

# St Matthew's Prayer Gathering



**8th May 2008**

Praying for St Matt's AMP Preparation

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| 7:45pm | Welcome                       |
| 7:55pm | Worthy is the Lamb            |
| 8:15pm | Pray for leaders & ministries |
| 8:35pm | Pray in & for congregations   |
| 9:00pm | Close                         |

# Worthy is the Lamb!

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your Kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Revelation 1

And they sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals, because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased men for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

Revelation 5

“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

<sup>16</sup> Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Revelation 21

# St Matthew's ministries

Kids Church      Co-ordinator: Jeremy Chappell (10am), Ben and Kylie vdK (5pm)

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- a new Together Time program at 10am
- Addition of a new class at 5pm Kids Church (now we have 3 classes)
- God raising up many new leaders and helpers for 10am and 5pm Kids Church

## PRAY...

- for God's working in the lives of the children and their response to him
- that the teachers will be faithful, creative, loving and encouraged
- that families will be regular to church so the children can feel connected and have more opportunities to learn and discover God
- for Jeremy, Kylie & Ben as they continue to coordinate the Kids Church ministry

Youth Ministry      Co-ordinator: Jeremy Chappell

## THANKS & PRAISE

- for a great start to the year in the new youth group structure - Sunday bible studies and the new Friday night program
- for people opening up their homes for bible study
- the youth group kids would be encouraged in their Christian walk, read their bible, pray and grow in godliness
- the small group bible studies would be a great time of learning, encouraging and growing in God

## PRAY THAT...

- the leadership team would be Christ centred and unified in helping the youth group kids know and love our Lord Jesus

ESL      Co-ordinator: Kaye Malcolm

- Thanks for a great team of teachers, four classes and about 25 eager students.
- In first term we invited St Matt's people to join us for a board games morning and end of term barbecue. Thanks for all those involved.
- Last year the students really enjoyed all the pre-evangelistic activities they attended - Cuppa for Cancer, Fabulous Festive flowers etc. Pray that this will continue.
- Pray that students will move on from a warm acceptance of these pre-evangelistic activities to a hunger for the gospel. We will have series of lunches with teachers sharing how they became Christians.
- Pray that God's Holy Spirit will work to bring people into the Kingdom!

## Playgroup

Co-ordinator: Wendy Lawrance

### PRAY THAT...

- new members feel welcomed & have good relationships with members & helpers
- enough helpers will be available to keep us going
- the parent evening program (once per term) with speakers will be effective in interesting people in Jesus
- Playgroup as a whole would help people to move closer to Jesus

## Lunch on Fridays

Co-ordinator: Jacqui Robinson

### PRAY THAT...

- it will fulfil God's purposes in drawing people to Himself through the reflection of His glory in people's life and work and passion.
- people will see its potential for offering a hospitality opportunity for introducing new people to our Lord and our church.
- more people with the vision for LOF be found to help run it.
- People will come tomorrow
- Ricky Burges and Kanishka as they speak.

## Refugee Support Group

Co-ordinator: Gwenyth Graham

### THANKS & PRAISE

- for the many answers to prayer particularly for accommodation and the right volunteers coming forward.

### PRAY...

- for our volunteers, for compassion, energy and wisdom, and the fragrance of Christ in all our relationships with refugees.
- for the refugees who are in our circle, that they may go forward, whatever the trials they face, and experience the love of God with them.

## SRE and schools

### PRAY...

- for Christian principals, teachers staff, students and chaplains that they may be salt and light in the schools in our city.
- for SRE teachers that they may be organised and creative in communicating the truth about Jesus.
- for good relationships between churches and local schools.

## Planning Group

Chair: Felice Sanchez

- for all the congregations that they might be challenged to be more missional in their ministries.
- for the ministry team as they guide us through a process of growth and outreach.
- for the growth of God's kingdom in Shenton Park.
- that we may rejoice in what we have in the Lord and that our joy will be apparent to all those in the community who know us, inside or outside St Matt's.
- that the greatest outreach might be given by the way we live our lives, working for each other, or the way we raise our children. Living our lives in a manner which contemplates the life that is to come.

