

Prayer Diary

2008 - 2009

Anglicare Canberra & Goulburn started with local Parishes

and organised Diocesan responses to needs of individuals, families and communities. Today it continues with the same sense of purpose and strong relationship with the Diocese and Parishes.

Since February 2006 all of the activities of Anglicare have been brought together in one organisation. This spans 110 different services at 43 locations.

Strong relationships exist with Anglicare Australia and Anglicares in neighbouring Dioceses of Riverina, Bathurst, Sydney. This is important for both advocacy and service delivery.

The strength of the organisation lies in the skill, compassion and commitment of staff in an environment of living faith, both within Anglicare and in the many communities and institutions which make up the Diocese.

We invite you to pray with and for Anglicare.

The prayer points included in this prayer diary are largely unedited contributions from the people responsible for each topic represented. As such it remains many different voices in heartfelt prayer.

Thank you for participating in this ministry of prayer. May it be a blessing to you as it is to the ministry and work of Anglicare.

Strength for Today
Hope for Tomorrow

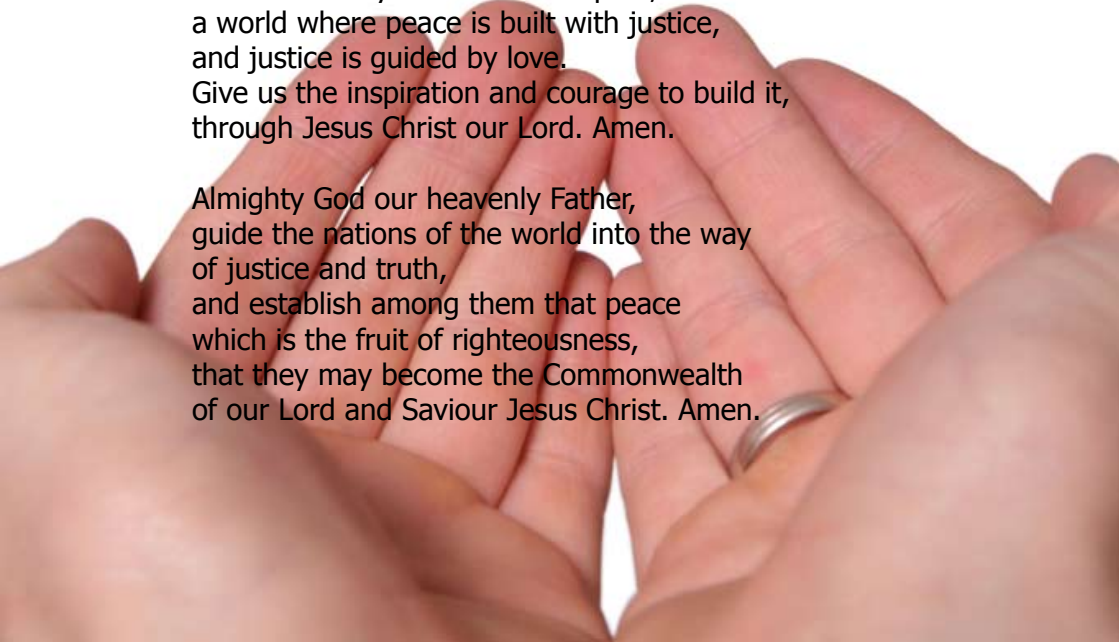
Anglicare Prayer:

God grant us the compassion to
care deeply for others;
the wisdom to discern
how best to help;
the energy to transform
emotion into action,
and the joy of wholehearted,
loving service.
For Christ's sake, AMEN

Prayers for Justice and Peace

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world
as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected,
and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures
live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
guide the nations of the world into the way
of justice and truth,
and establish among them that peace
which is the fruit of righteousness,
that they may become the Commonwealth
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



DAY 1

MISSION FOCUS

Please pray that Anglicare will continue to explore and focus on its mission

- ✚ Give thanks for the message of the gospel which gives strength and hope
- ✚ Pray that Anglicare will empower people and communities to strengthen their inherent capacities and generate hope for a brighter future
- ✚ That Anglicare's mission be integrated with the Diocesan mission to: Respond to human need through loving service; seek to transform the unjust structures of society

