

**PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - March 2009.**

*Acts 1:14 "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."*

1. Continue to pray this month for **Liberato Cabanas**, the health auxiliary in **Sombbrero Piri** & for his wife **Epifania**, as his sudden total blindness continues. Pray especially for spiritual strength for **Liberato** & his family at this confusing time, and that through this unexpected crisis the community as a whole might turn to God in prayer & obedience. For pastor **Elvio & Lorenza** & their family
2. Give thanks that the staff at **St. Andrew's** & the **Annexe Schools** were able to start the term with a spiritual retreat together & that the pupils later took part in an excellent service in the Cathedral. Pray for God's strength for the teaching, administrative & maintenance staff in their Christian witness to pupils & their parents & give thanks for evident spiritual fruit through the **Schools'** ministry.
3. Pray for camps taking place soon with pupils from the **Annexe School**, giving thanks that children from very disadvantaged homes can hear the gospel in beautiful surroundings. For Head **Victor Santa Cruz** & his staff, giving thanks for a new classroom built during the summer holiday period.
4. There is still a need for **rain** in many parts of the **Chaco**. Indigenous leaders & farmers are calling for a national emergency to be declared as nothing can be cultivated at the moment. Pray for consistent supplies of drinking water & food to be sent to the indigenous communities & for an earnestness in prayer amongst the church leaders & congregations.
5. Pray for bishop elect **Peter Bartlett** & his wife **Sally** as they begin to say farewell to family & friends in the **UK**. For their documentation process & travel arrangements & for God's peace & strength to sustain them at this time of massive change & upheaval. Give thanks for their obedience to God's call & pray for all the preparations for the **Consecration service on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Asuncion**.
6. Pray for auxiliary bishop **Andres & Estela** in **Concepcion**. Give thanks for their perseverance in stressful & tiring situations & pray for God's blessing on their future relationships with the **Bartletts**. Give thanks for the hard work of bishop **Andres** & the **Nominating Committee** in the Episcopal selection process.
7. Pray for **Juana** & the staff at the **Esperanza Foster Home** & for pastor **Agustin & Teresa** in their overall responsibility. For peace & strength for **Teresa** in her contacts with the **Adoption Centre** over the documentation process for the children & for each child being cared for at present.
8. Pray for the ongoing process of merger/integration between **SAMSGB & CMS** & for wisdom for Bishop **Henry Scriven** who takes on the role as Mission Director for **South America**. Pray for all **GB based staff** at this time as they face the implications of office closures. Pray that support for the work in **South America** will continue to go forward strongly under the new combined entity.
9. Pray for wisdom for Paraguayan **President Fernando Lugo** as he confronts many demonstrations in the country by: **campesinos** seeking land, **teachers** seeking promised help for education which has not been forthcoming and **hospital workers** protesting the undeniably poor state of the health services.
10. Give thanks for an **EMA** supper for couples on Valentine's Day & pray for all the preparations for the next **EMA** weekend. For **Miguel & Mirian Greco** & other leaders & for the Sunday meetings in **Villa Guarani**.
11. Pray for **Caroline Gilmour White** as she comes to the end of her time in the **UK** & returns to Paraguay. Give thanks for good contacts made & pray for interest, people & finance for the volunteer projects through **Mission Paraguay** & for the setting up of a diocesan library to assist in the theological education of students unable to buy their own reference books.
12. Continue to pray for the **sewing groups** started through **Mission Paraguay** & for the spiritual & practical opportunities within them. For encouragement for those who face a daily struggle to feed & clothe their families.
13. Give thanks for the wonderful patience & perseverance of **Tim Curtis** & his team of **Bible translators** in the office in **Rio Verde**. Pray for strength & encouragement for them & God's protection over the people, buildings & equipment in the **Anglican Centre** there.
14. Pray for pastor **Luis & Regina** & their family & the congregation in **Zeballos Cue** & for **Erik & Nancy** heading up the **Comedor** for underprivileged children. Pray for their team of helpers, as many young people now have to study on Saturdays. For pastor **Luis** as he teaches one of the **Sunday School** groups & trains other leaders. Pray for more **helpers** –Matt.9: 37
15. Pray for strength for **Beryl Baker** in her **Chaco** clinic. Give thanks for God's timing in a recent visit to **El Estribo**, when she was able to prevent the death of **Lorenza Recalde** from a severe haemorrhage. Sadly many other people have died through dehydration due to inadequate health cover in the Chaco area. Pray for bereaved families & for health posts to be upgraded.
16. Pray for **Denis Johnson, General Secretary of SAMS Ireland** as he meets in London tomorrow with other leaders of **SAMS International** in the light of the merger of **SAMSGB** and **CMS**. For wisdom as they pray & discuss together & make decisions over future developments.

