

1 INTRODUCTION

A Prayer Leader leads prayers that are glorifying to God, edifying to believers and accessible to visitors.

Role Type	Ministry Role
Ministry Team	Sunday Service Team
Supervisor	Minister-in-Charge
Training	Induction / Seminar Ongoing Feedback

2 QUALIFICATIONS

Convictions	Jerusalem Declaration (GAFCON 2008)
Character	<i>Faithfulness in Service</i> <i>The Ten Commitments</i> Personal devotional habit.
Competence	Praying aloud before a congregation.

3 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 In the week before the Sunday you're leading the prayers, pray about your task (e.g. pray that the prayers you lead will be glorifying to God, edifying to believers and accessible to visitors).
- 3.2 Check Appendix I: Prayer Topics to confirm your four prayer topics (under the headings World, Community, Church and Gospel). Also check the eNews for the weekly 'collect' (i.e. concluding prayer).
- 3.3 Write out your prayers in full, according to the following structure, aiming for a length of 5-7 minutes:
 - Introductory: praise / thanksgiving, sermon response or an urgent concern;
 - World: prayer for the people of a nation (or nations) or for persecuted Christians.
 - Community: prayer for an area of community life that matters to Christian people.
 - Church: prayer for a ministry in the Diocese of North West Australia Prayer Diary;
 - Gospel: prayer for God to raise up more gospel workers or for a mission partner;
 - Collect: a traditional Anglican prayer pre-written for each Sunday of the year.

N.B. on a first or third Sunday you will conclude by leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

- 3.4 On the Sunday you're leading prayers, arrive early to the service and notify the Service Leader of your readiness.
- 3.5 When you're invited to the front, you may greet the congregation before inviting them to join you in prayer.

4 NOTES

- Remember that you're talking to the Lord, not the congregation (albeit on the congregation's behalf).
- Include requests and thanksgiving. Confession is optional (we always have a separate confession prayer).
- A good way to keep prayers biblical is to weave biblical language / Bible verses into your prayers.
- Don't use exclusive language like, 'let me pray'. Use inclusive language like, 'let's pray together'.
- On sensitive topics, try to pray so that church members who hold a range of views can say 'Amen'.
- Only pray for the needs of someone who might be present if you have that person's permission.
- Keep background information minimal. The prayers shouldn't be an information delivery exercise.
- Use some variety in the ways you address God (e.g. 'Father', 'Lord') but stick to biblical options.
- Most of the time you should keep the sentences in your prayers short. The full-stop is your friend!
- Direct your voice into the microphone and speak clearly at a pace the congregation can easily follow.

5 RESOURCES

Peter Adam, 'Preparing to Lead Intercessions in Church', au.thegospelcoalition.org.
Kevin DeYoung, 'Thirteen Tips for Leading the Congregation in Prayer', www.gospelcoalition.org.
Deryck Howell, 'How to Lead in Public Prayer', gotherefor.com.
Broughton Knox, 'Seven Principles of Prayer', thebriefing.com.au.
[Various Authors], 'Corporate Prayer', *9 Marks Journal*.

6 APPENDICES

Appendix I: Prayer Topics
Appendix II: Table of Nations
Appendix III: Example Prayer
Appendix IV: Pre-Written Prayers

APPENDIX I: PRAYER TOPICS

Each Sunday, Anglican churches pray for 'the world, the community, the church and the spread of the Gospel'.

Sunday	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
World	Nation from Appendix II: Table of Nations				Persecuted
Community	Government	Sick / Carers	Families	Marginalised	Work
Church	Diocese of North West Australia Prayer Diary				
Gospel	Karamoja	TBS	MAF	Kimberley	Harvest

WORLD

On Sundays I-IV, pray for the physical / social needs of the relevant nation (or nations) before its spiritual needs. The websites *Operation World* and *Prayer Cast* offer prayer points for specific nations. On Sunday V, pray for persecuted Christians in all / any nations as you wish. The websites *Open Doors* and *Voice of the Martyrs* offer relevant prayer points.

COMMUNITY

Try to pray prayers on these topics to which any Christian can say 'Amen' regardless of political views, especially cf. 'Government'. When praying for 'Government', consider naming federal and/or state leaders and/or representatives.

CHURCH

Use the thanksgiving / prayer points in the latest version of the Prayer Diary available at <https://anglicandnwa.org>.

GOSPEL

Pray about the following topics from your own knowledge, online resources and/or ask the ministry staff for guidance.

- Karamoja: the Anglican Diocese in Uganda (info available at <http://anglicandnwa.org> and Prayer Diary).
- TBS: Dave Barnett, serving with the Bible Society on the Pitjantjatjara Bible Translation Project.
- MAF: Mark and Jodie Simmonds, serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Cairns.
- Kimberley: the leadership, health and growth of Peoples Churches across the Kimberley.
- Harvest: praying for more gospel workers (cf. Matthew 9.38, Luke 10.2 and Appendix IV).

