PRAYER LEADER

BROOME ANGLICAN CHURCH

1 INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader lead the congregation in engaging prayers that glorify God and edify the church.

Ministry Team	Sunday Services
Training	EMMC: Leading Prayer in Church 1:1 coaching as needed
Commitment	Once every 4-8 Sundays

2 QUALIFICATIONS

Convictions	☐	Assent to *Jerusalem Declaration* (2008)	☐
Character	☐	Personal prayer habit (Matthew 6.5-6)	☐
Competence	☐	Speaking in front of a group of people	☐

Every role in church requires Safe Ministry compliance: https://broomeanglican.church/safe.

3 RESPONSIBILITIES

Before the Service

- **Pray** thanking God for the privilege of serving him and asking him to help you do so effectively.
- **Check rosters** regularly, submitting unavailabilities and helping replace yourself when necessary.
- **Consult Monthly Prayer Topics** (Appendix I) to generate the structure or skeleton of your prayers.
- **Consult Prayer Resources** (e.g. prayer diaries) to harvest prayer points about the assigned topics.
- **Write out your prayers in full,** with appropriate language and length for general engagement. Optionally, for one or two topics, use an appropriate pre-written prayer (see Appendix III: Prayers for Various Topics).
- [Optional] Ask a suitable church member to give you constructive feedback on your prayers afterwards.

At the Service

- **Arrive at least 15 minutes before the service start** and make contact with the Service Leader.
- At the prayer time, **move to the lectern, adjust the microphone as needed and briefly greet the congregation.** Your goal here is inviting people to pray with you (e.g. 'Let's pray together…').
- [Optional] Briefly tell the congregation the topics for prayer and/or how you'd like them to respond (e.g. 'I'll conclude each prayer with "Father, in your mercy" and if you like you can respond: "Hear our prayer".')
- **Lead the congregation in the prayers you've prepared**, clearly and steadily (but not slowly). Conclude with Collect (Traditional Prayer) or, on relevant Sundays, by leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

4 GUIDELINES

- Remember that you're not praying *for* the congregation, you're leading the congregation in prayer.

- Use ‘us’ language (e.g. ‘Let’s pray…’ or ‘We ask that…’ not ‘me’ language (e.g. ‘I pray that...’)
- In your tone, try to balance reverence for our Sovereign Lord and affection for our Heavenly Father.
- Most of the time you should keep the sentences in your prayers short. The full-stop is your friend!
- Don’t be too repetitive (e.g. overusing a phrase like ‘We pray that…’, ‘We pray that…’, We pray that…’).
- Prayer leading is always creative, but remember that too much variety or novelty can be distracting.
- Include background information sparingly (e.g. ‘We pray for Darrell, the Bishop of our diocese …’).
- When praying specifically for someone who might be present, always ask their permission first.
- Direct your voice into the microphone so that people can hear you. Adjust the microphone if necessary.
- Recycling your previous prayers / using pre-written prayers is not only acceptable but often very helpful.
- Don’t use prayer as a soapbox to push a personal, potentially divisive political or theological agenda.
- A good rule of thumb: ‘Pray like you mean it, like God is God, and as if he really hears us.’ (Kevin DeYoung).

5 RESOURCES

Key Resource	Carson, D. A. *Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation*. Second edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015.
Additional Resources	Adam, Peter. ‘Preparing to Lead Intercessions in Church’. https://australia.thegospelcoalition.org/article/preparing-to-lead-intercessions-in-church Bennett, Arthur G., Ed. *The Valley of Vision.* https://banneroftruth.org/us/devotional-series/the-valley-of-vision-devotional DeYoung, Kevin. ‘Thirteen Tips for Leading the Congregation in Prayer’. https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/thirteen-tips-for-leading-the-congregation-in-prayer Howell, Deryck. ‘How to Lead in Public Prayer’. https://gotherefor.com/offer.php?intid=18609 Knox, Broughton. ‘Seven Principles of Prayer’. http://thebriefing.com.au/1996/02/seven-principles-of-prayer Leeman, Jonathan. *9 Marks Journal* 5/1 (2008). https://9marks.org/journal/corporate-prayer

6 APPENDICES

I. Monthly Prayer Topics
II. World Prayer Plan
III. Prayers for Various Topics

7 DOCUMENT CONTROL

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APPENDIX I: MONTHLY PRAYER TOPICS

Sunday	*I*	*II*	*III*	*IV*	*V*
Opening	1-3 verses from a Psalm OR a local / national / global concern				
World	Appendix II: World Prayer Plan				Persecuted Christians[1]
Community	ODD MONTH Federal Government EVEN MONTH State Government	ODD MONTH Families and Single People EVEN MONTH Workers and Employers	ODD MONTH The Sick and Suffering EVEN MONTH The Grieving and Depressed	ODD MONTH Children and Youth EVEN MONTH YouthCare Chaplains	ODD MONTH Emergency Services EVEN MONTH Military Personnel
Church	Church / Ministry in DNWA Prayer Diary (use 1-3 points)[2]				
Gospel	Gospel going into Broome	Davises *CMS*[3]	Kimberley Ministry (Below)	Barnetts *Bible Society*[4]	More Workers for the Harvest
Closing	Traditional Prayer / Collect + (on Sundays I and III) Lord's Prayer				

Kimberley Communities / Peoples Churches

Pastor* + Leaders

January	*February*	*March*	*April*	*May*	*June*
Broome Chris Webb* Michael Baines*	**Bayulu** [Nil]	**Billiluna** Tony Chungulla*	**Derby** Steve Son* Barry Lenard	**Junjuwa** Phil Smith* Clayton Cheryl	**Kimberley Christian Fellowship Convention** (July)
July	*August*	*September*	*October*	*November*	*December*
Halls Creek Harry Dann Jimmy Demi	**Kununurra** Jamie Short*	**Noonkanbah** Ian Jinderah Coleen Skinner Leona Skinner	**One Arm Point** Keith Bedford*	**Wangkatjungka** Tony Uhl*	**Yiyli** Paul Cox*

For up-to-date prayer points on a community, contact Chris Webb.

