



SMBC Prayer Diary

August 2026

'He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'

- Luke 24:46-47 (NIV)

Saturday, 1 August 2026

As the Asian Ministry Conference running at our Roberts-Dale campus concludes today, please pray that this time of fellowship and discussion will bear great fruit for Jesus' name.

Sunday, 2 August 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. 7 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, 3 August 2026

Pray for all our students and staff engaged in the SMBC Spiritual Retreat morning today.

Tuesday, 4 August 2026

Please pray for all who attended the Global Missions Conference last week, especially those for whom this is a time of discernment and those who were prompted by the Lord to serve in new ways.

Wednesday, 5 August 2026

Give thanks for SMBC's 100 for 100 Program. Pray for our current 100 for 100 scholarship students as they prepare at SMBC to share the light of Christ to a dark and needy world.

Thursday, 6 August 2026

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, 7 August 2026

Please pray for the Lord's hand of safety over all the College and its events and activities. Pray that we will be protected from the attacks of the evil one, whatever form they may take.

Saturday, 8 August 2026

Commit to our loving Father SMBC's financial needs for the year, giving thanks for faithful stewards who our Lord raises up to provide for his work.

Sunday, 9 August 2026

Pray today for SMBC graduates who are working in regional ministry locations right around Australia. Pray for their encouragement, faithfulness to the gospel, and safe travel over vast distances as they bring the life-changing message of Jesus to the far corners of Australia. Pray for the ministry of the Bush Church Aid Society in this context.

Monday, 10 August 2026

Pray for the children and teenagers of students and staff today. Pray for their deepening understanding and trust in the Lord Jesus.

Tuesday, 11 August 2026

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.

Wednesday, 12 August 2026

Please pray today for those current students who are part of the SMBC 100 for 100 program. Please pray for the development of their relationship with God and trust in Him and that their time at SMBC will prepare them well for return to their cultural context in ministry.

Thursday, 13 August 2026

Please pray as we continue to plan for the 110-Year Anniversary Reunion Day on September 19. Pray for rich fellowship across generations, and that the name and works of the Lord would be glorified as we give thanks for all he has done through SMBC.

Friday, 14 August 2026

Pray for all SMBC alumni today wherever they are in God's created world. Pray for their strength, resilience, and faithfulness in service, that in their service they will along with all creation "rejoice before the LORD".

Saturday, 15 August 2026

Pray for the SMBC Associates Program for ages 50+. Pray for a helpful, rich learning experience for all those participating in the program this semester as associates grow in navigating the opportunities and challenges of ministering to the Lord's people.

Sunday, 16 August 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 hear the gospel this weekend, and pray that many will be raised to new life through faith in Jesus.

Monday, 17 August 2026

This week is Research Week at SMBC. Please pray that students will use this time well and draw closer to God in their learning.

Tuesday, 18 August 2026

Please pray for Geoff Harper and the HDR (Higher Degrees by Research) seminar being held today. Pray that God would be glorified and his people equipped through higher degree research at SMBC.

Wednesday, 19 August 2026

Give thanks today for all those who support current SMBC students prayerfully and financially through the SMBC 100 for 100 program (international students) and the SMBC Australian Scholarship Foundation (domestic students).

Thursday, 20 August 2026

Pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise up people to study and prepare at SMBC for cross-cultural mission and ministry. Pray too for Christ-centred growth in our college community.

Friday, 21 August 2026

As research week comes to an end, please pray that students will shift gears well as classes begin again next week, and be blessed by what they have learned this week.

Saturday, 22 August 2026

Please pray for the OneLove women's conference today, and for our own Amy Townsend as she chairs the event. Pray that all involved will be blessed by this year's theme, Satisfied: Trusting the One who Abundantly Provides.

Sunday, 23 August 2026

Pray today for SMBC alumni who are reading the Bible with another person who doesn't yet know Christ. Pray that God's hand will be upon these meetings and in ensuing conversations.

Monday, 24 August 2026

Please pray for Mark Stephens, Kit Barker and Kirk Patston as they prepare to speak at KCC's Spark conference for young adults this weekend.

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Pray today for followers of Jesus from a Muslim background. Give thanks for the growth of His church in Iran. Ask the Lord to help these believers to grow and stand firm in their faith in the midst of challenges and persecution.

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Give thanks for those who are supported through the SMBC Australian Scholarship Foundation as a result of the generosity of God's people. Pray that these students will be encouraged and strengthened in their studies and service of Christ.

Thursday, 27 August 2026

Pray for the intensive beginning today, Professional Practice in Christian Mentoring. Pray for those in attendance and for those blessed by their ministry.

Friday, 28 August 2026

Pray for the KCC Spark conference for young adults beginning tonight, and for Kirk Patston as he speaks in three sessions.

Saturday, 29 August 2026

Give thanks for tonight's Night Among the Nations at SMBC, as we celebrate the diversity of our community with a special dinner to commemorate places we love or places we hope to go and serve the Lord.

Sunday, 30 August 2026

Pray for all who attended the KCC Spark conference for young adults finishing today, for growth in maturity and in depth of discipleship. Ask that many will go on to serve the Lord in gospel ministry.

Monday, 31 August 2026

Give thanks today for the value SMBC places on studying the word of God – which is alive and active, and sharper than any double-edged sword. Give thanks for this exposure that we all have to God himself, through his word, and pray that this year we would all hold firmly to the faith we profess.