

July

Mon 1st **Albany** Raise up younger committed Volunteers and a person to be trained as Ship's Visitor. Give thanks for Volunteers and the Committee's assistance during COVID-19. • Pray for all Seafarers during these extraordinary times of extra stress and keep them and their families healthy in body, mind and spirit.

Tue 2nd **Bell Bay** Raise up younger committed Volunteers. Give thanks for the health of all volunteers during COVID-19. Pray for a new bus and timely repairs to the centre.

Wed 3rd **Brisbane.** To demonstrate Christ-like love and compassion to our seafarers at all times for sensitivity. Pray that our Centre will be a physically, emotionally and spiritually safe place for seafarers, staff and volunteers, regardless of their culture, religion, beliefs or backgrounds.

Thu 4th **Bunbury.** We give thanks for the good relationships we have with the various users of the port and pray that this goodwill continues. Pray for the securing of corporate sponsors. Pray for an increase of volunteers.

Fri 5th **Burnie & Port Latta.** For increased support from TasPorts. For increased visibility within the local community. For expansion of the 'Welcome Box' ministry. For the development of a successful social media presence. For engagement with new people leading to useful volunteers willing to support the Mission for the future.

Sat 6th **Dampier.** We give thanks for the staff we have working in the centre(s), Pray for a full time Shop Manager to oversee Dampier & Port Walcott retail operations. Pray for volunteers to assist in the centre and with bus driving. That we will be a witness to Jesus for those working with us and alongside us. Pray that God help us find staff who share our passion in caring for Seafarers. Pray for deeper gospel conversations with seafarers.

Sun 7th **Darwin.** For increased visibility within the local community. Pray for the expansion of the port to include our ministry. Give thanks for our partnership with the Chaplain from the Catholic diocese. Pray for support of our work to include transport for crew.

Mon 8th **Devonport.** We give thanks for the grant that will enable us to reopen the centre for seafarers. We ask for a Manager with skills and the right heart to oversee operations in Tasmania. Pray for volunteers to assist in the centre to work alongside us.

Tue 9th **Eden.** We praise God for his provision. For hard working local MtS Team members - their experience, commitment and servant hearts. We thank God for our funding, and look to Him to provide continued financial support. We praise our Lord Jesus for the opportunities to care and support Seafarers and those associated with this industry. Pray for a dedicated MtS Chaplain. Pray for team development.

Wed 10th **Esperance.** We pray for the hard working local MtS Team members and the port wider port team. We pray for our dedicated MtS Chaplain and those who may follow him. Pray for volunteers to support our committee and governance work.

Thu 11th **Fremantle.** Pray for the welfare of Seafarers visiting the port. Pray for safety of

ships visiting the port. Pray for the continuing health of all who work and volunteer at the MtS Fremantle. Pray for the redevelopment of our facilities for seafarers.

Fri 12th **Geelong.** Pray for the health, wellbeing, safety of volunteers and members of our MTS Geelong family. Pray for our ongoing social media ministry where seafarers can access the good news via emails and other social media means. Pray for MTS Geelong's 125th Anniversary event to be prepared well in November.

Sat 13th **Geraldton.** Praise that crew can come ashore for recreation and welfare. Praise for the MtS volunteers that assist in various ways. Praise for the Port Welfare Committee and local industry support. Pray that we hold to our vision to care for seafarers with the love of Jesus. Pray that will we be a witness to Jesus for those working with us and alongside us. Pray that God provides the right people, finances and support to keep serving crew in our port.

Sun 14th **Prayer for Sea Sunday.** Be with Seafarers, Lord, on all their voyages, to cheer them and keep them safe in all dangers. Let nothing afloat or on shore cut them off from you. May they please you in everything they do. Bless all on board their ship, whatever their responsibility. Enable everyone to do their duty. Help them to be good shipmates and bring them back again safely to their homes and to those who long for their return, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mon 15th **Gladstone.** Pray that a new bus can be obtained. Pray for more volunteers. Pray that the community donates more clothes, games and puzzles, to give to the seafarers.

Tue 16th **Hastings.** Pray for more volunteers, especially younger people familiar with modern technology and good health and safety for all volunteers. Pray for the proposed move to be opening 24/7 for seafarers to access the centre will proceed smoothly and safely. Pray we will be a witness to all we meet at the Centre at the Port of Christ's love and compassion (and that people not yet Christian will come to know Jesus as their Saviour).

