

THE ANGLICARE PRAYER

*Almighty God, giver of light and life,
send your salvation through all the world.*

*Keep us mindful of the needs of others
and help us to be wise stewards of all
you have entrusted to us.*

*Bless ANGLICARE and
all who serve in its fellowship.*

*May there always be a glad
and prayerful response
to appeals made for the work.*

*Guide us to those who need our help,
and grant us the power of your Holy Spirit
to love and serve you at all times,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CONTACTING ANGLICARE

ANGLICARE Diocese of Sydney
Head Office: 16 Parkes Street, Parramatta NSW 2150
PO Box 427 Parramatta NSW 2124
Tel 02 9895 8000 **Fax** 02 9633 4620
www.anglicare.org.au



PD0407

PRAYER DIARY 2007-2008

ANGLICARE's Vision:

*Lives changing and
communities growing by
care through Jesus Christ.*



ANGLICARE'S MISSION

To care:

- By doing good works that grow communities and address emotional, social and physical needs, and which are the fruit of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- By seeking to bring the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that alone meets spiritual needs.
- In partnership with churches where possible, and the wider community where appropriate.

Every year, ANGLICARE services reach out to many thousands of people to provide support, assistance, advice and advocacy.

THE ANGLICARE PRAYER DIARY

This Prayer Diary is a guide to praying regularly and thoughtfully for the ministry of ANGLICARE throughout the Sydney Diocese.

Prayer is vital for this work and we greatly value your prayer support. We hope the following guidelines will assist you in praying for ANGLICARE's work, for those who undertake it and for all those reached in the name of Christ.

PRAISE GOD

Praise God for his grace and provision for the ministry of ANGLICARE since 1856.

Give thanks:

- For the provision of resources needed to carry out this work.
- For the staff and volunteers who serve God in their roles at ANGLICARE.
- For our many supporters who pray and give so generously.
- For opportunities to work in partnership with churches and the wider community.
- For the opportunity to serve Christ through showing his love and mercy to those in need.

DAY 1 HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Please pray for ANGLICARE's chaplaincy ministry in hospitals throughout the Diocese. Our chaplains serve at Children's Hospital Westmead, Concord, Liverpool, Prince of Wales, Royal North Shore, Royal Prince Alfred, St George, St Vincent's, Westmead, Wollongong and Illawarra hospitals.

Pray:

- That those facing sickness and death may hear and respond to the message of hope through Jesus Christ.
- For wisdom and compassion for the chaplains as they support people facing deeply distressing and traumatic situations.
- For opportunities for chaplains to link patients and their families with local parish churches.

DAY 2 CHESALON COMMUNITY CARE DAY CENTRES

Please pray for the work of Chesalon Community Care Day Centres as they provide centre-based respite care and therapy to support frail elderly clients and their carers.

Pray:

- For the clients, that they may experience fulfilment in the recreational activity programs provided at the centres.
- For the coordinators, as they plan and develop programs and manage the running of the centres.
- That the staff and volunteers will be able to demonstrate Christ's care and love through their interactions with clients and carers.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

DAY 3 PARISH PARTNERSHIPS

Please pray for ANGLICARE as we seek to strengthen our partnerships with parishes and as we develop a culture and strategies to foster these partnerships.

Pray:

- For the ANGLICARE Council and Executive Team as they determine the organisation's directions for parish partnerships.
- For ANGLICARE and the parishes as we prayerfully consider how we will resource and prioritise partnership initiatives.
- For the realisation of the desire and hope that ANGLICARE and the parishes would be linked in care partnerships that bring people into the Kingdom to the glory of God.

DAY 4 COMMUNITY CARE CENTRES

Please pray for the work of ANGLICARE's Community Care Centres as they provide a range of services to those in need in the Outer West, Wollongong, Shoalhaven, Inner West, South West Sydney and South East Sydney regions.

Pray:

- For the staff and volunteers as they minister at the front line.
- That clients may know the love of Christ through the understanding and support they receive.
- For opportunities for each centre to work in partnership with local parishes.

DAY 5 OUT OF HOME CARE PROGRAMS

Please pray for the work of ANGLICARE's Out of Home Care programs, which provide permanent, temporary, weekend and crisis care for children and adolescents who are unable to live with their own families.