## Parish Council

- for the working groups and chairs:  
Buildings and Grounds—Rob Lydon, Finance—Jeff Cloughton, Staff—Kevin Thompson, Admin—Damon Wasserman, Planning—Feliciano Sanchez
- Pray for wisdom in decision making and in the administration of the people's gifts for God's work.
- Ask God's help for PC as they work towards the Annual Meeting in June and plan for our ministry over the next four years.

## Annual Meeting of Parishioners

MONDAY 9 JUNE

Pray for our new ministry initiatives

### The 10am ministry Proposal

- Pray for the development of the 10am proposal that we might be wise in considering our options with our resources and people.
- That we can think of creative options to advance the mission of Jesus to our local community.

### Unichurch International Fellowship

- Pray for the Unichurch International Fellowship meeting at the Shiners.
- Pray for the group now established as platform to develop ministry to international students especially at UWA.
- Pray for the connection with Singaporean churches.

### Missional community

- Pray For Nigel Gordon's development and launch of a missional community north of the freeway next year.

# St Matthew's Congregations

8am Service      Congregational Leaders: Penny Fayle and Kanishka Raffel

## PRAISE & THANKS

- for teaching, sincere fellowship and many contributors to the service

## PRAY...

- that the congregation will continue to grow in the likeness of Christ
- for the Weekend Away in July and Rory as he prepares to speak there
- that new members/visitors will be made to feel welcome and the current members will feel part of the body
- for God's comfort for the sick and bereaved among us

10am Service      Congregational Pastor: Gavin Parsons

## PRAISE & THANKS

- for the restructuring of Children and Youth ministry, pray that leaders might be equipped for service and that our youth not to be ashamed of Jesus.
- for a renewed vision for welcoming and hospitality.
- for the many people who serve 10am, equip them in that service.
- for 10am opportunities to reach people in the local communities through ESL Playgroup SRE etc...

## PRAY FOR...

- families and marriages under stress, that Jesus might be the centre of family life.
- PABS groups that many might join one for mutual feeding and support.
- that people will feed regularly on God's Word individually and corporately
- PABS leaders and hosts that they might be disciplined in preparation and mutual care of groups
- that we might be intentional about our hospitality and welcoming.
- the negotiations with Rosalie School with regard to 10am regularly meeting there.
- an increased vision of how we might reach people in our local community and networks.
- that Jesus name will be honoured among us in thought, word and deed.
- people struggling in our midst with poor health, weariness, grief, relationship stress, loneliness and doubt. May Jesus and his people be their refuge
- a larger vision for mission to the whole world & more needy places.
- Pray that husbands and fathers may take up their responsibilities to give a spiritual lead to their families and church families
- Pray that we might equip each other to be ambassadors for Christ in the place of work and leisure.

## 5pm Service

Congregational Leaders: Ian and Kaye Malcolm, Nigel Gordon and Jenny D'Souza  
PRAY FOR...

- Pray that our prayer and bible study groups will be used by God to grow us in Christlikeness and to be outposts of his kingdom.
- That we would be diligent and godly workers who adorn the message about Jesus by our everyday lives.
- Pray that our marriages would reflect Christ's love for the church, and that parents would be wise as they nurture their children in the love and instruction of the Lord.
- Thanks for the fruit of the Dongara mission in April that they would have energy and effectiveness in following up people.
- For the people who have applied to go on the short-term mission trip with CMS to Groote Eylandt that they would learn much about what God is doing in his world, including Aboriginal communities in Australia.
- That we would use the gifts that God has given each of us to serve one another in love.

## 7pm Unichurch

Congregational Leaders: Rory Shiner, Jennie Tate, Ash Horton Sam Rae & Shelley Rae  
PRAISE AND THANKS

- Growth in the last 12 months.
- The energy and enthusiasm of the Hub leaders and the successful beginning of Wednesday Hub: Futures
- Several people coming to Christ in the last 12 months
- Jennie Tate's ministry among us
- The addition of Ash Horton and Sam Rae to the staff team as part of their MTS

PRAY...

- for students as they approach exams—that they'd depend on God and keep making time to meet with God's people
- for planning underway for Semester 2
- for graduates as they seek to work faithfully in a way that bring glory to Jesus
- for people to help with transporting and setting up PA equipment each week
- Rory as he teaches the Trinity@Night course on Genesis
- for semester 2 ideas in the pipeline—Ministry Expo, Unichurch Partners Day, Marriage Enrichment Day