

April to October 2026

WEEKLY
prayer
DIARY



Thank you for reading CRU's Prayer Diary and using these pages to guide your prayers which fuel so much of our ministry to young people. We hope you find it encouraging to read about what's happening at CRU over the next few months and know that your prayers are having an eternal impact. So, press on in your prayers and look forward to seeing how God will answer them for His glory!

CRU'S VISION

To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the students of the independent schools of Australia, to nurture Christians, encourage church membership and train young Christians for a life of servant leadership.

“I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 3:12b–14)

APRIL

Week starting Sunday 5 April

We praise God for He has provided a way for us to be in relationship with Him through Jesus' death and resurrection. As we celebrate Easter this week, rejoice with all Christians around the world as we remember that death and sin have been defeated because of all that Jesus has accomplished. Please pray that Christians everywhere may be bold in sharing this great news of hope with those who don't yet know Jesus.

Week starting Sunday 12 April

Give thanks for the Holiday Camps this week. Please be praying for Club Mac, Aussie Adventure, Autumn Study 2 and Autumn Explorers. Pray that campers will enjoy the activities and that God will be powerfully at work in their lives as they consider the gospel message. Pray also for the volunteer directors and leaders, that they will be enthusiastic about the week ahead and ready to share God's Word faithfully.

Week starting Sunday 19 April

We thank God for the opportunities we have to share the gospel with school students as we head into Term 2. Please pray for the Schools Ministry team as they prepare to touch base with teachers and Chaplains and organise school visits. Please pray that God will be sustaining them in health and joy as they continue to go into schools and share the good news of Jesus in assemblies, chapel services and CRU groups, particularly when it may be challenging. Please pray that relationships with Chaplains, Heads of schools and teachers will continue to deepen and flourish, as we partner with schools in ministry.

Week starting Sunday 26 April

Praise God for what He has been doing through CRU Educational Camps this term. Give thanks for the four camps running this week, and the opportunity to share God's saving work with students and teachers. Ask that God will be softening students' hearts this week and that they will be receptive to hearing the gospel. Ask that God will be sustaining the team as they run these camps and that they will be filled with His strength and wisdom.

MAY

Week starting Sunday 3 May

Join us in praying for the seven CRU Educational Camps being run this week. Please pray that each leader will be filled with joy as they share the gospel with students on camp this week. Ask that God will be working powerfully on these camps for His glory, and providing energy, good health and patience when leaders are feeling weary.

Week starting Sunday 10 May

Thank God for CRU's Teachers' Conference happening this week at St Anne's Anglican Church in Ryde. Pray that this event will be encouraging for all the teachers and chaplains who attend. Ask that they will be reignited with zeal for gospel ministry in their schools and discover new and creative ideas to enhance their CRU Groups and chapel services.

Week starting Sunday 17 May

Please pray for the CRU Educational Camps this week, particularly for the Trinity Christian School Years 4 and 5 camps as they travel to Canberra. Pray for safety on the road, and open hearts and minds as they explore the claims of Christ. The Divisional Heads also go on a planning retreat this week for a couple of days. Please pray for refreshment, clarity, wisdom and creativity as they spend time in God's Word and discuss big picture issues together.

Week starting Sunday 24 May

Praise God for what He is doing through CRU West. Give thanks for Ed Surrey and his team as they visit schools and run camps throughout the year, sharing Jesus with the next generation of WA youth. Give thanks also for the CRU West Committee as they regularly meet together to plan, pray and support this vital ministry.

Week starting Sunday 31 May

Thank God for the four CRU Educational Camps being run this week and for the six that ran last week. We praise God for the many opportunities these camps provide to share the gospel with so many children, many of whom may never have heard much about Jesus before. Pray that the leaders will be faithful witnesses to God's goodness and grace this week.



JUNE

Week starting Sunday 7 June

Give thanks for all staff who work behind the scenes at CRU to support our frontline ministries — Accounts & Payroll, IT, Communications, HR and Admin. Thank God for the unique skills and experience He's given them and ask that they will be encouraged in their work this week.

