

AN OINTED

12 Days of Prayer and Fasting

12 -23 Feb, 2025



INVITATION TO JOIN TOGETHER

Friends, we sense God's invitation to draw near as a Vineyard people across our Great South Land.

We invite you to join us in setting aside 12 days in February to pray for the Vineyard. Fast whenever you can. Use this guide to help you on the journey.

We'll begin on 12 February and go through to Sunday 23rd - the end of the national Prayer Gathering at Colloroy Convention Centre, NSW.

Each day we'll pray specifically for churches and leaders across our land, as well as seeking God's kingdom will for us as a national church movement.

Our 2025 Prayer Gathering theme is **Anointed.** (*Isaiah 61:1*) We believe our Heavenly Father wants to anoint His Vineyard family of Churches here in Australia with the presence, power, authority, gifting and prophetic encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

- + **Anointed to proclaim good news to the poor**
- + **Anointed to bind up the broken-hearted**
- + **Anointed to proclaim freedom for those in captivity**
- + **Anointed to release those in darkness**

Psalm 133:1-3 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil on the head, running down the beard, running down Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

You are welcome to sign up for the Prayer Gathering 21-23 February here at www.vineyard.org.au/events

EVERYBODY GETS TO PRAY...

While we'd love you all to join us in NSW for the Prayer Retreat, our hope is that each and every person can both pray and be prayed for!

Give yourselves as much as you are able to praying and fasting. There is incredible power in praying together like this! Think of the Upper Room!

We've included some thoughts below on fasting. Maybe these things may be new for you? Experiment and have fun, knowing our Father invites us to boldly approach His throne as His children.

With love and expectancy of generous Holy Spirit encounters,

*Andrew & Sarah Starr,
2025 VCA Prayer Gathering Facilitators*



“God has given us a vision to see the body of Christ move from being an inactive audience to a Spirit-filled army. . . God is about to unloose a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit of an unprecedented magnitude. . .”

John Wimber

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

Martin Luther

“There is no bad way to pray and there is no one starting point for prayer. All the great spiritual masters offer only one non-negotiable rule: You have to show up for prayer and you have to show up regularly.”

Ronald Rolheiser.

Prayer: Our Deepest Longing



LOVE BE MULTIPLIED VISION

“We believe that God has placed a vision in our hearts by the Holy Spirit to see the Vineyard family of churches, together lean into a kingdom adventure, well beyond our capacity and yet within the reach of God’s generosity and authority, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Seeing many people come into a saving relationship with Jesus as Lord. Seeing groups of Jesus People multiply and see local churches and the Vineyard family of churches multiply here and beyond our shores.”

*Kirk & Nichole Delaney
National Directors
Vineyard Churches Australia*



HOW SHOULD I FAST?

The spiritual discipline of fasting is about depending on God as our true source of life and sustenance.

When Jesus was on the 40th day of his fast, Satan tried to tempt Jesus to turn stones into bread.

Matt. 4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

As well as fasting food, we can choose to give up something that may be a distraction from fixing our eyes on Jesus during this time, e.g. TV/Netflix, social media, video games, bad habits, negative thought patterns, etc.

With rising living costs, cut back on things you don’t need. Prioritise your schedule to put God first in everything. It will not only help your budget, but will create space for you to spend time with the giver and source of all good gifts.

Fasting is not only about removing temporal things from our life but also adding good spiritual practices. Try being extragenerous and hospitable.



