

SAMS PRAYER CALENDAR

- Winter 2004 -

SAMS PRAYER

Day 1: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we ask you to prosper the work of the South American Missionary Society. Give to its missionaries the fullness of the Holy Spirit, wisdom to do right, courage to persevere and a steadfast love for Your people. Give faithfulness and zeal to its members and call out more labourers for Your work that the harvest may bring glory to Your name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

ARGENTINA and NORTHERN ARGENTINA

Day 2: For Bishop **Greg** and **Sylvia Venables** in Buenos Aires, and for the development of leaders in the Belgrano church. For the economic situation in Argentina, especially in its effect upon the church because people have less to give. For **Andy** and **Evangelina Lenton**, that they may have sensitive pastoral gifts in the church in Rosario, and that it may soon have a full-time pastor and be able to buy a site to build a meeting place.

Day 3: For Bishop **Humberto** and **Iris Axt** in Salta. Thank God for the urban social projects, and pray that as people seek hope in the economic situation, many may find it in Jesus. Remember retired Wichi Bishop **Mario Marino** and Rosa, still active in ministry. Pray too for **Alee Deane** and all involved in marketing hand-crafts, providing an income for many families.

Day 4: **Andrew** and **Maria Leake** ask prayer "for a breakthrough in the land right issues in order to foster credibility and trust, both with the state and the Indians we serve". Pray too for the ASOCIANA team, **Rafael Montana**, **Claudia Lungu**, **Annie Alvarez** and **Jose** and **Zulma Canteros**. New staff are needed in the areas of health, education and land rights to meet the growth in the work. Thank God for Latin partners **Rene** and **Marina Pereira** and for the youth who attended the winter camp.

Day 5: For **Michael Browne**, thanking God for time in the Chaco checking the Toba New Testament translation with translators **Oswaldo**, **Jose Manuel** and **Hilario**. Pray too for his wife **Silvia**, especially her responsibilities as leader of the ladies' group at San Pablo church in Salta. For Pastor **Hugo** and **Techi Vergara**, for the new church plant in Jujuy and for **Jose Cicka** and **Dr Manuel Rengel** who are also involved. Pray for safety in the vast distances they regularly have to travel.

Day 6: **Charles** and **Lynn Barr Johnston** praise God for the church building that has been completed in Quemado. Pray for their work in following up young believers there. For **Daniel** and **Esther Baumgartner**, praying for their work alongside **Dr Robaldo** in their ministry of medical assistance combined with evangelism and inner healing in Salta, and also in San Pedro, Embarcacion and Tartagal. Pray also "for the training of more prayer counsellors who can minister inner healing and deliverance to those in need".

BOLIVIA

Day 7: For Bishop **Frank** and **Shawnee Lyons** in Cochabamba, praying for the local church and the whole diocese of Bolivia, that they may proclaim the truth boldly. For **Nigel** and **Gaby Hadley-Rowe** and La Trinidad church in Cochabamba . . . pray that funds might become available for the church building, and that they find a good location.

Day 8: For **Pepe Zubieta** in Calacoto, La Paz, and his wife **Amanda** who has Parkinson's disease; pray that God would uphold them both through this difficult time. Pray too for Pepe's assistant **Willi Telleria**. **Peter** and **Sally Bartlett** thank God for the growth of the church in Sopocachi, La Paz, and for pastoral assistants **Martin Flores** and **Ronald Irene**.

Day 9: For Raphael and Michelle Samuel in Santa Cruz, praying for evangelism and discipleship in the main church, Cristo Luz del Mundo. And for Latin partners **Frederico** and **Rosa Buscunan** and family working with the new congregation in Santa Cruz.

BRAZIL

Day 10: Pray for Bishop **Jubal** and **Eleci Neves** and the Diocese of SW Brazil, for the church in Livramento and **Rev. Abimael Rodrigues** as he starts his ministry, praying that his family would soon be able to join him. For Catechist **Di Tamaki** and **Tomio** (working in Japan), that Di would be able to balance a busy parish and being mother to her three children.

Day 11: For the diocese of Pelotas and Bishop **Sebastiao** with a busy schedule. **Miriam Post** thanks God for her two years there; please pray for the ongoing work, and for Miriam, that she may settle well in the UK after 11 years in Brazil. **Simon** and **Rachel Boxall** working with the English-speaking population of Rio do Janeiro ask prayer that Christ Church's Mission Statement "To make Christ known and to know Him better" will become a greater reality and that their five children will continue in faith and know what, where, how and when for their futures.

