

1 INTRODUCTION

A Prayer Leader leads the church in prayers that glorify God, encourage Christians and engage others.

Ministry Team	Services
Supervisor	Rector
Supervises	N/A
Training	EMMC Leading Prayer in Church (In Development)

2 QUALIFICATIONS

	Essential	Attainable
Convictions	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerusalem Declaration 2008</i>	
Character	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Ministry Check <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Ministry Training <input type="checkbox"/> Personal devotional habit	
Competence	<input type="checkbox"/> Praying aloud	<input type="checkbox"/> Microphone use

3 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Pray that you'll fulfil your responsibility in a way that glorifies God, encourages Christians and engages others.
- 3.2 In the week prior, list your prayer topics (e.g. consulting Appendix I: Table of Prayer Topics). Also identify any pre-written prayers you need to include (e.g. traditional prayer for that Sunday and/or the Lord's Prayer).
- 3.3 Consult relevant resources (e.g. prayer diaries, newsletters) to harvest prayer points about your topics.
- 3.4 Write your prayers in full, with appropriate language and length for the congregation's engagement. Optionally, for one or two topics, use an appropriate pre-written prayer (see Appendix III: Prayers for Various Topics).
- 3.5 On the Sunday you're reading, arrive 15 minutes early and make your presence known to the Service Leader. If possible, choose a seat that will allow you to reach the lectern quickly when it's time for the prayers.
- 3.6 At the announcement of the prayers, move to the front and adjust the microphone as necessary. Briefly greet the congregation and invite them to join you in prayer (e.g. 'Let's pray together.').
- 3.7 Pray clearly and steadily, concluding with the traditional prayer, the Lord's Prayer or otherwise as appropriate.
- 3.8 Seek or be willing to receive appropriate feedback on your fulfilment of this responsibility.

4 RESOURCES

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5 APPENDICES

I. Table of Prayer Topics

APPENDIX I: TABLE OF PRAYER TOPICS

This example table of prayer topics can be modified according to local custom or need.

SUNDAY	I	II	III	IV	V
Opening	Praise / Thanksgiving / Crisis				
World	Appendix II: Table of Nations				Persecuted Christians
Community	Governing authorities	Families and single people	People in need / YouthCare	Sick people and their carers	Vocations and workplaces
Church	Diocese / Network Prayer Diary				
Gospel	CMS-WA	Simmonds Family	Barnett Family	Peoples Churches	More Workers
Closing	Traditional Prayer (+ Lord's Prayer on I and III)				

Resources for Prayer Topics

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| World | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation World: https://operationworld.org • Prayer Cast: https://prayercast.com • Open Doors: https://www.opendoors.org.au • Voice of the Martyrs: https://www.vom.com.au |
| Community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix III: Prayers for Various Topics |
| Church | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNWA Prayer Diary: https://www.anglicandnwa.org/pray-support |
| Gospel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS WA: https://www.cms.org.au/support/daily-prayer-points • Simmonds Family: https://maf.org.au/give/mark-jodie-simmonds • Barnett Family: https://www.biblesociety.org.au/projects/dave-barnett |

APPENDIX II: TABLE OF NATIONS

YEAR ENDS IN '0' OR '5' (E.G. 2030 OR 2035)

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday
JAN	Afghanistan	Argentina	Bahamas, The	Bangladesh (Mymensingh, Sylhet)
FEB	Belize	Botswana	Brazil (Southeast Region)	Cambodia
MAR	Central African Republic	China (Northeast, Dōngběi)	Comoros	Cuba
APR	Dominican Republic	Equatorial Guinea	Ethiopia (Afar, Dire Dawa, Harari Somali)	Finland
MAY	Georgia	Guatemala	Honduras	India (North East, 'Seven Sisters')
JUN	Indonesia (Kalimantan)	Iran	Ivory Coast	Japan (Shikoku + islands)
JUL	Korea, Republic of	Latvia	Lithuania	Maldives
AUG	Mexico (Central and South)	Moldova	Nepal	Niger
SEP	Nigeria (South West Region)	Pakistan (Balochistan)	Panama	Poland
OCT	Russia (Central)	Rwanda	Senegal	Slovakia
NOV	South Sudan	Sweden	Tanzania	Tunisia
DEC	United Arab Emirates	United Kingdom (Wales)	USA (Southeast)	Venezuela