17. Continue to pray for wisdom & perseverance for **Ed & Marie Brice** & the congregation in **Rio Verde** as to how to develop its ministry in the town. For **Nelson & Carmen** & their family as they care for the **Anglican Centre** there.
  18. Pray for strength & discernment for the team in **Concepcion** as they daily deal with crises & emergencies. Pray for them as they visit grieving families in **Santa Elisa, Chaco** where several children died of dehydration & vomiting. For local families where there is strife between siblings leading to violence. For a deep work of the Holy Spirit amongst the young people to bring repentance & hope in a society where there is so much unemployment, exploitation & resignation.
  19. Pray for **pastor Guillermo** as he visits the annexe congregation in **Yvapovo**, outside **Concepcion**. Give thanks for the start of a church building there by volunteers which gives **pastor Guillermo** basic overnight accommodation. Pray for **Rosi** & the family in **Concepcion** & give thanks that their eldest sons, **Abrahan & Daniel** are participating in the music group on Sundays & in the youth meetings on Saturdays.
  20. Pray for the community of **Makxawaya** & for the congregation there. For **pastor Juan & Alicia & deacon Romualdo** & his family & the young people in their music groups. Pray too for the elderly faithful church members such as **Anita Severo**. Remember in prayer all the **Chaco** congregations & their leaders.
  21. Pray for the teaching staff & students at **FEISA** & for sufficient finance to cover this year's costs. Give thanks for the visits by staff & students to **Chaco** village schools & pray for the indigenous teachers & parents involved in the teaching programme. Pray for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students who are doing a special programme for the **Ministry of Education** & will therefore graduate in mid **2009**.
  22. Give thanks for the drug rehabilitation home, **La Puerta** near to the **Chacarita** shanty area & pray for the documentation process to give it official recognition. For God to overrule & use each contact with public officials. For **Sharon McCreerie** the Director & **Hector & Delia**, the houseparents.
  23. Give thanks for the growth of the **San Andres** evening congregation from a church plant into an independent congregation. Pray for **Donald Brooks & Raquel Greco** as they will be leading the church as from **July** when **pastor Patrick & Rosie** return to the **UK**. For wisdom & clarity over the next few months.
  24. Pray for God's overruling for **Patrick & Rosie** & the family as to their future plans. For the right openings for ministry & for schools for the family. Pray for strength as they begin to pack up & prepare to leave **South America** after many years service with all the emotional turmoil that represents both for them & the people they leave behind.
  25. Pray for the ministry to children & young people in **San Lorenzo** & for the plans for development later this year through **Mission Paraguay** volunteers. For encouragement & wisdom for **Teo & Lidia** & their team & for their contact with parents. For wisdom over long term future leadership there.
  26. Pray for the congregation in **Luque** & for pastor **Jorge & Rebeca** as they evangelize in the **Luque** area. For **Jorge's** involvement in different inter church initiatives including the lobbying of Congress on national family issues.
  27. Pray for **pastor Cefe, Ana** & their team in **Roque Alonso**. Give thanks for the **Children's Clubs** in **Remansito, Mirador & Roque Alonso** & pray for more volunteers to respond to God's call to work amongst the children. **Paraguay** is a very young nation. Pray that children will be able to hear the gospel when young & commit their lives to the Lord.
  28. Continue to pray too for the **Retreat Centre** in formation in **Emboscada** & for the building of a bunkhouse there to enable overnight visits for relaxation & fellowship by members of local churches. In the more marginalised congregations there is no possibility of families taking a holiday or having a break from their routine. Pray that the **Centre** may become a place where Christian fellowship & teaching is experienced by all the **Asuncion** congregations & also for outreach into the local community. For **Adelio & Isabel** who look after the **Centre**.
  29. Give thanks for the ministry through **St. Andrew's English** speaking congregation & pray that God will raise up new leadership to follow on from the **Butlers** when they leave in July. For contact with people who are open to participate in the next **Alpha** course
  30. Pray for strength & wisdom for **pastor Ed Brice** in his teaching ministry amongst the **Chaco** church leaders & for **Marie** in the preparation of materials suitable for children in the country & **Chaco** areas. Pray too for **Feliciano Ortega** in his theological studies, his wife **Rosa** & family & for their monthly meetings with couples in **Santani**, together with **pastor Agustin & Teresa**.
  31. Give thanks for answered prayer in the arrival of a new teacher for **St. Andrew's** Secondary department. Pray for grace & strength for **Sue Nagaitis** as she adapts to a very different culture & a new school situation. Continue to pray too for the **financial** situation of the Diocese. With so many church members on intermittent employment & the world economic recession, pray that God will supply the financial needs. For faith & trust in His promises.
- 2 Timothy 2:13** "..... he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself."