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Sunday 8 February 2026

Our 9:30am service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels.

Welcome! It's great to have you with us today as we continue our series **Learning to Pray Like Jesus**.

Our prayer is that this term would truly supercharge our prayer lives—not just changing what we say, but reshaping what we long for.

Today we're focusing on kingdom-shaped prayer.

Jesus teaches us to pray not just for our own needs, but for God's reign to be seen in our lives, our church, and our world. Prayer becomes bigger than personal comfort—it draws us into God's purposes.

This morning we'll also be commissioning our Kids and Youth leaders. It's a wonderful reminder that praying "Your kingdom come" includes investing in the next generation and trusting God to work through ordinary, faithful service.

As a church, we long to be made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ. May today renew our vision, deepen our prayers, and strengthen our joy in serving Him together. Please let us know how you found the service by using the QR code or connect card.



Connect Card

Next Steps

Are you new? We would love to meet you. Hear a brief intro on the life of our church at our next **Newish Morning Tea** on 22 February. It runs for ½ an hour straight after the service.

Been regularly coming? If you are a regular member of our church, we encourage you to attend our next **Belonging Course** which runs on 1 March from 12-3pm. Belonging is the gateway to our GaP Groups, serving and deeper connection with the community. Or if you'd like to learn more at another time, you can arrange a coffee with Prash or Jill. Simply reach out – they'd love to chat.

Prayers for the Service

These prayers are used during the service. Prayer is a privilege we are given because Christ died for us. His death & resurrection means we can confidently approach God seeking forgiveness (Hebrews 10:22). If you believe that Christ died to deal with your failings then you should be confident to pray with us. If you are still exploring who Christ is then feel free to listen in.

A Prayer of Confession

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalm 34:17-18

The Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-14).

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
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever
Amen.

Sermon Notes

Praying Kingdom Shaped Prayers | Matthew 6:25-34 & Psalm 27

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

1. What should we pray for
Seeking the Kingdom

Using the Psalms

2. What do we often pray for
Misunderstanding Daily Bread

Driven by worry

3. What can reshape our prayers
Knowing the Father

Experiencing his grace

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

In what spheres of life, does our world push us to prioritise personal progress / advancement / “climbing the ladder”? Do you feel this more at the start of the year?

Going deep in God’s Word

Read 2 Peter 1:1-11

1. What kind of personal progress / advancement / “climbing the ladder” does Peter encourage us to prioritise and pursue (v. 5-11)? You may want to discuss the meaning of each of the qualities listed in verses 5 to 7.
2. Based on these verses, what do you think spiritual growth is? And why do you think God cares so much about your spiritual growth?
3. How does God help us to grow in spiritual maturity (v. 3-4, 16-21)? What amazes and comforts you about this?
4. What has challenged you the most from this passage? Which of the characteristics / qualities listed in verses 5 to 7 do you find the hardest?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

This year, our big prayer for our Gospel and Prayer groups is that God would graciously work in us so that **everyone is growing in spiritual maturity as we walk with Jesus daily.**

In light of God's Word, how can you ask God's Spirit to help you grow in these areas this year?

 In what you understand about God's Word (eg. "I want to grow in my understanding of sin in the Bible.")

 In what you desire and love (eg. "I want to grow in my desire to spend time in prayer with God each day.")

 In how you live and serve God & others (eg. "I want to grow in my patience and steadfastness in ministry.")

Spend time with God each day!

As we go through Matthew's Gospel on Sundays and the prayers of Jesus, we want to help you spend time with God each day in His Word and in prayer. The Psalms are a rich book of songs/prayers all about Jesus—He prays these psalms as a man, and yet the psalms are about Him as God's Son and the Messiah, the son of King David. Reflect on the following questions.

1. What stirs your heart about Jesus as you think about Him praying the words of this Psalm as a man on earth?
2. How does it enlarge your view and understanding of your Father in heaven?
3. How can the Spirit use this psalm that Jesus prays to enrich what you confess to God, what you give thanks to Him for, and what you ask Him for?

Monday - [Psalm 6](#)

Tuesday - [Psalm 7](#)

Wednesday - [Psalm 8](#)

Thursday - [Psalm 9](#)

Friday - [Psalm 10](#)

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Sign up for a Gospel and Prayer Group

The Bible encourages believers to meet regularly to encourage one another as we wait for heaven (Heb 10:24-25). This is an essential way we grow as Christians—we all need gospel reminders through life's ups and downs.

GaP Groups are midweek gatherings where we read God's Word, pray, and encourage each other, so that we all grow in our relationship with Jesus. If you follow Christ and call St Stephen's home, we'd love to help you join a group.



Lunar New Year Banquet - Good news story

Our Lunar New Year Banquet on Monday 23 February is one of our big outreach events of the year and we're praying that we would be able to bring 40+ friends/neighbours along.

The night is a fun and friendly atmosphere—3 course banquet where guests can connect with others, and open up a conversation about life, faith and Jesus through the first video of the Alpha course.

Last year, in God's power, we saw guests who first came through this event after being invited by a St Stephen's friend, and then went on to explore faith through the Alpha course that followed, and came to profess faith in Christ!

Who is someone you can start praying for and bring along to the Lunar New Year Banquet?

Register at
st-stephens.com.au/lny-banquet



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Big Day Out - Save the date



Kids & Youth Leader's Commissioning

Praise God for his kindness to us! Today we celebrate 37 people serving in Kids and Youth ministry this year— including 4 new leaders and 5 stepping into new leadership roles.

What a beautiful gift these people are, teaching God's word and modelling Christ to our young members. Today we pray and commission them for service, just as God's people have done since the early church (Acts 13:2-3).



What's Coming Up

9 February	Come and See
22 February	Newish Morning Tea
23 February	Lunar New Year Banquet
1 March	Belonging Course
2 March	Alpha Course

For more on what's happening this summer at St Stephen's, visit
st-stephens.com.au/summer

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