

Prayer Matters

Autumn/Winter 2019

NATIONAL

- Pray that we will look to God and rely on him, not on ourselves, knowing that he is the God of all comfort.
- Pray that God would provide practical support, care and comfort for those who are scared or grieving.
- Pray that our Muslim friends will feel safe, and will be safe, throughout New Zealand.
- Pray for great wisdom for government leaders, not just in New Zealand, as this tragedy leads them to reflection and decision-making.
- Pray for God's protection from further acts of violence.
- Give thanks for the peaceful, compassionate responses shown throughout our nation.
- Pray that God would help his people to keep praying, and that he would enable us to respond in other appropriate ways.
- Pray that God would use this tragedy to soften the collective heart of our nation towards him, and that many would search for true hope as a result. Pray that Christians would be willing and able to share the reason for the hope that we have, and that God would draw people to himself through the gospel of his Son.
- Pray that God would have mercy on the attacker, that some day he will hear the gospel and repent. In the meantime, pray that he will face justice for his acts.

– Geoff Robson

Staff team

Please pray that skilled and dedicated people will be found to join TSCF's team. We particularly need help on the finance team, with communications, and (always) working on campuses in most regions.

WAIKATO & BOP

Given thanks for a very encouraging start to the year across Waikato and Bay of Plenty campuses. Thank God for the strength of relationships amongst students, fostered by our Live Life regional camp in March.

Tauranga's University of Waikato CBD campus opened in March. Please pray for evangelism and discipleship amongst students at the new campus, and for the TSCF group to grow.

Pray for Tauranga students to catch the vision for the Mark Drama, and that this will be performed in Tauranga in September.

Pray for students to live undivided lives of integrity and witness in their day-to-day lives. Pray for boldness and courage to speak authentically about Christian faith amongst fellow students. Ask God for students to come to faith in Jesus Christ this year.

Pray for God to draw students to be willing to serve in student leadership roles as existing leaders finish their year-long service mid-year.

Ask for God to draw students to commit to coming to Summit conference in July.

– Annelise Bond, Tamrah Hare & Amy Harrison

CANTERBURY

Pray that, in the wake of the mosque shootings, there will be opportunities for cross-cultural and inter-faith dialogue—and ultimately, sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with love and sensitivity.

Please pray for protection, particularly from cult activity, for students interested in Christianity.

AUCKLAND

International students

Please pray that the graduates would understand and grow in the Christian faith as we look at the book of Acts. Give thanks for those who became Christians before joining this group.

– *Jeff Lane*

AUT

Thank God for the increase in the number of students invested in TSCF groups on AUT campuses. Praise him for all he is doing in our times of fellowship. Pray that we will grow in friendship and deepen our relationship with God, especially with Summit coming up.

Please pray that God will bring students to form a strong, thriving group at South Campus, and that it may impact the students' lives and be a source of God's light on that campus.

– *Lauren Blakely*

LINCOLN

LUCF

We're thankful that a huge number of first years have joined, which was an answer to prayer. Please pray for greater engagement between year groups. Please also pray for the follow-up conversations with people who attended the Mark Drama in May.

Pray for the leadership team as we come to

the end of our time serving and begin to think about handing over to others.

We have lots of non-Christians come along to our lunches (up to 50%). Pray that we would really engage with these students well.

– *Jennifer Tregurtha*

WELLINGTON

VCF

VCF have started a couple of Christian Explored groups on campus for non-Christian international students. Please pray that the students would engage with the gospel and put their faith in Christ.

In late May, VCF presented the Story Project. Pray that God would use students' conversations about the gospel with those who are interested in the artwork to reveal himself to them.

INTERNATIONAL

World Assembly

In early July, around 1200 representatives from 160+ IFES fellowships like TSCF will gather in South Africa for World Assembly.

Thank God that around 250 students plan to attend. As they get ready to go, please pray that all who are raising funds to go would have their needs met. And pray that those who are going from closed countries would be permitted to travel, kept safe, and encouraged by the fellowship they find.

Global Reach Journeys

Two teams of TSCF students will travel to Nepal and Fiji later this year to walk alongside their counterparts there. Pray that God would put it on the hearts of students to take this step of faith, and for Kim and Chris as they organise details. Pray that great gospel partnerships would grow from this opportunity.