

prayermatters

■ SLC

Praise God for a unifying and encouraging time together in November. Pray that He will continue to use the messages Ajith Fernando shared and the friendships that were strengthened to glorify Him.

■ Christmas

Pray that as we all celebrate Jesus' birth, we will be able to share the joy of this gift with people who haven't yet accepted it. And praise God for his immense and undeserved love, for becoming one of us and providing a way to become one with Him.

■ Catalyst Conference 5-12 January

Pray that this will be an excellent opportunity for all who attend to see how their vocations are part of God's working in and caring for his people and creation.

Ask for wisdom for speakers Krish Kandiah, Nigel Pollock and Mark Grace, and pray the Spirit will work through their words.

■ Over the summer

Praise God for holidays. Pray that the time will be safe, refreshing, and used well by all students and staff.

■ Parachute Festival 25-27 January

Several staff members and a number of students will attend Parachute. Pray that they will make the most of opportunities to connect with festival-goers, and to encourage each other to see opportunities to share the gospel in our own contexts.

■ Staff & Families Conference

18-22 January

Pray for the TSCF staff as they gather in Nelson from around the country. Ask God for a time of unity and encouragement, for refreshing and inspiring.

■ New year

Pray for new students as they transition into university life and, in some instances, to new cities.

■ Leaving staff

Praise God for the time that Rachel Turner, Richard Deeble, and Michael Misomphane and have been able to give to TSCF's work.

Pray for Rachel and David Turner as they return to the UK, that they will settle back smoothly into life with friends and family there and await the birth of their second child.

Pray for Richard and Michael as they consider the next season of their lives and ministries.

■ New staff

Pray for Geoff and Liz Robson as they join the Canterbury staff team, that they will be blessed and encouraged with supporters to join their team and wisdom as they begin the work.

Pray for Maryanne Wardlaw as she picks up the communications role, that she will get up to speed quickly and find effective ways to share encouragement and information with TSCF's wider network.

Auckland

Auckland University EU

Give thanks for the great team of new student leaders lined up to transition into their roles over summer, and the encouragement that SLC was.

Pray that over summer EUers will stay in contact and be well prepared for starting again next year.

Auckland OCF

Praise God for Soirée, a ball to raise money for IFES in October. It was a great opportunity to invite friends to be part of the community and to make people aware of God's work with students across the globe.

Please pray for those who are selling food at the Lantern Festival, raising money for the year.

Massey Albany International Students

Please pray for good interactions with students over the Christmas period. May God show them why Jesus came as they study the Bible.

Thank God for the support He has brought in this year, which enables us to carry on.

Pray many more locals will step up to the challenge of hosting international students in the new year.

Auckland CMF

Praise God for the students who were able to come to SLC and for the opportunity to meet with some of the Otago Med CF students. Pray for the new leaders as they plan and prepare for next year.

Veritas

Praise God for the opportunity law students have had to meet up and discuss current issues in law and their studies through a Christian perspective.

Pray for the group as they choose some new leaders to join the student leadership team next year.

Unitec

Pray for a growing group at Unitec.

AUTCF

Praise God for new leadership taking over in 2013.

Pray for fresh vision and continued good contact with AUSM into 2013, and a great witness to Jesus in AUT.

Hamilton

Hamilton ICF

Praise God for new student leaders who are pioneering groups on campus, and for churches that also have a vision for student ministry.

Please pray that God will continue to raise up supporters to provide funds for the work, and that Christian students will develop a vision of their campus as a mission field.

Teachers

Praise God for new beginnings, with three students meeting to study about the life of Joseph and praying for a growing witness at their campus.

Palmerston North

MUCF

Thank God for the new leadership team and their willingness to serve the campus, and for the university's openness to our involvement in events.

OCF

Thank God for the people who have been involved this year, and those who became Christians.

Please pray for the students who are heading overseas for the holidays. Pray for safety and courage. Also pray that we will be able to engage with many different cultures and peoples next year.

Wellington

Catalyst Wellington

Praise God for a fruitful year with great input and active members.