Week starting Sunday 14 June

Praise God for the CRU Educational Camps team and for their skills and experience as they run camps for school groups this year. Pray for sustenance, enthusiasm to show Christ's love to campers, and clear communication as they proclaim the gospel. Pray for the three camps being run this week in various locations.

Week starting Sunday 21 June

Join us in thanking God for the men and women who serve on CRU's Board, for their expertise, wisdom, integrity and dedication to oversee the ministries of CRU. Pray for them as they meet regularly during the year to plan, strategise and seek to make godly decisions.

Week starting Sunday 28 June

Thank God for the funds raised so far for the Stage 2 building works at CRU Lake Mac, which involve a new accommodation Lodge sleeping 104 people and a large meeting room. This means an extra 7,100 campers will be able to be reached with the gospel each year. Please pray for our end of financial year appeal as it wraps up this week, that supporters will be generous and help raise the funds needed. Winter CRU Holiday Camps also start this week with three camps being held at our sites.

JULY

Week starting Sunday 5 July

It's a huge week of CRU Holiday Camps this week with 13 camps being run in various locations which feature a bunch of different activities. Praise God for these many opportunities to share the love of Jesus with so many kids. Pray particularly for the three snow-based camps in Jindabyne — for safety, good snow coverage and open hearts for gospel conversations — and for CRU West's two camps running this week.

Week starting Sunday 12 July

Uphold all the volunteer directors, speakers, leaders, cooks, and all others involved in the six CRU Holiday Camps this week. Pray that many young people come to know and love the Lord Jesus on camp this week. Please also pray for CrossTrain, the discipleship and leadership camp, as it runs this week, that many students will grow in their faith and leadership and put it into practice when they return to school next term.

Week starting Sunday 19 July

Give thanks for the new Summit trainees who've joined the CRU Educational Camps team this month. Ask that they settle well into their new roles and are enthused to share Jesus with students on camps. Please also pray for their retreat in the Blue Mountains this week, that they will love spending time with each other, reading God's Word and praying together.

Week starting Sunday 26 July

Praise God for our site and kitchen staff who serve diligently and tirelessly to maintain both our campsites and sustain our guests so well. Ask God to provide energy, patience and good health, especially during busy seasons. Pray they find some refreshment during quieter times and prioritise spending quality time with their Father in heaven. There are also two CRU Educational Camps on this week, so please pray for successful camps, good weather and faithful Bible discussions with campers.

AUGUST

Week starting Sunday 2 August

Thank God for the staff at CRU, for their desire to use their gifts and abilities to serve the Lord Jesus, and for their dedication to sharing the gospel with the next generation of youth. Please pray for the two-day Staff Connection Conference this week, that staff will encourage each other, connect with people from other divisions, be equipped for ministry and enjoy God's beautiful creation at Lake Mac.

Week starting Sunday 9 August

Pray for the Schools Ministry InterCRU events being held this week in Canberra, on the North Shore and in Perth. These networking events are wonderful opportunities for students from various schools to gather together in their region, be encouraged through God's Word, have fun together and be inspired to continue sharing Jesus with their friends at school.

Week starting Sunday 16 August

Please keep the eight CRU Educational Camps being held this week in your prayers. Give thanks for the CRU Educational Camps team as they run camps. Ask for energy, patience and perseverance when they feel tired or stressed and ask that God will be working mightily in the hearts of each student on camp this week. Please also pray for the Central Coast and Eastern Suburbs InterCRUs being held this week.

Week starting Sunday 23 August

Thank God for the seven FIT training programs that Schools Ministry will run for CRU Group leaders in Years 5 and 6 this term in NSW and the ACT. Ask that students will learn practical leadership skills they can put into practice at school and love learning more about Jesus. We are also hoping to run two new FITs this term in the Northern Beaches and Penrith regions. Ask that God will enable these new events to happen so more young students can be equipped to lead their CRU Groups at school.

