

<b>1 Sun</b>	On the first day of the new year: <i>"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"</i> – Psalm 118:24
<b>2 Mon</b>	Pray for all those travelling these holidays. Pray for their safety, and also pray for the opportunity for relaxation and revitalisation that holidays bring.
<b>3 Tue</b>	Pray for the children baptised in our church in 2011. Give thanks for the opportunity for God's promises to be claimed on their behalf, and pray that they will grow as God's children in 2012 and throughout their lives.
<b>4 Wed</b>	We give thanks to God for the Bible, and pray that we can make the time to read and meditate on God's Word.
<b>5 Thu</b>	Give thanks for the success of Messy Church in December, and pray that it will bring people closer to God. Pray too for planning and preparation for the next Messy Church.
<b>6 Fri</b>	As we remember the gifts brought by the Magi to Jesus on Epiphany, we reflect on the gifts that we have received, giving thanks for all we have. Pray that we and Christians throughout the world are inspired and enabled to use the gifts we have for the benefit of God's kingdom.
<b>7 Sat</b>	<i>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"</i> – John 1:29
<b>8 Sun</b>	With many of our congregation away this month, we thank God for the opportunity to continue to worship together in smaller groups.

<b>9 Mon</b>	As people steadily return to work for 2012, give thanks to God for our nation's relative prosperity and low unemployment rate.
<b>10 Tue</b>	We remember the new flying padre, Jorge Rebolledo, and give thanks for the relationship that we maintain with this ministry. Pray we will continue to support this work in many ways.
<b>11 Wed</b>	Remember the people of rural Australia. Ask for God's encouragement for our farmers and rural people. Pray for wisdom in the use of natural resources.
<b>12 Thu</b>	We give thanks for the Joint Nominating Committee in the efforts to find a new Minister of the Word for Gordon. Ask God to prepare the heart and mind of a suitable candidate to receive the call.
<b>13 Fri</b>	Pray for Nathan Tasker as he presents his concert tonight at Gordon, and for all who attend. We are thankful for the opportunity to welcome Nathan to Gordon.
<b>14 Sat</b>	Pray for the homeless people of our city, giving thanks for the organisations that reach out to them.
<b>15 Sun</b>	Pray for the work of the Flying Padre in far western NSW, as we welcome Jorge Rebolledo to our evening service tonight.
<b>16 Mon</b>	Pray for parents looking after children as the summer holidays continue. Give thanks for the opportunity for generations to spend time together, and pray for patience and calm.
<b>17 Tue</b>	Give thanks for all in full time ministry, and pray that they have the strength and prayerful support to continue to share Jesus' message with the world.

<b>18 Wed</b>	We pray for all those who are sick, and ask for God's healing hand to be upon them. Thank God for the gifts of modern medicine, and for the care, knowledge and wisdom of our health care professionals.
<b>19 Thu</b>	Pray for the Leisure & Learning program this year with new leadership that we may find new ways to encourage people in the wider community to share in the classes.
<b>20 Fri</b>	Give thanks for the work of the Rural Fire Services, the State Emergency Services and other groups who help deal with natural disasters. Pray for their safety.
<b>21 Sat</b>	Pray for those who battle depression: give thanks for modern medication and therapy, and pray for understanding and compassion for its sufferers, and those who care for them.
<b>22 Sun</b>	As we watch the Lifeline basket go forward as part of our offertory, we pray that we will continue to be generous with what we have. We give thanks for the effort of the Lifeline volunteers, and pray for their work.
<b>23 Mon</b>	Pray for teachers as they return to school for the year this week, asking God to be with them in their planning and giving thanks for their dedication and commitment.
<b>24 Tue</b>	Pray for those making decisions regarding university, other study and careers. Ask God to encourage them, and give them wisdom and discernment in their choices.

<b>25 Wed</b>	With a month passed since Christmas, remember in prayer all those who visited our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and pray that they will be encouraged to become involved in God's community in Gordon.
<b>26 Thu</b>	On Australia Day we give thanks for our 'lucky country'. Pray that we, as a nation, will be able to share our blessings with those in need.
<b>27 Fri</b>	Give thanks for leisure time, with many people enjoying an extra long weekend. Remember in prayer all those who need to work over weekends and holidays.
<b>28 Sat</b>	Ask God to help us build up the prayer life of our church – both individually and collectively.
<b>29 Sun</b>	<i>Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.</i> - 2 Corinthians 9:7
<b>30 Mon</b>	As the school year begins, we remember students of all ages in our prayers and pray that they will build friendships and knowledge.
<b>31 Tue</b>	We pray for the many groups who use our Highway Centre, and that the Centre may be a warm and welcoming place for all who come.

If you would like the Prayer Team to pray for specific needs, please contact:

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If you would like a Minister to visit you, please phone the church office (9498 6729) to arrange a suitable time.

Remember the special prayer time to pray for the needs of our Church – each Wednesday morning at 7.30 a.m.

The Prayer Calendar is prepared each month by Richie Dulin. Please get in touch with Richie if you have specific prayer needs you would like to see included in the Prayer Calendar – 9440 8167 or [portbrique@gmail.com](mailto:portbrique@gmail.com).

## **Gordon Uniting Church**

*Conversations with God*

*I will sing to  
the Lord,  
for he has been  
good to me.*

*- Psalm 13:6*

*January 2012*