Day 12: For **Ian Meldrum** and **Simea**, praying for the churches under their care, Emmanuel and Living Waters. **Marcus** and **Tamara Throup** at Living Waters request prayer that God will help the leadership to work as a team, equip Marcus for his teaching role at the seminary, and continue to bless their marriage. Pray for **Ruth Hollingdale** as she starts work with the church in Recife to coordinate the medical and health initiatives of the community project in a local slum area which has job- training programmes for adults and a creche facility for children while their parents are at work. She will also assist in evangelistic outdoor weekends.

CANADA

Day 13: Thank God for the work of all those involved in SAMS Canada over the past 25 years and pray for God's continued guidance as the Society ministers alongside the church in South and Central America. Remember the staff of SAMS Canada, **Arlene Heale**, **Eileen Cunningham**, **Frank Johnston-Main** and **Brian Fotherby** as they carry on the day-to-day work of the Society.

Day 14: Pray for the Board of Directors, and particularly for their deliberation in selecting a new treasurer. May God's choice become clear to them. Please also pray concerning the preparation of a presentation for General Synod in the spring of 2004. Pray for adequate funds in the Great Commission Fund in order that the missionary assessment that was decreased recently will not have to be increased.

Day 15: Thank God for the recent SAMStest, for all who organized it and all who attended, that much fruit would come of this event. Remember the family of **Muriel Uppington** who passed away recently, giving thanks for her life and for her service as a director, and prayer secretary of SAMS Canada.

CHILE

Day 16: For Bishop **Tito** and **Miriam Zavala**, for wisdom and guidance in decisions made in the diocese. Praise God for the new church plant in Cantagallo, Santiago. Pray for the leaders **Pablo**, **Humberto** and **Miqui**. Alfand **Hilary Cooper** at La Trinidad church, ask prayer 'that the Lord would replenish the finances following the Cantagallo church plant.'

Day 17: For **Tim** and **Peti Webster**, giving thanks for the new church that was dedicated in September, for the spiritual growth in the parish, and for new members. Prayer is asked for **Maria Jose** and **Camila**, two little girls who were severely burned in a kitchen accident recently, and are to undergo surgery for skin transplants. Please pray for their healing. Remember Tim and Petti as they prepare to return to North America in December.

Day 18: Amy Haigh and **Bruce** and **Bron Hallyburton** praise God for the continued spiritual growth of the members in Antofagasta. Thank God for the home that was provided for **Paul** and **Soledad Inman** in Villa Alemana. Please pray for Paul as he leads SEAN Bible courses. Pray too for the pastor at Quilpue, **Rolando Espinoza**, and his wife **Eliana**, as Rolando is very ill with cancer.

ECUADOR

Day 19: For **Simeon** and **Catherine Mitton** for Emily's foster family who has a new addition, a three year-old girl. Please pray for all concerned as they adapt to the changes in the home. **Jill Ball** asks prayer for 'a new director of Orphaidis, that the person taking on this very challenging and important role be God's choice.'

HONDURAS

Day 20: In El Paraiso Deanery, pray for **Dagoberto Chacon**, dean, and for the team of national pastors as they go forward with their Strategic Plan for the deanery, which is to include such aspects as growth, evangelism, ordination, new lay pastors, planting new churches, construction, education, health, micro-enterprise and salaries. Pray for long-term partners and companion churches to help realize these strategic plans. Remember Dagoberto, Rev **Rafael**, and their family as they mourn the death of their father recently. May God comfort and strengthen them.

Day 21: For **Kara** and **Nelson Mejia** and their ministry in Talanga and Guiamaca, thanking God for the gift of space for the church to meet and for the funds to purchase additional property. Thank God for the completion of the year at the Agricultural College and for those who graduated. Kara and Nelson praise God 'for all that He has done in our lives and in those of the church members.' Pray also for adequate funds for them to carry on their work in these areas.