APPENDIX II: TABLE OF NATIONS

ODD YEAR, SEMESTER 1

Sun	First	Second	Third	Fourth
JAN	Africa (Barbary Coast) Alberia, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia	Africa (Okavango Delta) Angola, Botswana, Namibia	Africa (West, Internal) Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger	Balkans (Adriatic) Albania, Bosnia + Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia
FEB	Belgium, Luxembourg	Caribbean (Greater Antilles) Cuba, Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico	Central America (North) Belize, Guatemala, Honduras	Chile
MAR	Egypt	Germany	Hungary	Iraq, Kuwait
APR	Japan	Korea (Republic)	Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritiu, Seychelles	Mexico
MAY	Myanmar	Norway	Poland	Rwanda, Burundi
JUN	South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho	Sweden	Tanzania	Ukraine

ODD YEAR, SEMESTER 2

Sun	First	Second	Third	Fourth
JUL	Africa (Central, Internal) CAR, Chad, Congo (DR), Congo (Republic)	Africa (West Africa Coast, Northern) Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal	Argentina	Balkans (West) Bulgaria, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia.
AUG	Brazil	Caribbean (Leeward Isles) Anguilla, Antigua + Barbuda, Dominican Republic, Guadaloupe, Montserrat, Saba, Saint-Barthélemy, Sint Eustatius, Saint Kitts + Nevis, Saint Martin	Central America (South) Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua	China
SEP	European Microstates Andorra, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City	Gran Columbia Columbia, Ecuador, Panama, Venezuela	India	Ireland
OCT	Jordan	Laos	Malawi, Zambia	Micronesia Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau
NOV	Netherlands	Pakistan	Polynesia Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu	Saudi Arabia
DEC	Spain	Switzerland	Thailand	United Kingdom

EVEN YEAR, SEMESTER 1

Sun	First	Second	Third	Fourth
JAN	Africa (Central, Coastal) Cameroon, Equ. Guinea, Gabon, São Tomé + Príncipe	Africa (West Africa Coast, Southern) Ivory Coast, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	Austria	Bangladesh
FEB	Cambodia	Caribbean (Windward Isles + ABC Isles) Barbados, Grenada, Martinique, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent + Grenadines, Trinidad + Tobago, Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao	Central Asian Republics (Northern) Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan	Czechia, Slovakia
MAR	Finland	Greece	Indonesia + East Timor	Israel, Palestine
APR	Kenya	Latin America (South Cone) Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay	Malaysia, Brunei	Mongolia
MAY	Nepal, Bhutan	Peru	Portugal	Saudi Peninsula Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Yemen, UAE
JUN	Sri Lanka, Maldives	Syria	Turkey	United States

EVEN YEAR, SEMESTER 2

Sun	First	Second	Third	Fourth
JUL	Africa (Horn) Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia	Africa (West, Gulf of Guinea) Benin, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo	Baltic States Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Belarus
AUG	Canada	Caucasia Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia	Central Asian Republics (Southern) Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan	Denmark (incl. Greenland, Faroe Islands), Iceland
SEP	France	Guianas French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname	Iran	Italy
OCT	Korea (DPR)	Lebanon + Cyprus	Melanesia Fiji, PNG Solomon Islands, New Caledonia	Mozambique
NOV	New Zealand	Philippines	Russia	Singapore
DEC	Sudan, South Sudan	Taiwan	Uganda	Zimbabwe

APPENDIX III: EXAMPLE PRAYER

The following prayers are intended as an example only and should be imitated in structure, but not necessarily in style. They were prepared for for Sunday 3 April 2022, which was the Fifth Sunday in the season of Lent.

<p>Introductory Sermon Response</p>	<p>Our Father—you invite us to call you that, so please help us appreciate more deeply what that invitation means. Help us appreciate what it means for the way you think about us. Help us appreciate what it means for the way we think about you. Thank you that everyone who welcomes your Son is welcomed by you as a son or daughter. Amen.</p>
<p>World Kenya</p>	<p>We praise you that you are called ‘Father’ by people all over the world, including so many people in Kenya. Even so, that nation still has a lot of corruption, so we ask you to pour out your Spirit on Kenya in such a way that many nominal Christians become devoted Christians, for the benefit of that nation and the glory of your name. Amen.</p>
<p>Community Government</p>	<p>We pray for our government: our Prime Minister Scott Morrison; our MP Melissa Price; our Premier Mark McGowan and our MLA Divina D’Anna. Please fill them with wisdom to make good decisions. Please fill them with grace to work with their opponents for the good of all. And please give them rest from all the demands upon them. Amen.</p>
<p>Church Chris and Karen Webb</p>	<p>Today, Lord, our Prayer Diary calls us to pray for Broome, and specifically Chris and Karen Webb. We thank you for their fellowship with us and for their ministry in Broome Peoples Church and across the Kimberley. Please bless that ministry greatly, such that many more people will become followers of your Son, the Saviour for all people. Amen.</p>
<p>Gospel Harvest</p>	<p>We also ask you today to raise up more workers for the harvest in Broome, in the Kimberley, in Australia and across the world. Please stir the hearts of more people to offer themselves for vocational ministry and mission, so that all the people who are ready to hear the good news about your Son, our Saviour, will have someone to tell them. Amen.</p>
<p>Collect Fifth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>We beseech you, almighty God, to look in mercy on your people: that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord,* who taught us to pray: Our Father in Heaven...</p> <p><small>* N.B. the collect actually ends, ‘Amen’ but ‘who taught us to pray’ is a helpful transition to the Lord’s Prayer.</small></p>

APPENDIX IV: PRE-WRITTEN PRAYERS

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 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 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 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 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 Marginalised

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 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.**

For 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.**