Pray:

- For the children receiving care, that they may feel comfortable and secure with the families who care for them.
- That suitable people will come forward to train as foster carers.

- For wisdom and strength for the foster carers and their families as they welcome children into their homes and lives.
- For the young people in the Paul Street Adolescent Residential program, that they may grow in confidence and self-esteem as they study or look for employment.
- For all staff involved in Out of Home Care programs, that they may be effective and compassionate in their work.

DAY 6 CHESALON RESIDENTIAL CARE

Please pray for the work of Chesalon homes which provide residential care to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of the aged.

Pray:

- For the Chesalon residents, that they may find comfort, peace, security and hope.
- For the relatives of residents, as they cope with the day-to-day challenges of supporting their family member.
- For the health and well-being of Chesalon staff as they strive to care with skill, love and compassion.

DAY 7 ANGLICARE COUNCIL

Please pray for the men and women who serve on the ANGLICARE Council as they work together to guide the organisation's direction.

Pray:

- For God's guidance in all their work.
- That the Council's decisions will reflect consistent application of the vision, mission and values of ANGLICARE.
- For wisdom and discernment to respond to new challenges and opportunities as they arise.
- That Council members will be able to balance this demanding role with their other responsibilities.

DAY 8 EARLY INTERVENTIONS

Please pray for the work of ANGLICARE's Early Interventions program, which provides support, education and accommodation for pregnant and parenting young people and their children.

Pray:

- For the young mothers and fathers, that they will develop the skills necessary for effective parenting.
- That the children involved in the program will benefit from the activities and opportunities provided.
- For the staff and volunteers, that they will remain optimistic and encouraged.

DAY 9 COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Please pray for ANGLICARE's Community Education and Training team as they work in the areas of relationship education programs, Family Wellness courses and the English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry.

Pray:

- For the many couples and families attending our seminars, courses and weekends, that their relationships will be enhanced and families strengthened.
- For our Australia-wide program of Family Wellness Instructor Training and for the many family courses that are held in churches and schools in all states.
- For the ministry of our ESL volunteers as they serve people of non-English speaking backgrounds at weekly parish-based ESL classes. Give thanks that over 300 teachers and helpers in more than 50 parishes are involved in this special ministry.

DAY 10 ANGLICARE SHOPS – DEPOT

Please pray for the work undertaken by staff and volunteers at the ANGLICARE Shops depot at Summer Hill.

Pray:

- That there would continue to be a plentiful supply of good quality donated items, resources to recycle them and customers to buy them.

- For the health and safety of staff and volunteers as they carry out their work.
- For closer relationships with our parishes and the communities they serve.

DAY 11 COUNSELLING SERVICES

Please pray for the work of ANGLICARE Counselling which aims to equip people for healthy relationships in family, church and community.

Pray:

- For those who seek counselling due to relationship difficulties, family crisis or change, conflict, emotional difficulties, depression, anxiety or grief.
- For our counsellors, as they offer privacy and safety for people to speak about their concerns.
- That our counsellors would be able to manage the change in practice as the new Family Law Act is implemented.
- For the families whose lives are affected by these changes.
- For qualified people with Christian convictions to fill counselling positions.

DAY 12 JUVENILE JUSTICE CHAPLAINCY

Please pray for ANGLICARE's chaplaincy ministry at the Juniperina Juvenile Justice Centre.

Pray:

- That the girls at Juniperina will find comfort in knowing that they are loved unconditionally by God.
- For the Juniperina chaplain, as she seeks to provide spiritual, emotional and practical support to troubled girls.
- For the continued provision of support and resources for this work.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

DAY 13 CHESALON COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

Please pray for the work of Chesalon Community Care services as they work with the frail aged and those with dementia to help them remain in their own homes.

Pray:

- For the clients and their carers, that the support provided may bring them physical comfort and peace of mind.
- For the staff, that they will be safe on the roads as they travel from client to client.
- For increased funding and support for this work as needs continue to grow.

DAY 14 VOLUNTEERS

Please pray for the many volunteers who donate their time and talents to serve the community through ANGLICARE programs and support groups.

