



## SMBC Prayer Diary May 2026

**'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'** John 3:16 (NIV)

### **Friday 1 May**

Pray for tomorrow's Children's Ministry Conference, when over 800 people will gather for this event. Ask the Lord to use ministry to children in Sydney and beyond to bring many to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus.

### **Saturday 2 May**

Pray for today's SMBC Children's Ministry Conference. Pray for keynote speakers Colin Buchanan and Mark Stephens, the whole team of presenters, and all those attending. The focus of the conference this year is "Creator God, Creative Kids". Pray that all will grow in sharing the good news with children.

### **Sunday 3 May**

Pray for all SMBC alumni today, wherever they serve, that they may continue to know the daily strengthening, wisdom, and enabling of the Lord as they serve Him, and that only He would have the glory.

### **Monday 4 May**

Pray for people thinking about coming to study at SMBC full or part-time, or at The Bridge. Pray they may be led to SMBC or other like-minded colleges, and that the upcoming Info Sessions will be well-attended.

### **Tuesday 5 May**

Please pray with those meeting at SMBC every Tuesday in the rural and remote prayer group, that the Lord would bless communities across Australia with faithful leaders and gospel-centred churches.

### **Wednesday 6 May**

Please pray for the Lord's hand of safety and protection over the College, and all its events and activities.

### **Thursday 7 May**

Give thanks for the freedom to worship the Lord in public. Pray today for any suffering for the sake of the gospel wherever they are serving Christ. Pray for their protection, endurance and strength in God alone as they wait upon Him.

### **Friday 8 May**

Give thanks today, whatever your circumstances, for the calming impact of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, which lifts us up. Join his people in celebrating his might and reign. Thank God for all those serving in the SMBC community prepared to "say among the nations, the LORD reigns", making known that at the cross, Christ has dealt with all our sins and the judgement that we deserve.

**Saturday 9 May**

Pray for mission organisation Wycliffe. Give thanks for all of those (including many of our SMBC alumni) who are serving with Wycliffe and their deep commitment to people of all cultures and to the task of bible translation which is far from complete.

**Sunday 10 May**

Pray today for those ministering in small churches with limited resources. Please pray for the growth of these churches in maturity as faithful people walk alongside each other. Pray that their ministry leaders will continue to serve and teach faithfully in God's strength.

**Monday 11 May**

Pray for the intensive being led this week by Ed Grudier on Global Migration, Diaspora, and the Mission of God.

**Tuesday 12 May**

Please pray for this Research Week at SMBC – that students will use this time well and draw closer to God in their learning. Pray also for the HDR (Higher Degrees by Research) seminar being held this afternoon.

**Wednesday 13 May**

Pray for 2025 SMBC graduates – that the Lord would guide their steps as they move forward. Pray for patience and godly wisdom in decision making.

**Thursday 14 May**

Pray for Peter Moore and Kylie Brown as they teach a workshop of the Mentoring Christian Leaders intensive today and tomorrow. Pray for the Lord's hand on all those who mentor Christian leaders, and for godly, biblical, Christ-loving leaders in our churches and communities.

**Friday 15 May**

Please pray for generous provision of the financial needs of the College, and especially our needs for the SMBC General Fund and SMBC Building & Maintenance Fund this year.

**Saturday 16 May**

Today we are holding an SMBC Info Morning and The Bridge Information Session. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to continue to raise up workers. Pray for The Bridge team as they share with those attending the many formative aspects of this gap year program.

**Sunday 17 May**

Give thanks today for the many SMBC graduates around the world past and present who have been involved in bible translation. Pray for the raising up of additional workers who will also be custodians of God's Word.

**Monday 18 May**

Pray for the Reach Australia Conference beginning today, and ask the Lord to provide faithful gospel-centred churches across our country. Give thanks for the new believers who have joined the family of God this year.

**Tuesday 19 May**

Each Tuesday our community is enriched by mission mobilisers and representatives of partner organisations who join us for Ministry Matters. Give thanks to the Lord for each one and their passion for Christ and global mission.

**Wednesday 20 May**

Pray today for the encouragement of SMBC students and staff in their work or study.

**Thursday 21 May**

Give thanks for the partnership in the gospel of all those who are seeking to reach the unreached people groups of the world. Pray for the raising up of more workers to reach the lost in this dark and needy world. Pray for workers already amongst unreached people groups around the world – that they may love and point people to Jesus, even today.

**Friday 22 May**

One plants, another waters, but God, and God alone, brings the increase. Pray that we would all dedicate our lives to sowing good seeds into the lives of all those around us and trust our Lord for his good work and provision to his glory.

**Saturday 23 May**

Please pray for students who may be struggling with mental health issues today. May they know the Lord's closeness and have the appropriate support network and advice.

**Sunday 24 May**

Please pray today for those SMBC alumni involved with ministry to seafarers and marine workers, making the gospel known to those who travel the sea that resounds with the majesty of our Creator.

**Monday 25 May**

Give thanks for the SMBC College Board, led by James Lane, who have oversight of the College. Pray that as a Board, they would draw from the deep well of God's wisdom in all their decision making.

**Tuesday 26 May**

Pray for all cross-cultural workers who are facing economic or political challenges. Pray for provision of all their needs by the hand of the Lord and through His people.

**Wednesday 27 May**

Pray today that Christians will in all circumstances show the light of God's grace and kindness in their communities.

**Thursday 28 May**

Pray for SMBC Wives as they meet this year. Pray for a God-honouring time of fellowship and informally getting to know one another, and for great encouragement.

**Friday 29 May**

We pray today for all those involved with indigenous ministry in Australia. Pray for the good news of Christ to shine through in complex and difficult situations. Pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ at the Nungalinga College in Darwin – may their fruitful work amongst indigenous Australians prosper for the glory of God.

**Saturday 30 May**

Pray today for the ministry of SMBC alumni who are serving with FEAST in south-west Sydney. Thank God for His provision and kindness in the abundance of opportunities they have to interact with staff and students this year. Please pray that students will continue growing in their understanding of the gospel and connect with churches that teach the Bible well.

**Sunday 31 May**

Pray for all those who work at SMBC. Pray for a deep sense of God's love and grace and joy in service.