyth, Richard Baird, Paul Hewson, Alison Glover, Tracey Lubke, Rev. Michael Paget, Emma Jonceski and Maggie Fung.</p> <p>Laura Southam - Senior Staff Pray that I will continue to grow in faith, hope and love that I might be a fit pastor and teacher for the students I serve with, especially the women I meet with one-to-one.</p>	<p>19 Give thanks for God's word and its transformative power. Pray that as Rowan preaches through the book of the year, John, at public meetings, students would deepen in their biblical and theological maturity.</p> <p>Karen Sowden - Senior Staff (euFOCUS) Thank God for my extended family and the amazing support they have been during recent ups and downs. Pray that Tim and I would continue to teach Lydia the wonderful thing the Lord has done.</p>	<p>20 Praise God for the evangelism training provided to students through esummits. Pray that this training would continue to equip students with the ability to speak to their friends about Jesus.</p> <p>David Steele - Senior Staff (Medicine & Dentistry) Pray God would empower servant-hearted student leaders in the medical and dental faculties and especially that he would raise up evangelists. Pray the students would not be anxious about their studies, but would put their trust in their Lord.</p>	<p>21 Thank God for a continued good relationship with the USU (University of Sydney Union) and the newly begun interfaith round table. Pray that good relations would continue so that the EU can continue freely proclaiming the gospel on campus.</p> <p>Celia Toose - Senior Staff Pray for this next period ahead - that EU'ers would see themselves as either senders of LRLR workers (perhaps their own peers!) or be willing to go themselves.</p>	<p>22 Praise God for the value the EU places on serving others and pray that students may be excited to serve in December at one of the fifteen different summer mission locations in Sydney and other parts of Australia.</p> <p>Christine West - Vet & Pharmacy The Pharmacy and Vet faculties are excited to have their first combined weekend away on 22-24 Sep. Pray the students would grow in Christian maturity through unpacking 1 Corinthians and through fellowship with one another</p>	<p>23 Give thanks for the EU graduates who have been sent out to serve God in the workforce and in many different churches all over the world, and the many that generously support the EU Grads Fund.</p> <p>Jo Watts - Social Work & Primary Education Praise God for two new Christians H and J who have joined the EU Social Work faculty. Please pray that the EU would support them in their new faith and that they would continue to grow in maturity in Christ</p>
<p>24 Pray that students, staff and supporters would each delight in the gospel personally and continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)</p> <p>Ryan Verghese - ACES Praise God for sustaining me over the last two years of ministry! Please pray as Lynne and I make decisions about college next year, and seeking to serve God long-term in LRLR places.</p>	<p>25 Thank God for every individual who supports the EU GradsFund through prayer or finances and ask that graduates would continue to see the value of this ministry and partner with the EUGradsFund in these areas.</p> <p>Jo Wong - Senior Staff (eu-FOCUS) Pray that God will provide euFOCUS with wisdom and resources to start Mandarin Small Groups this semester.</p> <p> E</p>	<p>26 Praise God for EU graduates who are serving God in overseas mission, including Simon & Jess in Italy, David & Beck in Japan, Lauren & Matt in Asia, and Toby & MG in Asia. Pray that many students and Howies would consider overseas mission in gospel poor countries.</p> <p>Richard Wong - Law & Conservatorium of Music Pray for strong, supportive and evangelistic communities amongst the law and music EU students. Pray for those struggling with anxiety and other mental health issues</p>	<p>27 Give thanks for the growing work among postgraduates and university staff. Pray that they would think, labour, and reach out to their colleagues in a way which honours the Lordship of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Lilly Wright - Science First Years Thank God for how He is constantly lifting my eyes and readjusting my perspective towards eternity, particularly in regards to considering how to enter and interact with the Makeup Industry after the Howard Guinness Traineeship</p>	<p>28 Pray that AFES groups across Australia would continue to experience the religious freedoms we currently enjoy at Sydney Uni, so that many students across the country would receive the gospel and be transformed by God's word and Spirit.</p> <p>Alison Zancanaro - Science Body & Design Carlo and I would love prayer as we decide where to live next year and into the future. We are eager long term to be part of a community which is 'less reached'. Pray we wouldn't be selfish about our suburb (or state... or country!).</p>	<p>29 Thank God for the blessing that is partnership, with staff being able to partner with students and supporters to continue to do ministry at Sydney University.</p> <p>Carlo Zancanaro - Science World Please ask that God would grow a passion for evangelism in the students in Science World. Thank him for those students who are already very proactive in sharing the hope that they have with their friends, and strangers</p>	<p>30 Give thanks for 87 years of proclaiming Jesus as Lord on campus at Sydney University. Praise God for the many who have heard the gospel and turned to Christ, grown in their knowledge, love and service of him. Pray that God would continue to work through the EU for many years to come.</p>

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.