

WEEKLY *prayer* DIARY

November 2026 to March 2027



“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 NIV

We have much to rejoice and give thanks to God for — His goodness, His grace shown to us through His Son, Jesus, and His provision for all we need. We are also so grateful for you: our partners in the gospel as you pray continually for the work God is doing through the ministry of CRU.

May you be encouraged as you bring before our Father your prayers of praise and your requests for God to work in the hearts and minds of all those connected with CRU over these next few months.

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



NOVEMBER

Week starting Sunday 1 November

Pray for Schools Ministry's MegaCRU regional events at Richard Johnson Anglican School on Wednesday and at St Andrew's Cathedral School on Friday. Pray that they will be an encouraging time for all students who attend. Praise God for the opportunity to run seven CRU Educational Camps this week at CRU Lake Mac, CRU Galston Gorge and Stanwell Tops. Ask that the leaders build relationships quickly with students and teachers and care for them well.

Week starting Sunday 8 November

Praise God for His work through CRU West, reaching thousands of young people in Western Australia with the gospel through camps and in schools. Pray for the CRU West Partnership Dinner being held this week, that many supporters will attend, be encouraged and prompted to give generously during the event. Thank God for the CRU Wills Days held over the last few days on the east coast, and for the lawyers who generously donated their time.

Week starting Sunday 15 November

Please be praying for the Monthly Management Meeting this week, involving senior staff. Pray that God will be guiding conversations and enabling participants to make wise and godly decisions to ensure CRU's work continues effectively and efficiently. Please pray for CRU's current and future staffing needs, that God will be raising up faithful and gifted Christians who have a heart for evangelism to join our team.

Week starting Sunday 22 November

Give thanks to God for the CRU Holiday Camps Senior Leadership Dinner that took place last week. Give thanks that the directors, directors-in-training and senior camp leaders were able to come together to discuss ideas so that CRU can continue to run excellent camps that attract campers while also faithfully sharing the good news of Jesus. Please also pray for CRU West Leavers camp this week, that it will be a safe and enjoyable finale to the students' final year of school.

Week starting Sunday 29 November

Thank God for the faithful men and women who make up our CRU Board. Please be praying that God will sustain and guide them as they meet this week and that their decisions remain consistent with CRU's aims, grounded on Biblical truth. Give thanks for the CRU Educational Camps team as they finish up for the year. Thank God that He has sustained them through a busy year and pray that the team might rest well and find refreshment over the holidays in readiness for next year.

DECEMBER

Week starting Sunday 6 December

Please be praying for the summer CRU Holiday Camps season which starts this week. Pray for our volunteers, leaders, directors and staff, that God will sustain and encourage them and that He will be working to bring many young people into His kingdom over the next few weeks. Pray particularly for the three camps being held this week, that campers' hearts will be open to hearing the truth of the gospel as they enjoy fun activities.

Week starting Sunday 13 December

Give thanks for the countless volunteers who joyfully serve the Lord and CRU in limitless areas of ministry, often unseen, knowing they play an integral role in showing what it looks like to live as a Christian and sharing the gospel with campers. Please also pray for the five CRU Holiday Camps this week: Mystery Cove, Sail Mania, Waves and Wind, CRU Surf and Survivor Junior. Pray for the logistics, safety for all on camp and that the hearts of many would be open to hearing the truth of the gospel as they enjoy their camp experience.

Week starting Sunday 20 December

Praise God for sending us His Son, Jesus Christ. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15 NIV). As we celebrate Jesus' birth this Christmas, let's pray for opportunities to boldly share our joy and hope with family and friends. Please also remember our staff on annual leave over the Christmas period. Pray for safety as they travel and for deep rest and refreshment during their time off.

Week starting Sunday 27 December

Thank God for His powerful work through CRU this year and pray that He will continue to impact lives next year. Please pray for the CRU Educational Camps team as they begin to prepare for a new year of school camps and welcome a new cohort of Summit Program trainees. We give thanks for the trainees who are graduating from the program — ask that they serve God faithfully wherever He calls them to serve next!



JANUARY

Week starting Sunday 3 January

Give thanks for the opportunity to run three CRU Holiday Camps this week: Sailing Adventure Junior, Extreme Games and Big Summer 1 (CRU West). Pray that the campers enjoy the fun activities and for God to open their hearts and minds to His truth. Please also pray for the directors and leaders, asking God to grant them energy for the week ahead and protect them from illness or injury.