Pray:

- For volunteers in Community Support and Outreach programs as they serve those in need.
- For volunteers in Chesalon residential and community services as they support frail, elderly people and their carers.
- For Emergency Services volunteers as they provide assistance to those affected by disaster.
- For all Auxiliary members as they provide practical, financial and prayer support for ANGLICARE.

DAY 15 STREET OUTREACH

Please pray for those involved in ANGLICARE's Street Outreach program as they work to assist and support homeless young people.

Pray:

- For the resources required to provide immediate material aid to young people living on the streets.
- That this work will make a real and lasting difference by helping young people to step out of destructive cycles of living.
- For the safety of the Street Outreach staff, as their work takes them into challenging environments and situations.
- For opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with young people.

DAY 16 KINGSdene SPECIAL SCHOOL AND RESIDENCES

Please pray for the students, staff and families of Kingsdene, ANGLICARE's school and residential program for students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, autism and a range of complex issues which impact on their lives.

Pray:

- For the students, that they may be aware of the great love of Jesus.
- For new students as they settle into the school and adjust to living away from their families from Monday to Friday.
- For the families, as they deal with the ongoing issues associated with having a child with special needs.
- That the students would remain calm and settled in order to benefit from the individual educational programs provided by Kingsdene.
- For the staff, that they would put their trust in God for the health, patience and stamina needed for their work.

DAY 17 MENTAL HEALTH CHAPLAINCY

Please pray for the work of ANGLICARE chaplains who minister at the Cumberland, Rozelle, Macquarie and South West Sydney mental health facilities.

Pray:

- For wisdom and compassion for the chaplains as they reach out to people whose lives are affected by mental illness.
- That those living with mental illness will find acceptance and support in their families and the community.
- For the chaplains' safety, as they provide Christian support to those in crisis.

DAY 18 FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Please pray for the work of ANGLICARE Family Support programs in caring for vulnerable and disadvantaged families with children who are in need of physical, social, financial, emotional and spiritual support.

Pray:

- For the clients who seek support to change their life circumstances and for the Family Services staff who care about helping them to make this change.
- For wisdom and compassion for the family workers as they go out and visit with families who are doing it tough.
- That the Lord will keep these workers safe and in good health and give them the strength to do this challenging work.
- For insight to enable the family workers to minister to the needs of vulnerable families.

DAY 19 ADOPTION SERVICES

Please pray for the ANGLICARE Adoption Services team as they seek to support parents considering placing their child for adoption, children needing adoption and prospective adoptive parents.

Pray:

- For the children who are being placed for adoption, including those with physical and/or intellectual disabilities.
- For families who are considering adoption.
- That parents considering placing their child for adoption will be able to make an informed decision.
- For the Adoption Services staff as they provide continuing support to children who are adopted and their parents.

DAY 20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM

Please pray for the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Team as they work together to implement ANGLICARE's Strategic Plan.

Pray:

- For clear thought and sound judgement in all their actions and decisions.
- That they will model Christ-like leadership to all ANGLICARE staff, volunteers and supporters.
- That they will demonstrate personal and collective commitment to the mission of ANGLICARE.
- For their physical and spiritual well-being in this demanding work.

DAY 21 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Please pray for all those involved in ANGLICARE Emergency Services as they seek to provide assistance in caring for individuals and communities affected by major emergencies and unexpected high-impact incidents.

Pray:

- That effective training will ensure volunteers are ready and willing to respond when an emergency occurs.
- For good relationships and cooperation with other community organisations involved in this work.
- For skills and compassion for our volunteers as they serve those affected by emergencies.
- That Emergency Services teams will be effective ambassadors for our Lord Jesus Christ at all times.

On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

2 Corinthians 1:10b-11

DAY 22 CHESALON CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

Please pray for all those involved in the significant change and development in a number of Chesalon facilities. The Malabar and Jannali homes are to be completely rebuilt and a new facility is being developed at Ingleburn.

Pray:

- For the Malabar and Jannali staff and residents as they temporarily relocate to alternative premises. Pray that residents will quickly feel settled and secure and that staff will be able to continue to provide a high level of care.
- That the building projects will proceed smoothly and without undue delay.
- For wisdom, strength and stamina for the Chesalon leadership team as they work to bring these plans to fruition.