DAY 3

PROGRAMS for Aboriginal communities, individuals and families

Please pray for Anglicare's work with indigenous Australians

- ✚ For self determination regarding the care and protection of their children
- ✚ For healing
- ✚ For access, equity and participation in education and health services
- ✚ That children have a safe home and community
- ✚ That the future is a society based on respect, understanding and shared opportunity

DAY 2

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE

Please pray for the Residents at Anglicare Facilities who are senior Australians in their golden years that they may:

- ✚ Feel safe and secure in home like surroundings
- ✚ Be cared for in mind, body and spirit
- ✚ Enjoy each and every day to the full
- ✚ Have staff who are caring, wise, compassionate and competent
- ✚ Not die alone
- ✚ Have both a sense of community, and interaction with the wider community

DAY 4

PARISH CARE PROGRAMS

Please pray programs supported by or run in partnership with Anglicare

- ✚ Give thanks for the shared mission of Parish and Anglicare
- ✚ Pray for outreach to support families
- ✚ Pray for community mental health support programs
- ✚ Pray for people who need the basic things of life and those who provide assistance
- ✚ Pray for pastoral care programs
- ✚ Pray for children in families that struggle to make ends meet
- ✚ Pray for people to have strength and hope to move forward in life

DAY 5

RECYCLED CLOTHING STORES

Please pray for the staff and volunteers involved in all areas of this industry

- ✝ For the energy they need
- ✝ For the ministry and outreach which flows from the stores
- ✝ For the customers who visit
- ✝ For those who feel welcome and comfortable to just browse or come for a chat
- ✝ For the people making donations to do so in the spirit of helping others
- ✝ For the development of innovative recycling initiatives which connect with local communities

DAY 7

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Please pray for people who come to Anglicare seeking help

- ✝ That they will grow to understand the true nature of their situation
- ✝ That they will have the strength and courage to make any changes that are necessary
- ✝ That they will find a way forward which provides hope in their lives
- ✝ For a willingness to move forward
- ✝ For healing
- ✝ For support from family and friends to move forward

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Please pray for young people involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice, and those young people in Anglicare's Post Release Program in Wagga Wagga:

- ✝ Pray for successful integration back into their communities
- ✝ Pray that they will be able to break away from old friends and habits, that they will make good choices
- ✝ Pray that they will find appropriate accommodation
- ✝ Pray that they will rebuild positive family relationships
- ✝ Pray that these young people will start to believe in themselves and gain a sense of self-worth

VOLUNTEERS

Please pray for those who volunteer

- ✝ Give thanks for their generosity and commitment
- ✝ That their contribution makes a positive difference to the people who are a part of the program or activity assisted
- ✝ That staff and volunteers will form a valued working relationship
- ✝ That people will continue to volunteer
- ✝ That Anglicare will offer an integrated well supported volunteer program

DAY 6

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FOSTER CARE

Please pray for the young people who reside in Anglicare's Out of Home Care programme:

- ✚ That they find safety and security with their foster families
- ✚ That they receive the support needed to manage their many challenges
- ✚ That they reach for their goals and dreams
- ✚ That they know they are loved and wanted
- ✚ That Anglicare will be able to recruit enough foster carers for an expanding need
- ✚ Pray for staff who manage the placements and foster care relationships

COMMUNITY AGED CARE

Please pray for older people who are cared for in their homes

- ✚ That the care provided will help people to live at home in safety and dignity
- ✚ That people who receive care will be able to maintain relationships and activities which are important to them and their wellbeing
- ✚ That they will be able make the plans necessary for their stage of life
- ✚ That they will receive quality care

DAY 10

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YOUTH HEALTH SERVICES

Please pray for young people who access Anglicare's youth health services

- ✚ Give thanks that the service is available to young people
- ✚ Give thanks that young people are comfortable to use the service
- ✚ Pray that young people will grow to take responsibility for their health and lifestyle
- ✚ Pray for the skilled and committed staff
- ✚ Pray that programs will continue to develop to meet the needs of young people

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Please pray for Anglicare's preparations to respond to a disaster in the ACT and NSW