Week starting Sunday 10 January

Praise God for CRU West's ministry in Western Australia. Please pray for their Big Summer Junior and Senior CRU Holiday Camps running this week. Pray also for a big week of six CRU Holiday Camps on the east coast and a Day Camp at William Clarke College. Ask that both campers and leaders will have a memorable and safe camp experience. Pray for the faithful preaching of God's Word and that the seeds sown will bear much fruit.

Week starting Sunday 17 January

Pray for the four Holiday Camps this week — Beach Blitz, Summer Study 2, Summer Thrills Day Camp and Triple S. Please pray that each leadership team will have energy, creativity and wisdom as they build meaningful relationships with the campers. Please also uphold the kitchen staff at our sites who are tireless in their commitment to campers' needs. Pray that each member of the team will use their time wisely as they prepare meals, work together and serve campers.

Week starting Sunday 24 January

Please pray for the Schools Ministry team as they plan school visits, write Bible talks, and create resources for the year ahead. Give thanks for our strong relationships with numerous schools across NSW, WA and the ACT which allow us to share Jesus with thousands of independent school students. Please pray that the Term 1 school visits will be deeply encouraging, thought-provoking, and fruitful.

Week starting Sunday 31 January

Thank God for those who are gathering to celebrate what God has done through CRU Educational Camps at their annual Thanksgiving Service this week. Give thanks for the new Summit Program trainees who have joined the team this year. As they learn to lead on school camps this term, ask that they settle into their new roles well, enjoy learning new skills, trust in the Lord for all their needs and serve others with patience and grace.

FEBRUARY

Week starting Sunday 7 February

Give thanks for those He has raised up to serve CRU in key decision-making roles. Ask God to provide them with wisdom and discernment as they oversee the strategic direction of CRU. Please pray for those involved in the CRU Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting as they meet, for clear communication and wise and godly decisions.

Week starting Sunday 14 February

Praise God for those who have contributed to the Lake Mac Stage 2 redevelopment project and thank God for the completion of the Lodge and Jetty View Meeting Room. Pray that these facilities will continue to be spaces where the gospel is proclaimed for His glory. Please also pray for the five CRU Educational camps running across our sites this week, that God would be softening the hearts of both students and teachers to the gospel.

Week starting Sunday 21 February

Uphold CRU's CEO, Nick Hood, in your prayers, that he would deepen his relationship with the Lord daily as he steers CRU with godliness, humility and integrity, determining our future direction in conjunction with the Board, Committees and staff. Pray also for each member of CRU's staff, that they would be dedicating personal time with the Lord each day despite their many responsibilities, and that they will be well supported in their role.

Week starting Sunday 28 February

Give thanks for the CRU administration team — for those who manage CRU's finances, IT, HR and payroll behind the scenes so that CRU can continue to share the good news of Jesus with young people on camps and in schools. Pray that God will enable them to be proficient, judicious and wise in their work to ensure CRU resources are used as best they can to sustain CRU's ministries for future generations to the glory of God.



MARCH

Week starting Sunday 7 March

Give thanks for each guest attending CRU's Business Lunch this week — our largest fundraising event of the year! Please pray for the team finalising the details, and that guests will be inspired to partner with us financially as they hear powerful stories of faith and transformed lives.

Week starting Sunday 14 March

Please pray for the Schools Ministry team running FIT training sessions for junior school student leaders across Sydney this term. Give thanks for the partnerships we have with these independent schools and pray for smooth preparations. Pray too, for the students attending FIT, that they would be encouraged, emboldened, and equipped to share their faith with their friends.

Week starting Sunday 21 March

Please pray for the five CRU Educational Camps running across our sites this week. Uphold the team as many may be feeling weary as the end of the school term draws near. Pray for good rest and recuperation between camps. Pray also for the CRU FIT training taking place in Newcastle this week. Pray for the students who attend, that they will grow in faith and eagerness to serve the Lord at their school CRU Group.

Week starting Sunday 28 March

As we celebrate Easter, give thanks to God for His goodness and mercy shown to us through the sacrifice of His precious son, Jesus. Please also pray for teachers and chaplains as they make the most of the extra events and opportunities to share Jesus at Easter time. Uphold them in prayer as they serve students and staff well, modelling Christ in their ministry.





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