PARAGUAY

Day 22: For Bishop **John** and **Judie Eliison**, and 'for wisdom in the consultations between Anglican leaders in the Southern Cone at a critical time in the world-wide Anglican Communion.' Pray also for Bishop **Andres** and **Estela Rodrigues**, thanking God for the amazing provision of a 4x4 vehicle that allows him to take on more responsibility in the rural areas.

Day 23: For **Tim Curtis** and the start of the translation of the Old Testament into Enxet. Pray for translators **Asuncion Rojas**, **Juan Martinez** and **Martin Rojas**. The translation is expected to take 7 to 10 years. For **Beryl Baker**, visiting TB patients in the Chaco and accompanying them to hospital in Asuncion. For **Chris Hawksbee**, and safety in travelling vast distances in the Chaco to do development work, and **Alison** and family in Asuncion. **Ed Brice** asks prayer for 'the new government under **President Frutos**, a Christian, for implementing a "purpose driven church" in a Paraguayan context and for the mixed white/indian congregation in Rio Verde'.

Day 24: Head **Gwen Carlisle** and her Deputy **Mags Southern** thank God for St Andrew's College's 40th anniversary celebration and for God's wonderful faithfulness throughout the years. Pray for Head Victor Santa Cruz and teachers of the Annexe school, that God would protect them from harm as violence increases during the economic crisis. For **Andy and Jo Persson** doing language study in Asuncion, and for **Stephen and Eileen Trew** who have recently taken over leadership of the English chapel. **Murray and Penny Metcaife** ask for prayer 'for the outreach courses during the week, giving thanks for new folk making a Christian commitment for the first time.'

Day 25: **Tony** and **Chris Somervell** praise God for the provision of land adjoining Cristo Salvador Church. Pray that the enthusiasm created by the course *'The Purpose Driven Church'* will be maintained. For **Claire Holmes**, as she prepares for the planning of special Christmas activities for children to be used as a form of outreach to their families. For volunteer **Alison Crawford** doing Guarani language study.

PERU

Day 26: For Bishop **William** and **Judith Godfrey**, and for guidance and unity in the Diocese, so that the church might grow for God's glory. For Latin partners **Alejandro** and **Doris Mesco**, worshiping in Belaunde ... pray that God would show them the best way to develop the church's various commitments. Pray too for the prison ministry.

Day 27: For **Garth** and **Denise Neel**, giving thanks for the completion of their second year of ministry and appreciation of all who have continued to support them over time and across the distance. Pray for the provision of land for the construction of a church building at a reasonable price, for the protection of the family in a city that has a lot of crime, and 'that many people in Lurigancho will come to build their lives on the foundation of (God's) grace.' Pray for the country of Peru with the unrest over wages and the increase of terrorist activity.

Day 28: For Latin partners **Julio and Norma Montoya**, thanking God for their enthusiasm and commitment to helping desperately needy communities in practical ways as part of their pastoral duties. For **Alison Hawksley**, teaching at San Lucas school and also working at the children's home, that she may show God's love in all she does.

Day 29: **Juan Carlos** and **Penny Marees** give thanks for the new young people in Jesus the Saviour church; pray they will continue firm in their new faith. For Deacon **Juan Rivera**, pastor of Christ the Redeemer Church, that the congregation might grow in the knowledge of God's love for them.

URUGUAY

Day 30: Bishop **Miguel** and **Martha Tamayo** praise God for the new ministry to AIDS victims. Pray for good use of the house the diocese has bought. Thank God for Episcopal Assistant **Alejandro Manzoni** and **Rev Paulo Duarte** helping the churches' social work. **Gonzalo** and **Leticia Soria** are doing a fine work in Fray Bentos ... pray for the growth of the church there. For **Steve** and **Heather Carter** and the church in Carrasco, and for Heather's work with deaf people. Also **Ricky** and **Laura Moorhouse** doing children's and youth work in Salta ask prayer for more workers in God's ministry in Uruguay, for support for the work among the deaf, and a new home for the church.

SAMS UK

Day 31: For General Secretary Canon **John Sutton** as he seeks God's way forward for SAMS, and for safety in travel. Thank God for me many volunteers who generously give time for SAMS working in many areas, and for the Area Secretaries in their constant travelling and for their families. Pray also for **Charlotte Bloom**, Latino Experience Development Officer, for safety in travel, health, stamina and a freshness in all she does. Pray too for the young people who took part in this year's Latino Experience.