- ✚ Give thanks for the teams of volunteers who are trained and ready in the Anglican Community Emergency Response (ACER) program
- ✚ Give thanks for the low level of need for activation of the teams because of a disaster
- ✚ Pray for the completion of the scheduled training programs
- ✚ Pray for our success in building regional relationship with our community partners

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APPEALS

Please pray for those who are able to help Anglicare financially:

- ✝ Give thanks for the generous support of many people over many years
- ✝ Pray that the support received is an encouragement to clients and staff
- ✝ Pray that the number of donors will increase
- ✝ Pray for new relationships with business and corporate sectors
- ✝ Pray that donors continue to maintain interest in Anglicare's work
- ✝ Pray for Community Relations staff for strength and encouragement, inspiration

DISABILITY SERVICES

Please pray for people with disabilities:

- ✝ That they achieve their full potential as active members of their community
- ✝ That they have access to ongoing educational opportunities
- ✝ That support and encouragement is available through family, friends and services
- ✝ That governments understand their needs and provide realistic financial support

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CHILDCARE SERVICES

Please pray for the children who attend Anglicare's Children's Services

- ✝ That they will be well cared for in a safe environment
- ✝ That they will learn and develop to reach their potential
- ✝ That they will have a happy and healthy childhood
- ✝ That they will be nurtured and loved
- ✝ Please pray that our staff will appreciate and value the role they play in the child's life

CHAPLAINCY

Please pray the chaplaincy service and support provided by Anglicare

- ✝ For chaplaincy in our Age Care facilities
- ✝ For chaplains, clergy and volunteers who serve in chaplaincy teams
- ✝ That chaplaincy will allow residents, clients and staff to explore spiritual issues through friendship, worship and education
- ✝ That Anglicare will be able to extend the coverage of chaplaincy to more services and areas

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DEMENTIA CARE

Please pray for people who have dementia and their carers:

- ✚ Pray that people with this illness are able to be supported to enjoy a quality life where their contribution to their family and community is acknowledged and applauded
- ✚ Pray for their family and close carers, that they may have understanding of the illness and support in their grief
- ✚ Pray for service providers that they may have compassion and understanding in delivering services

DAY 19

YOUTH EDUCATION

Please pray for the young people who are engaged in Anglicare's alternative education programs:

- ✚ That they don't become pregnant until they want to
- ✚ That they are able to focus on their education
- ✚ That they have courage and confidence in their abilities
- ✚ That they own their right to education
- ✚ That they have a safe place to live
- ✚ Please pray for staff members. That they will have and show wisdom, compassion and patience

HOUSING SERVICES

Please pray for people who are homeless or suffering housing stress

- ✚ That their basic needs will be met with compassion and dignity
- ✚ That staff will have the energy and resources to meet increasing need
- ✚ That government policies will adapt to provide an integrated approach to the complex situations which contribute to homelessness
- ✚ For Anglicare's contribution to policy debate locally and nationally

RESEARCH

Please pray for Anglicare's research team, that their work will:

- ✚ Be conducted ethically
- ✚ Result in greater participation by service users and other stakeholders
- ✚ Give witness to the experiences of clients, including the poor and disenfranchised
- ✚ Foster discussion about how to build better communities
- ✚ Provide information and tools for advocacy and can influence social policy to improve the lives of clients and disadvantaged sections of our society

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PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Please pray for Anglicare Parish Representatives as they engage with Anglicare and their fellow parishioners to support each other

- ✚ That their commitment is valued
- ✚ For their continued willingness to support the work that Anglicare does
- ✚ That they encourage others to be mindful of Anglicare's vision
- ✚ That they find time in their busy lives to pray for people who are less fortunate
- ✚ To work in their Parish to meet local needs with care

DAY 23

AGED CARE STRATEGY

Please pray for Anglicare as a strategy is developed for aged care

- ✚ Pray for good information and advice
- ✚ For ability to wisely use resources for the most benefit
- ✚ For new ways of providing housing and care for an aging population
- ✚ Provision of housing and care for those who can't afford the same choices as other people
- ✚ For a joint approach at all levels of community to provide care and housing

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Please pray for Anglicare's work with and development of employment services