SET YOURSELF APART

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:12 NIV

1. Father, grant me the strength to embrace the discipline of fasting, allowing me to become more aware of your presence and hear your voice. As I focus on you and your word, transform me into your likeness throughout this season of prayer.
2. May my prayers be centred on humility and confession, asking you to reveal my shortcomings and those things that get in the way of a deeper connection with you.
3. Guide me in remembering that you alone number my days, calling me to turn away from sin, and embrace the life of the 'age to come'.
4. Inspire me to engage in acts of generosity, hospitality and compassion, extending kindness and support to those in need during this season.
5. Open my heart to a greater understanding of your kingdom will, leading me to discern and follow the path you have set before me as I embark on this journey.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Ephesians 3:17-18 NIV

1. Father God, cultivate the sense of community and connection in our church. Bless our church family and make us one as you are one. [Bless every person you know by name.]
2. Guide our leaders in making decisions and give them wisdom, strength and courage to follow you King Jesus.
3. Come Holy Spirit and fill us with a passion for worship, draw us closer to you and give us extra-ordinary joy.
4. Protect our church from any divisive influences and empower us to be a source of hope and light in our local community. Help us stay focused on our mission and being relevant to the needs of our community.
5. Bless our Vineyard church with all the resources needed for impactful ministry. Let each of us hear your call and offer our gifts, our time and money to serve you and bear much fruit.

ANOINTED PRAYER RETREAT

Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

Matthew 11:29 MSG

1. Father, bless and protect the Starr household as they prepare to facilitate the Prayer Retreat. Give them all they need this year for their family, church and wider ministry.
2. Watch over everyone who is participating the Prayer Retreat. Let every person you'd like to be there, hear you clearly. Bless their plans.
3. Father, bless everyone who has committed themselves to pray and fast through this season. Change them Jesus.
4. Anointed One, I ask for breakthrough provision in our churches: jobs, health, finance, etc. Where people are stuck, I ask for hope and renewed faith. Make a way Lord where there's been no way.
5. Jesus, give us compassion for the lost and the marginalised. Move our inner beings to cry out for mercy and justice. Thank you for laying your life down as the slain lamb. Open eyes to see your amazing grace and love.

VINEYARD BOARD & COLLEGE

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2 NIV

1. Heavenly Father, bless and protect our National Directors, Kirk and Nichole Delaney. Give them and the VCA Board all they need this year for their family, church and wider ministry.
2. Bless Di Hocking, Stephen Thompson and Jonathan & Helen Gould, together with the Delaneys as they seek to follow you Jesus. Grant them wisdom and favour as they serve your church.
3. Holy Spirit, empower the Board to discern and embrace your kingdom will. Make them effective in supporting our movement to multiply your love.
4. Let your kingdom come in our midst as we gather together as a Vineyard for national events. Thank you for every speaker you have prepared to equip us. Bless our worship and service teams.
5. Lord, bless Vineyard College: Peter Downes; our teaching team; and students. Bless our new partnership with Tabor College.
6. Father God, bless Vineyard Board & College with abundant resources and all the support needed to effectively carry out their ministries, allowing our Vineyard Family to thrive and fulfill its mission.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Please pray for: Raising Leaders in all areas of ministry • Reaching our community with the love of Jesus • Financial provision • Wisdom for the year ahead • Experiencing the enriching and empowering of the Holy Spirit •plus any specific requests below.

Cabramatta Vineyard

Alysha & Glen Davidson

- Protection against enemys work, unity amongst each other, and growth in our church community
- Direction and effectiveness in Kingdom work
- Growth in youth and young adults knowing Jesus

Centrepont Vineyard

Jonathan Ives & Tanya Deane-Ives

Northridge Vineyard

Rob & Bonnie Giles

Southern Cross Vineyard

John & Paula Watson

Viva Vineyard

Andrew & Sarah Starr

- For our kids to thrive and build strong connections at Viva.
- More families to join, providing peers for all kids.
- Blessing and guidance for the new Youth Worker in 2025.
- Spirit-led opportunities to share Jesus with the lost and lonely.

QUEENSLAND

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Pine Rivers Vineyard

Kirk & Nichole Delaney

- Growth in ministry to young families, youth, and young adults.
- Development and release of worship leaders and musicians.
- Expansion of the Mercy Centre to lead more people to Jesus.
- Increased financial support to appoint more ministry staff.