[1] https://opendoors.org.au, https://vom.com.au.
[2] https://www.anglicandnwa.org/pray-support.
[3] https://www.cms.org.au/missionaries/davisma/
[4] https://www.biblesociety.org.au/projects/dave-barnett

APPENDIX II: WORLD PRAYER PLAN

YEAR A = 2024, 2028, 2032… B = 2025, 2029, 2033… C = 2026, 2030, 2034… D = 2027, 2031, 2035…

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday
JAN	A. Afghanistan B. Albania C. Algeria D. Angola	A. Antigua and Barbuda B. Argentina C. Armenia D. Australia	A. Austria B. Azerbaijan C. Bahamas D. Bahrain	A. Bangladesh B. Barbados C. Belarus D. Belgium
FEB	A. Belieze B. Benin C. Bhutan D. Bolivia	A. Bosnia and Herzegovina B. Botswana C. Brazil D. Brunei	A. Bulgaria B. Burkina Faso C. Burundi D. Cabo Verde	A. Cambodia B. Cameroon C. Canada D. Central African Republic
MAR	A. Chad B. Chile C. China D. Columbia	A. Comoros B. Congo (DRC) C. Congo (Republic of) D. Costa Rica	A. Côte d'Ivoire B. Croatia C. Cuba D. Cyprus	A. Czechia B. Denmark C. Djibouti D. Dominica
APR	A. Dominican Republic B. Ecuador C. Egypt D. El Salvador	A. England B. Equitorial Guinea C. Eritrea D. Estonia	A. Eswatini and Lesotho B. Ethiopia C. European Microstates[1] D. Fiji	A. Finland B. France C. Gabon D. Gambia
MAY	A. Georgia B. Germany C. Ghana D. Greece	A. Grenada B. Guatemala C. Guinea D. Guinea-Bissau	A. Guyana B. Haiti C. Honduras D. Hungary	A. Iceland B. India C. Indonesia D. Iran
JUN	A. Iraq B. Ireland C. Israel D. Italy	A. Jamaica B. Japan C. Jordan D. Kazakhstan	A. Kenya B. Kiribati C. Kosovo D. Kuwait	A. Kyrgystan B. Laos C. Latvia D. Lebanon
JUL	A. Liberia B. Libya C. Lithuania D. Luxembourg	A. Madagascar B. Malawi C. Malaysia D. Maldives	A. Mali B. Marshall Islands C. Mauritania D. Mauritius	A. Mexico B. Micronesia C. Moldova D. Mongolia
AUG	A. Montenegro B. Morocco C. Mozambique D. Myanmar	A. Namibia B. Nepal C. Netherlands D. New Zealand	A. Nicaragua B. Niger C. Nigeria D. North Korea	A. Northern Ireland B. North Macedonia C. Norway D. Oman
SEP	A. Pakistan B. Palau, Nauru C. Palestinian Territories D. Panama	A. Papua New Guinea B. Paraguay C. Pero D. Philippines	A. Poland B. Portugal C. Qatar D. Romania	A. Russia B. Rwanda C. Saint Kitts and Nevis D. Saint Lucia
OCT	A. Saint Vincent and the G. B. Samoa, Tuvalu C. Sao Tome and Principe D. Saudi Arabia	A. Scotland B. Senegal C. Serbia D. Seychelles	A. Sierra Leone B. Singapore C. Slovakia D. Slovenia	A. Solomon Islands B. Somalia C. South Africa D. South Korea
NOV	A. South Sudan B. Spain C. Sri Lanka D. Sundan	A. Suriname B. Sweden C. Switzerland D. Syria	A. Taiwan B. Tajikistan C. Tanzania D. Thailand	A. Timor-Leste B. Togo C. Tonga D. Trinidad and Tobago
DEC	A. Tunisia B. Turkey C. Turkmenistan D. Uganda	A. Ukraine B. United Arab Emirates C. United States D. Uruguay	A. Uzbekistan B. Vanuatu C. Venezuela D. Vietnam	A. Wales B. Yemen C. Zambia D. Zimbabwe

[1] Andorra, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City

Notes

- Four-Year Plan where Year A is an Olympic year (e.g. 2024) and other years (B, C, D) follow.
- On fifth Sundays, pray for persecuted Christians (https://opendoors.org.au, https://vom.com.au).
- Nations = UN member states + Kosovo, Taiwan, Palestinian Territories and Vatican City.
- List condensed into 192 entries e.g. by combining some nations into 'European Microstates'.
- Helpful websites for information / prayer points about specific nations:
    - Operation World: https://operationworld.org
    - Prayer Cast: https://prayercast.com
    - Joshua Project: https://joshuaproject.net
    - BBC Country Profiles: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles
    - CIA World Factbook: https://cia.gov/the-world-factbook

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.