DAY 23 POLICY UNIT

Please pray for ANGLICARE's Policy Unit as they work with all other areas of the organisation. The Policy Unit is dedicated to advocating to government on behalf of those who are marginalised and excluded in our society and also assists in the development of best practice service delivery across ANGLICARE's wide and diverse ministry.

Pray:

- That the work of the Policy Unit would contribute to positive outcomes for clients and the strengthening of ANGLICARE's services.
- That God would help the Policy Unit staff to manage their time effectively and to work efficiently to answer many competing demands and fulfil ANGLICARE's extensive research agenda.
- For mutually supportive relationships between the Policy Unit and those with whom it works – ANGLICARE services, Diocesan leadership, parishes and other groups in the Anglican community.

DAY 24 DISABILITY SERVICES

Please pray for the work of all ANGLICARE teams involved in providing services for people with disabilities and their carers.

Pray:

- For our clients of all ages with disabilities, that they would find the assistance they need to live meaningful lives.
- For strength, patience and perseverance for carers, as they seek to provide support and encouragement.
- That those with disabilities would find comfort in the knowledge of Christ's love.
- For the staff and volunteers involved in providing disability services, as they seek to care with skill and compassion.

DAY 25 ANGLICARE SHOPS

Please pray for the work of our shops as they provide good quality clothing to those in need and generate income for ANGLICARE's caring services.

Pray:

- For our customers, especially those living in difficult circumstances, that they may receive the support and assistance they need.
- For the safety of staff and volunteers, as they work to make a real difference in the lives of those they serve.
- For effective networking to enable customers to be referred to other services where appropriate.
- For opportunities to develop the work of the shops in partnership with local parishes.

DAY 26 CHESALON CHAPLAINCY

Please pray for ANGLICARE's chaplaincy ministry at Chesalon residential homes and community centres.

Pray:

- That the reassurance of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ may bring comfort to the frail, elderly people and their carers.
- For skill and compassion for the chaplains as they minister to those affected by dementia.
- For opportunities to establish links with local parish churches.

DAY 27 EMERGENCY RELIEF

Please pray for ANGLICARE services throughout the Diocese which provide material aid to assist those in need.

Pray:

- For the continued support of the local Anglican parishes and community members who generously donate food and clothing for use in emergency relief programs.
- For staff and volunteers who deal with stressful situations each day.
- That those who turn to ANGLICARE for assistance will find the help and support they need.

DAY 28 LISGAR YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Please pray for the work of the Lisgar Youth Support program which seeks to assist vulnerable young people and their families.

Pray:

- For the young people and families who may be isolated, in crisis or living in poverty.
- For the support and resources required to help Lisgar clients gain some stability in their lives.
- For strength, patience and resilience for the staff.

DAY 29 SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Please pray for the Schools Partnership Program as we seek to engage young people in the work of ANGLICARE.

Pray:

- That we may be able to encourage young people to become involved in their community through the work of ANGLICARE.
- For opportunities to engage students in meaningful 'hands-on' experiences.
- For the development of effective relationships between ANGLICARE staff and school leaders.
- That staff involved in this work may demonstrate Christ's love to the young people with whom they make contact.

DAY 30 CORRECTIONAL CENTRE CHAPLAINCY

Please pray for the ministry of ANGLICARE chaplains in the following correctional centres: Dillwynia, John Morony 2, Long Bay, Metropolitan Remand & Reception, Parramatta, Silverwater, Mulawa and Berrima.

Pray:

- That those serving custodial sentences may hear and respond to the message of life-changing freedom through Jesus Christ.
- For safety and strength for the chaplains who undertake this demanding work in volatile environments.
- That those who have turned to Christ may find acceptance in local Christian communities when they are released.

DAY 31 STRATEGIC SUPPORT TEAM

Please pray for those who work in ANGLICARE's Strategic Support team as they work to support the organisation's client services.

Pray:

- That God will direct and guide their work each day.
- For effective communication across and between all teams and ANGLICARE as a whole.
- For honesty, integrity and appropriate transparency at all levels in decision-making and reporting.
- That all will be committed to proper stewardship of ANGLICARE's resources, including human, financial and material resources.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18