CU

Praise God for the leadership team (Toby, Hannah, Sarah and Susan) whose hearts are oriented towards service, obedience and prayer.

Praise God for the way the students have wrestled with the 4 aims of TSCF so that they can engage with the University more robustly.

Pray that, as a community, evangelism will be their common practice, and that stories and testimonies of God's goodness will multiply. And pray for wisdom as CU and ICF seek to work more closely together in the coming year.

ICF

Praise God for the faithfulness of the student leaders serving God on campus, and for the non-Christians who have found a place of belonging and helping out with communal activities this year.

Please pray for strong friendships with non-Christians that will lead them to faith in Jesus.

Please pray for a new batch of international students who long to see God at work on their campus.

Rongopai

Praise God for the great students living at the house this year, being challenged by reading Bonhoeffer's Life Together throughout the year.

Praise God for their commitment to group discipleship, hospitality, praying through the Psalms every day, and serving others. Please pray as they finish up their one-year term at the house, that their lives will have been eternally transformed by Jesus.

Please pray as we seek a new intake of students to live in Rongopai in 2013.

Lincoln

Pray for students as they are scattered around NZ and the world over summer, that they will make their relationship with God a priority.

Pray for the ICF and CF leaders, that they continue to think how they might be used by God in 2013.

Lincoln CF

Praise God for students who are coming to know God personally and growing in their passion to know Him more. And praise God for the accountability and honesty that has grown within the men involved in the Sons of Thunder group.

Lincoln ICF

Praise God for the deeper friendships growing within ICF. Thank God that studying Colossians together was challenging and encouraging.

Christchurch

CU

Please pray that God would provide a place for CU to meet on campus again next year.

Thank God for Geoff and Liz Robson joining the staff team next year. Pray they would settle into working with CU and reach full support before they start.

Pray for Nathan, Jemimah, Chad, Esther, Raoul, James, Kachin and the staff team planning 2013.

Pray for a house for Mark and Renee Santich during the first months of 2013, while earthquake repairs are done to their current house.

Otago

Medical Christian Fellowship

Please pray for the students as they seek to become sharers of good news – something they aim for yet struggle with.

Pray that the wonder of anatomy, chemistry, psychology etc. will produce searching hearts and open minds.

Pray for the leadership team, Gina, Alastair, Natalie, and Hanneke, as they organise studies and events.

NewsWatch

Praise God for several students who are interested in learning about Jesus, and their dedication to reading through Mark's gospel together.

Please pray for volunteers for next year, for wisdom of when to meet, and that God will bring students in.

VCF

We praise God for the encouragement from SLC and pray that we can communicate effectively so that people will catch TSCF's vision next year. We thank God for what we've learned from SLC and pray we use them for God's glory.

Nurses' Christian Fellowship

Praise God that nursing students at Otago Polytechnic have started meeting, and have a vision to share Jesus with others. Please pray that this group would grow in the coming year and be used by the Lord on campus.



■ Northeast Thailand

Mel Mylvaganam writes about her time in the Isaan region of Northeast Thailand in the summer edition of Canvas. These prayer requests are in response to her summary:

- Pray for Kevin and Jen Sie's mission, spreading the gospel in Thailand through their part in the local economy.
- Ask God to open opportunities for deep friendships as they teach English and welcome people into their café, and for hearts ready to hear the gospel.
- Please also pray that their business will be blessed with adequate income to sustain staff and to grow.
- Pray for the Isaan region in Northeast Thailand, only one in one thousand people are Christians. Pray that people there will hear the Word, and that the Spirit will open their eyes to the truth.
- Pray that Christian Thais will be strong in the face of subtle pressure to follow rituals and false gods.
- And please pray for the women and girls in Pattaya – and elsewhere in the world – who are trapped in the sex trade. Pray that the fundamental problems will be addressed – from poverty to a disregard for human life – and that more women will be able to find refuge in safe places. Pray that, most importantly, they will find freedom in the forgiveness and love offered by Jesus Christ.