

St. Margaret's Uniting Church, Mooroolbark

40 Days of Prayer

To reflect on current and future mission

The prayer calendar below is an invitation to join with others at St. Margaret's on a prayerful journey about current and future ministry.

This might be a commitment to pray daily as an individual, knowing that many others from St. Margaret's will do the same. It may be that you find one or two others to pray with at times during the forty days.

Please pray for insight and inspiration for the current and future ministry and mission of St. Margaret's.

It is suggested that we begin praying on Wednesday September 12th to end Sunday October 28th with Rev. Arnie's release of ties.

Week	Pray	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0: Finding our way in prayer	That God helps us to pray	Psalm 84 – shared prayer in worship			For our own commitment to be mindful and prayerful for forty days	That we may find others to reflect prayerfully with	That we might remember that prophetic voices often come from outside us	That we pray as part of a community of believers that is global
1: Guidance for the future of St. Margaret's	ask about what God is calling St. Margaret's to be and to do.	Psalm 84	In our local community - schools - shopping area - services and support places	In our local streets - family & friends - neighbours - people we are yet to meet	With our buildings - outreach - community support - hospitality - Chin church	With our people - those aging - those unable to attend - fringe people - young people - missing groups	With our church neighbours - Montrose - Lilydale - Croydon - Croydon North - Billanook	With community groups - service groups - community planning - local council
2: For those involved in calling a minister	For support for those engaging in future planning	Psalm 84	For those leading mission planning	For those who do the bulk of the work at St. Margaret's	For ideas on new and emerging leaders	For those who may suggest conversations with ministers	For our people involved in conversations with ministers	For the discernment of the whole of St. Margaret's

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3: For a faithful discernment	That we will carefully listen for the movement of the Holy Spirit	Psalm 84	For new and emerging expressions of our faith	For new energy and ways to support our mission	For the right conversations to encourage new people to share in our mission	For Spirit led conversations with potential ministers	For our people to sense the Spirit moving and be excited by what God does with us.	To be aware of others outside the congregation who help us be faithful
4: For mission to our local community	That we will listen to our community and discern our place within her	Psalm 84	For existing relationships - Nourish network - Kids Hope - People's pantry - Al anon - dance groups	For new ways to engage - with groups - with other churches - about needs or concerns in our community	For the right relationships to grow between church and wider community	For us to listen gently and carefully for the Spirit in this space	For a heart to say 'why not' rather than 'we can't' to opportunities that fit with our mission	That we may grow in our love for the community around us and care that they come to know the God who loves them
5: For the future of the UCA	That the Uniting Church continues to live out her mission in Australia	Psalm 84	For our relationship – with first and second peoples and our ongoing covenant	For a voice that offers concern and justice for those marginalised	For a prophetic voice despite our place in a post-Christian world	For new and emerging ways of being the church	For a church that finds ways to engage with missing generations	For a church that is faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ and delights in sharing this good news
6: For the people of St. Margaret's	For all who find sanctuary at St. Margaret's	Psalm 84	For baptism families, especially those on the edges of our life	For young families and people who face many pressures in today's world	For those who have deep needs that are rarely shared, that they may find belonging and care at SM	For those who have led us for decades and feel rest is needed but hard to find	For those who might be able to lead but are reluctant for various reasons	For the congregation – that we may fully embrace being the body of Christ in this place