YEAR ENDS IN '1' OR '6' (E.G. 2031 OR 2036)

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday
JAN	Albania	Armenia	Bahrain	Bangladesh (Rajshahi, Rangpur)
FEB	Benin	Brazil (Central-West Region)	Brunei	Cameroon
MAR	Chad	China (Northwest, Xīběi)	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Cyprus
APR	East Timor	Eritrea	Ethiopia (Amhara, Tigray)	France (Mainland)
MAY	Germany	Guinea	Hungary	India (North)
JUN	Indonesia (Maluku Islands, Papua)	Iraq	Jamaica	Jordan
JUL	Kosovo*	Lebanon	Luxembourg	Mali
AUG	Mexico (North, Baja California)	Mongolia	Netherlands (Mainland)	Nigeria (North Central Region)
SEP	North Macedonia	Pakistan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad)	Papua New Guinea	Portugal
OCT	Russia (Northwestern, Ural)	Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Serbia and Montenegro	Slovenia
NOV	Spain (excl. Catalonia)	Switzerland	Thailand	Turkey
DEC	United Kingdom (England)	Uruguay	USA (Southwest)	Vietnam

YEAR ENDS IN '2' OR '7' (E.G. 2032 OR 2037)

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday
JAN	Algeria	Australia	Bangladesh (Barisal, Khulna)	Barbados
FEB	Bhutan	Brazil (North Region)	Bulgaria	Canada
MAR	Chile	China (South Central, Zhōngnán)	Congo, Republic of	Czech Republic
APR	Ecuador	Estonia	Ethiopia (Gambela, Sidama, SNNPR, South West)	France (Overseas Territories excl. French Guiana)
MAY	Ghana	Guinea-Bissau	Iceland	India (South)
JUN	Indonesia (Nusa Tenggara)	Ireland	Japan (Hokkaido + islands)	Kazakhstan

JUL	Kuwait	Lesotho	Madagascar	Malta
AUG	Mexico (Yucatan Peninsula)	Mozambique	Netherlands (Overseas Territories)	Nigeria (North East Region)
SEP	Norway	Pakistan (Punjab)	Paraguay	Puerto Rico
OCT	Russia (Siberian, Far Eastern)	Samoa, Tuvalu	Seychelles	Solomon Islands
NOV	Sri Lanka	Syria	Togo	Turkmenistan
DEC	United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)	USA (Midwest)	USA (West)	Yemen

YEAR ENDS IN '3' OR '8' (E.G. 2033 OR 2038)

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday
JAN	Angola	Austria	Bangladesh (Chittagong)	Belarus
FEB	Bolivia	Brazil (Northeast Region)	Burkina Faso	Cape Verde
MAR	China (East, Huádōng)	China (Southwest, Xīnán)	Costa Rica	Denmark
APR	Egypt	Eswatini	Faroe Islands, Greenland	Gabon
MAY	Greece	Guyana	India (Central)	India (West)
JUN	Indonesia (Sulawesi)	Israel	Japan (Honshu + islands)	Kenya
JUL	Kyrgystan	Liberia	Malawi	Mauritania
AUG	Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau	Myanmar	New Zealand (incl. Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau)	Nigeria (North West Region)
SEP	Oman	Pakistan (Sindh)	Peru	Qatar
OCT	Russia (Southern, North Caucasian)	São Tomé and Príncipe	Sierra Leone	Somalia
NOV	Sudan	Taiwan	Tonga	Uganda
DEC	United Kingdom (Overseas Territories)	USA (Northeast)	Uzbekistan	Zambia

YEAR ENDS IN '4' OR '9' (E.G. 2034 OR 2039)

