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# Prayer Words

## May 2020

1. The **SIL Australia AGM and Board meeting** are being held today. Pray that they will go smoothly, especially in terms of technology.
2. **Wycliffe Australia** is holding a virtual **AGM and Board meeting** today. Please pray for wisdom for the Board as they continue to guide the organisation through this challenging time.
3. **Ian and Katharina Tupper** were able to return to Germany from Cameroon before travel restrictions were enforced but their computer was lost on the journey. Please pray for its recovery.
4. **SIL Australia** starts its **Research Week** today (4-8 May). Pray that students will make the most of the time to make progress in their assessment tasks.
5. **Max Sahl** (CEO) will be a table facilitator at the virtual ICON (International Conference) meetings today and tomorrow. Please pray that all goes smoothly.
6. Wycliffe Australia has about **25 families in transition** due to COVID-19. Some have travelled out of their countries of service. Others were not able to return to Australia. Pray for each one as they adapt to their current circumstances.
7. Please pray that those **Wycliffe Australia members** who have chosen to remain in the country where they are serving will be sources of light, strength and peace in this chaotic world.
8. Give thanks with us that **Gary Peterson** has been granted his visa to remain working in Australia. He and his wife, Robyn (who is Australian), are valued members of the team working at the National Centre at Kangaroo Ground.
9. With international travel restrictions in place, no mission planes have been able to come from Papua New Guinea to Cairns to collect the **supplies bought by Martin Snook**. So, a courier company is being trialled. Please pray that it would work well in terms of cost and the safe arrival of goods.
10. **Gordon Thompson** works as a typesetter and is involved with two indigenous language projects at present. Please pray that all will go smoothly as he begins the typesetting of the Anmatjerr Mini Bible soon.
11. Where would we be today without **information technology**? Thank the Lord that IT advances have made social distancing and quarantine more palatable for us all.
12. **Cyclone Harold** wreaked havoc in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga in April. Pray for the recovery efforts, that people will get the supplies that they need and that rebuilding can begin quickly while working within COVID-19 restrictions.
13. Between the recent bush fires, drought, floods and the ongoing impact of the coronavirus, Australians have had to come to terms with many sudden changes. The world is facing a time of great uncertainty, but **praise God that his great love never changes!** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8, ESV)
14. **Ewen Cummings** juggles many tasks in his role as Centre Manager at the Kangaroo Ground property. Please continue to pray for him as so many people depend on him.

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15. Pray for **eyes to see and ears to hear** where God is leading as Wycliffe staff make decisions on how to use the next months effectively, given their present lockdown situations.

16. **New members of Wycliffe Australia** are trying to prepare for their future missionary service as they are able to. Pray that each new member will not be discouraged by their drastically changed plans but will rest in the Lord's sovereignty.

17. **Steve and Paula Parker** are one family who have returned to Australia early. Please pray for them as they adjust to being in Australia earlier than expected (furlough was planned for June). At the moment they're based in Cairns until they can move home to Sydney. They're thankful for many things during this time, particularly the way their two sons (aged 18 and 16) coped with the changes to their lives and particularly the disruption to their schooling.

18. Praise God for the great teams we have in the **Finance and IT departments**, and for the good progress they have made in implementing required changes in the past year. Pray for those involved as they finish making the needed additional changes.

19. Give thanks for the ability of **SILA staff** to quickly transition to online adaptations of previously face-to-face coursework since the beginning of the semester. Pray that students will continue to feel part of the SILA community.

20. COVID-19 restrictions have curtailed all of **Wycliffe Australia's planned events** this year. So now we are investigating whether some could be delivered via video conferencing. Please pray that we will be able to make the best use of these unexpected opportunities.

21. Many, many **children** have had their **schooling disrupted** this year, either by having to home school or by changing locations suddenly. Please pray for them and their parents as they all negotiate the best way to learn (or teach) now.

22. **Adam and Hester Pike** have been able to lease a townhouse near their son's school during their home assignment. Join them in thanking God for his provision in this wonderful answer to prayer.

23. Please pray that each new **WBTA member** will have success in building the remainder of their partnership team (prayer and financial support) despite the social distancing challenges.

24. **Tree Tops Lodge Cairns** provides affordable accommodation for missionaries. There will be staff changes in 2020. Please pray that the new team members will be able to learn their roles quickly.

25. **Wycliffe Australia members do not get paid a salary** but depend on financial gifts from their partners – churches and individuals. During this difficult year many people are struggling financially, making it hard for them to support missionaries. Please ask God to give everyone wisdom and grace.

26. Join **Warren and Jessie** in praising God for one very special touch of his goodness. The dedication of the Godavari mini-Bible happened on 25 February this year, just before the declaration of the pandemic and consequent travel restrictions! Thank you Lord!

27. Please pray for the **Word of God** to continue to cross boundaries and to penetrate hearts. A virus cannot stop it!

28. **Kelvin and Roslyn Nicolle** both work at the National Centre. Kelvin teaches at SILA (the training school for language workers) while Roslyn is the Personnel Manager for Wycliffe Australia. Please pray for them as this year presents many new challenges for each of them in their jobs.

29. Praise God for his timing in providing a training opportunity right before it was needed! When Wycliffe Australia's Regional Representatives met in March, they worked on developing **regional-based Member Care**. Then COVID-19 brought a number of WBTA members home from overseas. The Regional Carers have done a great job in connecting and caring for these members.

30. **Nico and Pam Daams** are thankful that they managed to visit the Solomon Islands before international travel was restricted. While there, Nico checked translation work in the Tikopian and Rennellese languages. He also arranged for a local consultant to check further translation work later in the year if he can't return. Praise the Lord for this provision!

31. If you are feeling burdened by the troubles of the world, **surrender your worries to Jesus**. Ask the Prince of Peace to renew your mind and restore your peace. *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* (John 14:27, NIV)

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