Wed 17th **Hobart.** Pray for more volunteers, especially younger people familiar with modern technology and good health and safety for all volunteers. Connections within local churches/parish partnerships that can bring opportunities for growth and new faces within the centre. Praise God for all our ongoing and faithful beanie knitters.

Thu 18th **Melbourne.** Pray for us to be filled by the Holy Spirit to keep our fire burning in serving the seafarers. Pray for the future of our building which will make service of the seafarers more beneficial and priority. We thank God for answering our prayers for the recruitment of more volunteers. Pray for their retention, fulfilment and that we can also be of service to them.

Fri 19th **Newcastle.** Pray for more volunteers. Pray for successful grants being awarded to the centre. Pray for increasing services for Seafarers such as re introducing our food programme and additional ship visitation.

Sat 20th **Papua New Guinea.** Pray for reinstating our services in the country. Pray for successful meetings with stakeholders to gather all support. Pray for Seafarers who have poor training and opportunities for progress.

Sun 21st **Portland.** Pray for new volunteers. Pray for funding and financial security. Pray for the smaller centres that we support - Hastings and Port Giles.

Mon 22nd **Port Giles.** Pray that God blesses and guides us in our ministry as we seek to love and serve all seafarers; especially those who are in trouble or suffering in any way. Pray for good health for our volunteers and that more people come forward to volunteer. Pray for greater commitment and support from the maritime industry in our port. Give thanks for, and ask for blessing on, all those who support us in any way from our local and wider communities.

Tue 23rd **Port Hedland.** Pray for seafarers to have more shore leave while in port. Pray for Chaplain to commence ship visiting in port. Give thanks for the funding to build a new Mission to Seafarers Centre in Port Hedland, commencing in 2025.

Wed 24th **Port Kembla.** Give thanks for the funding secured to increase operations. Pray for our Mission family that they may all know peace. Pray for our wider port community for their continued support for our programs.

Thu 25th **Port Lincoln.** Give thanks for the funding secured to increase operations. Pray for our Mission as we re-establish our presence in the parish centre. Pray for our volunteers as they continue to grow the work in Port Lincoln.

Fri 26th **Port Pirie.** Give thanks for the funding secured to increase operations. Pray to find volunteers in our regional town that have the skills and enthusiasm for our Mission. Pray for our current networks who are only just keeping the services for seafarers going.

Sat 27th **Port Walcott.** Pray the set-up of the centre can be completed (proper internet, kitchenette, POS system) ship's Visitor. Pray for all Seafarers during these extraordinary times of extra stress and keep them and their families healthy in body, mind and spirit. Pray for continued opportunity to have great conversations with seafarers about faith and life on board.that allows for more time focusing on shore leave and supporting the seafarers more directly.

Sun 28th **Sydney.** Bless & build the crew regardless of their nationalities, ethnicity, social economic background, ranks or religious beliefs. Pray for anointing, wisdom & discernment as our chaplains go on board to minister. Pray for our work with the cruise ships that we minister to in the Port of Sydney.

Mon 29th **Thevenard.** Pray for safe passage of crews of the CSL ships that frequent our port. Pray for Reverend David achieving the necessary training and clearances to take on chaplaincy duties. Pray and thank our bus drivers who ferry crew members from Thevenard to MTS base in nearby Ceduna.

Tue 30th **Townsville.** Pray for a new team member for chaplaincy duties. Pray for an increase in resources both human and financial to support our work. Pray for the volunteers who come to the port from great distances to support our seafarers at Townsville.

Wed 31st **A Prayer for seafarers, their families and loved ones.** Lord God, we depend on you for life itself. We depend on seafarers for many of our daily needs. Watch over them, keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness and bring them safely home to those they love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA REGION

Regional Director: Sue Dight

Welcome to the July 2024 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.



This month we are praying for the work in the Australia and Papua New Guinea Region.

The prayer requests have been prepared by the Regional Director, Sue Dight and her team.

Sue writes:

Mission to Seafarers Australia actively responds with loving care to the many challenges and dangers faced by seafarers.

Our 28 Australian centres give seafarers a chance to:

- connect with their loved ones and children, often for the first time;
- mentally and spiritually recharge for the next leg of their voyage; and
- access medical, welfare, and chaplaincy services.

We work closely with Australian Government agencies and port users to improve the treatment of seafarers and shipping practices in Australian waters.

Seafarers continually sustain every Australian with the goods we need and enjoy. As a worldwide charity, the Mission to Seafarers stands alongside these 1.6 million men and women in 260 ports around the world.