Week starting Sunday 30 August

Give thanks for the Admin team who work so diligently in the background, keeping CRU's cogs turning smoothly. Pray for clear thinking and wisdom as they finalise our 2025/26 financial year and prepare to start a new CRU financial year this week. Also give thanks for our financial and prayer supporters over the past year. We couldn't do what we do without them. Pray that God uses their sacrificial gifts and prayers in powerful ways.



SEPTEMBER

Week starting Sunday 6 September

Praise God for Nick Hood and give thanks for his leadership, godliness, humility and integrity. Ask that God will be sustaining and encouraging Nick as CEO of CRU. Give thanks also for our many volunteers who help out in so many ways throughout the year. You are so encouraging and inspiring!

Week starting Sunday 13 September

Thank God for the seven CRU Educational Camps on this week at Galston Gorge and Lake Mac. Ask that relationships between campers and leaders are built quickly and helpful discussions are had over meals, during activities and in discussion groups. Pray that God will be working to bring campers into His kingdom and strengthening the faith of those who already follow Jesus.

Week starting Sunday 20 September

Pray for the CRU West Committee as they meet this week. Ask for wisdom as they plan and make decisions about the shape of ministry in Western Australia. Pray also for the CRU West staff, particularly Ed Surrey as Director, that God will sustain them during a busy year, keep them energised and healthy, and enthused about sharing Jesus with kids on camps and in schools. Praise God for the way he has been growing this wonderful ministry.

Week starting Sunday 27 September

The spring holiday camp season starts this week, with seven camps running, including two Day Camps — CRU Craze at Arden Anglican School and CRU Rush at Penrith Anglican College. Pray that kids love their camp experience and learn more about Jesus Christ. Ask that those who may not have heard much about Jesus before might continue finding out about Him even after camp finishes. Give thanks also for Camps Committee who meet regularly to support, plan and pray for CRU Holiday Camps throughout the year.

OCTOBER

Week starting Sunday 4 October

Uphold the six Holiday Camps being run at Galston Gorge, Lake Mac, Marsfield and Narara in your prayers this week. Ask for safety as kids enjoy fun and challenging activities, and that God's Spirit will be at work in the hearts of the campers during the week. Give thanks for the many volunteer leaders who give up their holidays to run these camps, and for their faithful service as they care for campers, model Christ to them and share the life-changing message of the gospel.

Week starting Sunday 11 October

As Term 4 commences this week, keep all teachers and chaplains in your prayers as they plan and run CRU Groups, chapel services and other ministries in their schools. Pray also for the new student leaders as they step up into leadership positions this term. Ask that they will be supported and equipped well to serve their fellow students. There are also four CRU Educational Camps on this week. Pray for great gospel conversations, patience, humility and grace as the CRU Educational Camps team run about 40 camps this term.

Week starting Sunday 18 October

CRU West is running an InterCRU this week. Pray that many students from many schools will attend to be encouraged in their faith. CRU is also running our annual Wills Days in late October and early November. Give thanks for our wonderful group of solicitors who give up their time, sometimes on a Saturday, to meet with CRU supporters to write or update their Wills pro bono. Ask that those who meet with lawyers in the coming weeks will consider leaving a gift to CRU in their Wills. Praise God for how He has used past bequests to achieve magnificent things, particularly at our campsites.

Week starting Sunday 25 October

Give thanks for the 10 CRU Educational Camps running this week. Ask for sustenance and energy for the team during a busy week and pray for many opportunities to show the love of God to campers. Give thanks too for our site staff who keep our campsites clean, safe and beautiful for our guests throughout the year. Ask for energy and sustenance during a busy season of camps and guest groups on weekends. Schools Ministry is also running the Central Coast MegaCRU this week. Give thanks for the many students attending and ask that they'd be encouraged and feel supported as they meet with each other, hear God's Word and pray together.



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