



KEEP PRAYING AND BLESS

**PRAYER FOR COCWA CHURCHES
IN THE LEAD UP TO
ON MISSION AGM 2016**

Why Pray?

The best answer that I have ever heard to this question comes from my friend Martin Sanders. In his great little pamphlet called “Prayer That Makes a Difference”, he writes, “Prayer directly addresses things that only God Himself can do.”¹

It’s obvious as we read through the New Testament letters that Paul and others were committed to praying for the churches. There were so many obstacles and challenges that confronted the churches. Together they sought to bless and stand together through the sharing of letters, encouragement and through financial gifts. The Apostles modelled that the very best thing that they could do was hold one another before the One who establishes the Church, the One who gave Himself for the Church and the One who empowers the Church to be His witnesses in the world. Through prayer, they could speak life into one another in Jesus’ name.

Each month, a group of ministers gather to pray for the life and witness of all of the churches within Churches of Christ WA. We pray Scriptures into the churches. We pray for churches and people by name as the Lord leads. We pray that all of the churches would be strengthened, encouraged and empowered as they share the good news of Jesus. We pray for insight, discernment and wisdom for the leaders of all of the churches. We pray because we are convinced that everything we are and do has to be *in Christ*.

In this season where we prepare to meet together as churches in November through our Council Meeting and AGM, we want to take this opportunity to be prayerful for one another as Churches of Christ in Western Australia.

You are invited to use the following outline.

- We encourage you to use this outline in church meetings and in home groups.
- We encourage you to contact churches that you pray for with words of encouragement and affirmation that come as you pray.
- We invite you to particularly pray these prayers from the Apostle Paul into the life of each church.
- We invite you to share stories with us about how you notice God at work in fresh ways – especially in the week where your own church is being prayed for by others.

Pray that the churches may be established in love:

Philippians 1:9-11 New International Version (NIV)

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Pray that the churches may be fruitful and faithful:

Colossians 1:9b – 14 New International Version (NIV)

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being

¹Martin Sanders, [“Prayer That Makes a Difference”](#)

strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^l to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pray that the witness of the church will be centered in Christ:

Ephesians 1:22-23 (The Message)

The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Week	Churches	
25 th Sept – 1 st Oct	Binningup Christian Fellowship Cornerstone Church of Christ Esperance Church of Christ Kelmscott Church of Christ Church of Christ Albany Inc.	Mount Pleasant Church of Christ Roleystone Community Church True North Church Bridgeley Church of Christ Perth Arabic Church
2 nd – 8 th Oct	Bridgetown Church of Christ Corrigin Church of Christ Foothills Church of Christ Kingsley Church of Christ Star Generation Church	Mukinbudin Church of Christ Lake Gwelup Community Church Valley Church of Christ The Rocks Ministry Inc. Collie Church of Christ
9 th – 15 th Oct	Bruce Rock Church of Christ Church @ the Stadium Fremantle Church of Christ Lifestreams Christian Church Como Kalamunda Church of Christ	Mundaring Church of Christ Serpentine Church of Christ Warnbro Community Church Inc. Encounter Church Inc. Kalgoorlie Church of Christ
16 th – 22 nd Oct	Bullcreek Church of Christ Dalkeith Road Church of Christ Geraldton Church of Christ Naremben Church of Christ Elevate Church	South Bunbury Church of Christ Warwick Church of Christ Lifestreams Christian Church Karawara Morawa Church of Christ Thornlie Church of Christ
23 rd – 29 th Oct	Dowerin Church of Christ Harvey Church of Christ Living Grace Dianella Nollamara Church of Christ Midwest Church of Christ	Spires Life Church Wembley Downs Church of Christ Bunbury Aboriginal Christian Fellowship Rockingham Church of Christ
20 th Oct – 5 th Nov	Carnarvon Church of Christ Dunsborough Church of Christ Indonesian Family Church Maylands Church of Christ	Noranda Church of Christ Subiaco Church of Christ Westcity Church of Christ Rockingham Church of Christ
6 th – 12 Nov	Perth City Church of Christ Eastlake Church Inc. Jesus es el Camino Merredin Church of Christ Bassendean Church of Christ	Norseman Community Church The Beckenham Community Church York Church of Christ Shalom Church Southern River Church of Christ