- ✚ Pray for guidance as we develop our employment services
- ✚ Pray that unemployed people are encouraged to recognise their own unique gifts and skills
- ✚ That they find a place where these skills can be used most effectively
- ✚ That they persist in the face of discouragement
- ✚ That employers give people a chance to prove their abilities in the workplace

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CEO & LEADERSHIP TEAM

Please pray that Anglicare will continue to explore and focus on its mission

- ✚ That there will be continued development and review of the strategic plan
- ✚ That our mission is aligned with that of the Diocese
- ✚ That our leadership will follow the example of Jesus
- ✚ That our staff, volunteers and service users will be enabled through leadership which empowers
- ✚ That our values are evident in our leadership and decisions

DAY 25

ADVOCACY

Please pray for effective advocacy by Anglicare on behalf of diverse clients:

- ✚ That Anglicare speaks clearly with compassion about the issues that affect clients
- ✚ That people hear about the needs of the poor and are moved to act
- ✚ Give thanks and celebrate client's and Anglicare's good news stories
- ✚ That members of the media are responsive to the work of Anglicare and act with honesty and integrity in their reportage

ANGLICARE BOARD

Please pray for the board of Anglicare:

- ✚ That there will be continued development and review of the strategic plan
- ✚ Give thanks for the dedication and expertise of board members
- ✚ Pray that the board will have wisdom and discernment in their oversight of Anglicare
- ✚ May they be diligent in their governance responsibilities
- ✚ For continuing energy and enthusiasm
- ✚ Courage and wisdom when facing difficult decisions

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CHILD PROTECTION

Please pray for Anglicare's work with children who need protection from neglect and abuse :

- ✚ That children are listened to
- ✚ That children are protected
- ✚ That children and young people are confident to find and use their voices
- ✚ That a child's right to safety is respected, protected, enforced and resourced
- ✚ Children have a right to be loved
- ✚ Pray for staff involved in assisting and supporting children who are at risk of harm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Please pray for Anglicare's spiritual, theological, intellectual and practical expression of Christian Social Justice

- ✚ That there will be a continual education and exploration of social justice in Anglicare
- ✚ That University partnerships will add to the debate about social issues in our society
- ✚ That Anglicare will engage with the Anglican community to explore social justice
- ✚ That Anglicare will continue to engage in practical responses which can transform people's lives and society's expectations.

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GOSPEL FOCUS

Please pray that Anglicare will show the Gospel of Jesus in action

- ✝ That Jesus' example of compassion and unconditional love will inspire and direct Anglicare's people in attitude and action
- ✝ That inclusiveness, love, service and social justice are lived out in Anglicare's programs and service delivery
- ✝ That the love and care of staff provides opportunities for residents, clients and service users to explore the Christian story which saturates and forms Anglicare

PEOPLE

Please pray for Anglicare's people, including employees, volunteers and authorised carers

- ✝ Give thanks for their expertise, dedication and enthusiasm
- ✝ Pray that they will both experience the joy of, and be strengthened by, the link between their work and spiritual life
- ✝ Pray that work environments will be safe places
- ✝ That Anglicare's stated values and code of conduct will be adhered to at all times
- ✝ Pray that Anglicare will be able to attract the right staff in a competitive environment

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STRATEGIC SUPPORT TEAM

Please pray for all staff who supports service delivery programs, that they will

- ✝ Be servants of those in need
- ✝ Know the importance of their work to enable effective mission
- ✝ Continually improve systems so that program staff can focus on clients needs
- ✝ Effectively manage risk, legislative compliance, governance, accountability and reporting
- ✝ Assist Anglicare to be strategically positioned to meet future challenges



Why we exist:

(Mission statement)

We exist to empower people and communities to strengthen their inherent capacities and generate hope for a brighter future.

Our hope for the future:

(Vision statement)

Our hope is for an organisation where our values are evident in our relationships, decisions and practice and where inclusiveness and common purpose build a cohesive organisational identity and sense of community. Our services and practice will be strongly client centred and will operate in the context of strategies which build and strengthen communities.

Our values:

Our values are foundational in our decision making, relationships, service delivery, people practices, financial administration considerations and community participation.

Compassion

Respect

Justice

Integrity

Authenticity

Collaboration

Strength for Today
Hope for Tomorrow