## Prayer thoughts for December 2015

#### Week beginning 1st December

We pray for Sri Lanka – for their coming events including the Nativity Play especially for Tegan and Sara and all other happenings at their beautiful GFS hall. We give thanks for the success of their market day held last week and for the "Pink Pearls". We especially pray for the time spent with the Youth Officer, Tegan and Sara (USA) as they consider how to begin the Youth Exchange Program. Give them wisdom and insight into the best way forward to share GFS with other younger people.

#### Week beginning 6th December

Lord we pray especially for the GFS groups in South Korea, Japan and the Philippines. We ask for wise leadership, for continued blessings on their members. We celebrate a new Café Grace opened recently and give thanks for the opportunities opened up through these cafes to serve others in need.

#### Week beginning 13th December

Lord we bring before you a world suffering with wars and crisis for many people especially those who are now homeless as a result of turmoils. Help us to serve each other, sharing our resources, our homes and hearts with these people. Bring about your peace through us as we consider their needs.

#### Week beginning 20th December

Heavenly Father, you sent your precious Son into the world so many years ago to help us to know more about you. As we celebrate this joyful gift for us, keep us mindful of sharing this good news to those who are still to come to know you as their Father. We pray for those who feel sadness at a time when many are brimming over with goodness and happiness. Give them a real sense of your loving care for them, today and always.

### Week beginning 27th December

We pray especially for the World President and her Team (Val and the team – Kate, Glenys, Ros, Tania, Reverend Cheryl and Reverend Isaiah, Chris and Julie). We pray for strength and wisdom for Val as she leads this organisation bringing together its many parts around the world. We pray for those who need the gifts of wise handling of finances, generous sharing of news, inspiring programs to share and guidance as the World Project continues.





# Prayer thoughts for January, 2016

#### Week beginning 3rd January

As this New Year begins we pray that the words to the song "Brother Sister let me be your servant" might resonate in our hearts as we look for new and exciting ways to be servants for each other. Help us to be humble and gracious, quietly seeking to help others, to always care more for others than ourselves and to spread the Good News of God's saving love.

#### Week beginning 10th January

Although some have snow for January, we know that this is not familiar for our friends in the Solomon Islands and PNG. We pray for abundant rains to water gardens and for generous crops for farmers to feed the hungry. We pray for the leaders of the Solomon Islands who are still finding out more about GFS and its potential. We pray for the continued spread of GFS in PNG and the use of the Sunday school program for children.

#### Week beginning 17th January

Lord we pray for the leaders in every country. We pray for those in Government where the people despair of their greed and disinterest in helping the weak and needy. We pray for the leaders of GFS as they carry out their responsibilities. Help them to be mindful of serving well those who are looking for guidance from them. Help each branch leader to be a role model for the members to see Christ at work in all they do and say.

#### Week beginning 24th January

We pray for Australia as they celebrate Australia Day and remember all that's good about the nation. We pray for Jan as she recovers from her recent illness. We pray for our Youth Officer, Tegan, as she has now completed her studies and waits to begin her working career. We give thanks for the time spent in Sri Lanka. We pray for our near neighbours in New Zealand and the work with girls studying and the opportunities they provide. We give thanks for the recent wedding in Helen's family.

#### Week beginning 31st January

We pray for the work of the World Project. We encourage each branch, each member to be constantly considering how to assist financially to spread the good work that has begun through the

World Project. We pray for each child to play without cares. We pray for the such beautiful pieces and that this their lives.

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# Prayer thoughts for February, 2016

#### Week beginning 7th February

As schools begin again for a new year in the Southern Hemisphere, we thank you for the gift of education. We thank you for those who teach and the gift to share and lead others into new understandings. We thank you that we can learn to read your Holy Word, to speak about your name and your love to others. We thank you for the gift of singing to worship and praise your name.

### Week beginning 14th February

We thank you Lord, as we pray for those who are close to us whom we love dearly. We pray for those we miss at this time and thank you that we knew them and loved them while here on earth. We pray for those gone already to a new eternal life in Heaven and look forward with joy to our time in eternity.

#### Week beginning 21st February

We lift before you the members of England, Ireland, Wales USA and Newfoundland. We celebrate with the achievements of last year and the hopes for this year. We pray for those who have known sadness through bereavements and pray for your comfort Lord for those families. We pray for Sara as she comes home to share the excitement of the time in Sri Lanka and that her enthusiasm might encourage many of the young adult members.

#### Week beginning 28th February

We pray and give thanks for the African countries of South Africa, Liberia, Lesotho, Kenya, Ghana, Cameroon, Tanzania, Sierra Leone and Uganda, Zambia. Lord we give thanks for the new countries

and ask for your guidance as operating. We think of continues to work to



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