4 or 9	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday
JAN	Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis	Azerbaijan	Bangladesh (Dhaka)	Belgium
FEB	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Brazil (South Region)	Burundi	Catalonia
MAR	China (North, Huáběi)	Colombia	Croatia	Djibouti
APR	El Salvador	Ethiopia (Addis Abbaba, Beninshangul-Gumuz, Oromiya)	Fiji	Gambia, The
MAY	Grenada	Haiti	India (East)	Indonesia (Java)
JUN	Indonesia (Sumatra)	Italy	Japan (Kyushu + islands)	Korea, DPR
JUL	Laos	Libya	Malaysia	Mauritius
AUG	Microstates: Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City	Namibia	Nicaragua	Nigeria (South East and Delta Regions)
SEP	Pakistan (Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan)	Palestinian Territories	Phillipines, The	Romania
OCT	Russia (Volga)	Saudi Arabia	Singapore	South Africa
NOV	Suriname (with French Guiana)	Tajikistan	Trinidad and Tobago	Ukraine
DEC	United Kingdom (Scotland)	USA (Overseas Territories excl. Puerto Rico)	Vanuatu	Zimbabwe

APPENDIX III: PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS TOPICS

For Families

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home,
bless our homes we pray.
Deepen the love between husbands and wives,
enabling them to reflect the love
between Christ and his church.
Help parents to impart
the knowledge of you and your love,
and children to respond with love and obedience.
May our homes be blessed with peace and joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Defence Forces

Almighty God, our refuge and strength,
we pray for all who serve in the Defence Force of this land.
Give them courage and comfort in danger,
as well as discipline in the just use of force.
Help us to seek for all people
the freedom to serve you and each other
in compassion and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Disadvantaged

Loving God, you have made all people in your image,
and you care for the poor and distressed.
Make us a just society,
where the rights of all are acknowledged and upheld,
where those who are oppressed are made free,
and where corruption has no place.
Give companies, social institutions and governments
the desire to act for the good of all,
rather than for the advantage of a few.
Empower Christians to model the values of your kingdom
in all their relationships.
Hasten the day when Jesus will return
to establish justice and your eternal reign,
for the glory of your name. Amen.

For Government

Gracious Lord,
grant to our governments and all who serve in public life
wisdom and skill, imagination and energy.
Protect them from corruption
and the temptation to serve themselves.
Help us all to commit ourselves to the common good,
that our land may be a secure home for all its peoples;
through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

For an Increase of Gospel Workers

Heavenly Father,
look with compassion on the world you have redeemed
by the death of your Son Jesus Christ.
Move the hearts of many
to offer themselves for gospel ministry.
Fill them with your truth and clothe them with holiness,
that by their lives and labours
your light might shine through them
and the coming of your kingdom be advanced,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For The Hurting

Loving God,
we pray for those who are hurting or lonely, through
bereavement, divorce, or abuse,
and for those struggling with unhappiness
in marriage or singleness.
Where repentance is required, make us willing.
Where reconciliation is needed, make us forgiving
as you in Christ have forgiven us.
Be our strength and comfort in every difficulty and struggle.
Enable us all to experience your generous love,
and be renewed in our relationship with you,
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For a Nation

God of the nations,
we pray for the nation of [...].
Inspire and direct its leaders
to seek first your kingdom
and your righteousness,
that its people may live peaceful and quiet lives
in all godliness and holiness.
Bring many people of [...]
to a knowledge of the truth about Jesus,
who gave his life for us all. Amen.

For Peace

God of the nations,
whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.
We pray especially today for the situation in [...].
Establish your peace in the hearts of all
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,
that all races and peoples
may learn to live as members of one family
and in obedience to your laws;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For The Sick

Almighty God, giver of life and health,
hear our prayers for all those who are sick
and those who minister to them.
May they be restored to health of body and mind
according to your will,
and in the presence of your people give thanks to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Workers

God of all creation,
we pray for all who work
in agriculture and farming,
in mining, industry and commerce,
in the media and education,
in health and social services, sport and the arts,
in emergency services and defence forces.
Enable them to fulfil their responsibilities
with integrity and in faithful service to others,
living and working in harmony and safety,
using the fruits of their toil for the good of all,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**