

- ❖ Refugees and asylum seekers
- ❖ An end to acts of terror and an end to slavery of every kind
- ❖ For those who work in Domestic Violence prevention
- ❖ Uniting Church community of Toowong

Saturday

- ❖ Our homes, families, friends and those we love
- ❖ Those who work in sporting organisations – Sports Chaplains
- ❖ Those whose time is spent caring for others
- ❖ Those who are close to death and those who have lost hope
- ❖ Persecuted Christians
- ❖ That our worship of God may be in Spirit and in Truth
- ❖ Parish Church Restoration Appeal
- ❖ St Paul’s Lutheran Faith Community and College

Mission and Ministry of the Church

Vocations to the Ordained Ministry
 Lay Ministry Training
 Youth, Children and Family Ministries
 Anglican Schools
 Mission to Seafarers
 Anglican Aid Abroad
 Bush Ministry Fund
 Old Friary – Brookfield
 International Order of St Vincent – Mrs Margaret Walker (Chapter Warden)
 Angligrreen, Parish Gardening Group and our Good News Garden Project
ABM – Anglican Board of Mission, Australia
 Queensland Churches Together – Canon Richard Tutin
 Gideons International – Mr Will Stewart
 Western Suburbs Ecumenical Social Justice Group

Local Community

Toowong Primary School, the Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology, Toowong, and the Toowong Soccer Club.

Religious Orders

- ❖ Society of St Francis, 3rd Order of SSF & Companions of SSF
- ❖ Society of the Sacred Advent
- ❖ Oratory of the Good Shepherd
- ❖ Little Brothers of Francis
- ❖ Order of Preachers – Anglican Dominicans

Anglican Parish of Toowong

Prayer for Growth in our Parish Community



**SAINT
 THOMAS'
 TOOWONG**
"My Lord and My God"

Our mission is to build an inclusive, Christ centred faith community that seeks truth, works for peace and justice, is generous, and non-judgemental.

Prayer Challenge

To pray the Lord's Prayer and the Prayer for Parish Growth three times each day.

"Always be joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens; for this is what God wills for you in Christ Jesus."
(1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

Your Commitment

If you accept this challenge you commit to:

1. Set three periods of time aside each day for prayer,
2. Invite a friend to be your *Prayer Partner* to share this challenge,
3. List your own prayer intentions and pray for your Prayer Partner,
4. Plan regular times to check your progress with your Prayer Partner.

Prayer for Parish Growth

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we ask for your guidance as we minister in the name of your Son. Be with us as we strive to be a faithful community that is loving, compassionate, generous and inclusive. May we always be faithful in our witness to the resurrection of Jesus, and like Thomas proclaim Him to be our Lord and God. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. **Amen.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Every Day

In the morning:

The day and its tasks: the world and its needs; the Church and its life and mission.

In the evening:

Peace, justice, care for the natural world, individuals and their needs.

Sunday

- ❖ Christians throughout the world, and the Anglican Communion
- ❖ Bishops, Priests and Deacons (*Holy Orders*)
- ❖ Diocesan Synod and all who lead our Church
- ❖ Men and women in the Religious Life (*Religious Orders*)
- ❖ All God's faithful people (*Priesthood of all Believers*)
- ❖ Lay Ministers, Evangelists and members of the Church Army
- ❖ Ministry of reconciliation and radical inclusion
- ❖ Our Clergy, Wardens and Parish Council

Monday

- ❖ The media, the arts and social welfare
- ❖ Farming and fishing, Commerce and industry
- ❖ Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- ❖ Those who are unemployed and homeless
- ❖ PAX (Progressive Anglican Christians), Café Church Services and Taize Services
- ❖ Teddy Bear Ministry, Knitting Group and Men's Fellowship
- ❖ Anglicare Southern Queensland, St John's Home and St Mary's Home
- ❖ Roman Catholic Parish of Toowong

Tuesday

- ❖ Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- ❖ Those who work in the medical and healing professions – Hospital Chaplains
- ❖ Those in the midst of famine, natural disasters and pandemics
- ❖ Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- ❖ The dying and those who are bereaved
- ❖ Those addicted to drugs and alcohol
- ❖ Peace and justice for all people
- ❖ Pastoral Care Visitors

Wednesday

- ❖ The social services, those who support the most needy in our communities
- ❖ Those who work in the criminal justice system
- ❖ Victims and perpetrators of crime
- ❖ Those living in poverty or under oppression
- ❖ Our indigenous people
- ❖ Parish Growth in numbers, generosity and spiritual commitment
- ❖ The Women's Shelter, Toowong
- ❖ Christ Community Church, Taringa

Thursday

- ❖ Local Government and community leaders
- ❖ Those who provide essential services to our communities
- ❖ Those who work with young or elderly people
- ❖ Schools, colleges and universities – School & Tertiary Chaplains
- ❖ Emergency and rescue organisations – Emergency Services & Police Chaplains
- ❖ St Francis' Theological College, Milton and St John's College, University of Qld
- ❖ Bible Study Groups, Advent and Lenten Study Groups
- ❖ Parish Choir, Te'oma Singers and our Musicians
- ❖ Baptist Church of Toowong

Friday

- ❖ Members of parliament and the defence forces – Defence Force Chaplains
- ❖ Those who work to bring about social justice, peace and reconciliation
- ❖ Those whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- ❖ World leaders, the United Nations and World Health Organisation
- ❖ Prisoners and captives – Prison Chaplains