



SMBC Prayer Diary April 2026

'Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.' (Hebrews 9:27-28)

Wednesday, 1 April 2026

Give thanks for all who are seeking to reach the unreached people groups of the world. Pray for the raising up of more harvest workers to reach the lost in this dark and needy world. Pray for those already amongst unreached people groups around the world – that they will shine the light of Jesus.

Thursday, 2 April 2026

It is only a month out today from this year's SMBC Children's Ministry Conference – "Creator God, Creative Kids: Engaging Children for the Kingdom." Give thanks that tickets already sold out weeks ago! Pray for final conference preparations and for small group ministry for children (and big kids too!) in our city and beyond – that these will be places where many come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus.

Friday, 3 April 2026

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.'" (1 Peter 2:23-24)

Give thanks to the Lord for salvation through Jesus' blood.

Saturday, 4 April 2026

Pray today for churches and other outreach events over this season of Easter. Pray for many to hear the good news, acknowledge the claims of Jesus upon their lives, and place their faith in him.

Sunday, 5 April 2026

"As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16:5-7)

Praise the Lord, for he has defeated death, and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Monday, 6 April 2026

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" (John 11:25-26)

Give thanks for all who heard the gospel over the weekend, and pray that many will be raised to new life through faith in Jesus.

Tuesday, 7 April 2026

Pray today for our partner in the gospel, Church Missionary Society. Give thanks for their faithful gospel service as an organisation in Australia and in global mission. Pray for their encouragement as they reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ, equip Christian leaders for church and society, and engage churches in cross-cultural mission.

Wednesday, 8 April 2026

Please pray today for the health and wellbeing of any staff, current students, and alumni who have recently been ill or are grappling with chronic illness, including any you know personally. Pray that they will know God's protection and deep care for them, and the Lord's strength and healing in his good time.

Thursday, 9 April 2026

Pray today for alumni who are serving to make the name of Christ known in the continent of South America. Pray that the good news of Jesus would be clearly communicated amongst cultures of syncretism.

Friday, 10 April 2026

Please pray for all those across Australia, including those you know personally, who are involved in youth ministry. Pray that they will reflect the goodness of the Lord through faithful witness over years of walking alongside young people.

Saturday, 11 April 2026

Please commit to our loving Father SMBC's financial needs and the 2026 "Grow Godly Leaders" Appeal. Give thanks for all who partner with SMBC through the resources God provides, and ask him to grant what we need to train many for gospel ministry.

Sunday, 12 April 2026

Pray for the strengthening of godly marriages for students and staff amongst all the SMBC community. Pray especially for student families and couples who joined us this year as they continue to settle into the SMBC community.

Monday, 13 April 2026

Pray for Derek Brotherson and Kirk Patston as they lead this week's intensive on Interpreting and Preaching Scripture. Pray that all participating will grow in their knowledge of the Lord's word and their skill and fruitfulness in proclaiming the good news.

Pray also for Tim Silberman as he teaches an intensive on God's Mission and the Local Church. Pray that all participants – and their churches – will grow in zeal for the Lord's mission.

Tuesday, 14 April 2026

Give thanks for our Tuesday 'Ministry Matters', and for those from various mission and ministry organisations who partner with SMBC, helping our students explore opportunities for ministry overseas and across Australia, and helping them prepare for fruitful gospel work.

Wednesday, 15 April 2026

Pray today for the SMBC Board as they oversee the College. Pray for godly wisdom and strategic vision from our Lord in all aspects of the governance and leadership of SMBC.

Thursday, 16 April 2026

With our first info session for 2027 study just a month away, please pray that God will stir the hearts of many to consider training for gospel ministry. Ask him to grant them diligence and wisdom.

Friday, 17 April 2026

Pray for those completing their intensive on Interpreting and Preaching Scripture today. Pray that each one will continue to grow as they digest this teaching and put it into practice for the sake of the Lord's name.

Pray also for those completing their intensive on God's Mission and the Local Church. Give thanks for their hearts for the Lord's mission, and ask that he will make their ministry fruitful.

Saturday, 18 April 2026

Today SMBC hosts the Sydney University Evangelical Union's NextSteps conference, where approximately 150 university students will consider next steps in serving the 'Less Reached and Less Resourced' through gospel ministry.

Sunday, 19 April 2026

As college vacation ends, give thanks for this time of refreshment. Pray that students and staff will settle quickly back into their usual patterns of learning and teaching.

Monday, 20 April 2026

Classes recommence today! Pray that the Lord will be at work powerfully around SMBC to grow our students into godly and skilled leaders, for his glory.

Tuesday, 21 April 2026

Pray for gospel workers in remote areas of Australia working amongst indigenous communities. Pray for wisdom and insight in working alongside these communities in the ways of the Lord. Pray also today for SMBC graduates involved in the production of the Plain English Bible.

Wednesday, 22 April 2026

Pray today for our Vice-Principal Anthony Brammall and his wife Jenny, and their family. Pray that Anthony's time on research leave is productive and enriching.

Thursday, 23 April 2026

Pray for all SMBC staff serving the Lord at SMBC. Pray for their health and strength each day, spiritually and physically, and for those who are dear to them.

Friday, 24 April 2026

Give thanks for the students who serve us here as our talented musicians, singers and sound desk workers. Praise God for their diligence in serving the College in this way throughout the year, and ask him to use their music/sound ministry for his glory.

Saturday, 25 April 2026

As we commemorate ANZAC Day across Australia today, we give thanks for the free and democratic society that Australian service men and women have helped provide through their sacrificial service of their country. Praise the Lord for his unfathomable sacrifice for our sake.

Sunday, 26 April 2026

Pray for our global brothers and sisters in Christ as they gather this weekend in church services – pray for rich fellowship wherever they are, and especially where they face fierce persecution.

Monday, 27 April 2026

As students gather today for chapel, please pray that each one would be strengthened and encouraged, corrected where necessary, and trained in righteousness.

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

Please pray today for those SMBC alumni who are elderly or infirm, or those who suffer from chronic illness. Pray for companionship, help and strength in need, and the shepherding of the Lord Jesus through any challenging times and decisions.

Wednesday, 29 April 2026

SMBC loves to be a prayerful College. Pray for an ever-deepening dependence and trust in the Lord for all the College needs – seen and unseen.

Thursday, 30 April 2026

Pray for Christians everywhere for discipline and perseverance in their personal quiet times with God this year. Pray for rich communion with the Lord through his Holy Spirit, and profound spiritual growth and formation this year.