Tablelands Vineyard

Louka & Narelle Lazaredes

Toowoomba Vineyard

Chris & Jen Gresham-Britt

- For God to provide a strong worship leader by Easter.
- At least 10 more people aligned with our values to actively serve.
- A community space in the town centre by end of 2025.

Vineyard Brisbane West

Jonathan & Helen Gould

- Holy Spirit outpouring to reach new believers.
- New youth and young adults joining the church.
- God raising passionate servants for youth, children, and worship ministries.

Cairns Church Planting Initiatives

Shawn & Emma Decker

- Key people willing to actively build and nurture the ministry.
- God's fingerprints on this ministry through His guidance, resources, wisdom, and grace.
- Extra reliance on God during this season of recognizing limitations.

VICTORIA

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Geelong Vineyard

Sam & Ruth Buscombe

- Permanent building for GVC to gather and minister.
- Reckless love for Jesus and Kingdom work
- Outreach opportunities for the church
- Holy Spirit breaking into Geelong in a powerful way.
- Increase in people, finances, provision, passion, and opportunities for the Kingdom.
- Continued equipping for Ruth and Sam to lead and raise disciples & healing for Sam Buscombe's heart.
- Protection over the church and the Buscombe family against Satan's lies, deceit, and oppression.

High Country Vineyard

Mark & Jay Buscombe

- Salvation and baptisms in abundance and Kingdom growth in Mansfield.
- Strengthened faith for believers.
- Revival and renewed passion (on fire) for Jesus

Westgate Vineyard

Aaron & Julia Mills

- Fresh vision for discipleship and kingdom ministry in daily life.
- Growth of a strong, joyful, enthusiastic, and faithful team despite key losses.
- Refreshing and re-envisioning for Aaron during his long service leave.

Yarra Valley Vineyard

Di Hocking

- Thrive in '25: new life in Christ for all ages who will follow wholeheartedly
- Spirit-led freedom and joy transforming lives, especially from addiction, pain, and loneliness.
- Servant leaders rising, multiplying, and thriving this year

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Bordertown Vineyard

Grant Wiese

Marion Vineyard

Toh & Maria Ng

- To grow to 100 people by the end of the year.
- To have at least 2 small groups start, led by others (not the pastors) this year
- To have 3 new leaders raised up to be 'running partners' in God's work

Wynyard Vineyard

Glenn & Rosalie Brown

Bunbury Vineyard

Tim & Judy Wheeldon

- God's Kingdom come & his will be done in our leadership discussions
- Wisdom and spiritual insight for volunteers in the Breakfast Ministry amidst guest challenges and for team members would hear from the Holy Spirit & know what to say
- Salvation and deliverance for guests

Wagin Vineyard

Ian & Wendy McDougall

- Raising up a new generation of Vineyard churches with a hunger for God's presence.
- Tools and strategies to reach and heal broken people around us.

Compassion Vineyard Church Plant Initiative (Strathalbyn, SA)

Melanie & Richard Macrow-Lindqvist

- Prayer for the Lord to bring leaders and the lost.
- Belief for growth to double the number in 6 months.
- Increase in anointing for those stepping into ministry within the community.

Dalyellup Vineyard Church Planting Initiative (WA)

Christian & Vanessa Rodda

- Growth in awareness of and response to God's presence and the Holy Spirit's ministry as the initiative becomes more established in 2025

CHURCH PLANTING | MISSION

Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.

Philippians 1:4-5 NLT

1. Father, grant me the strength to embrace the discipline of fasting, allowing me to become more aware of your presence and hear your voice. As I focus on you and your word, transform me into your likeness throughout this season of prayer.
2. May my prayers be centred on humility and confession, asking you to reveal my shortcomings and those things that get in the way of a deeper connection with you.
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4. Inspire me to engage in acts of generosity, hospitality and compassion, extending kindness and support to those in need during this season.
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PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news."

Mark 1:14-15

1. Jesus People have got a message that people are hungry to hear. Its a message of Good News of God. Our Vineyard People have a message of Jesus that needs proclamation.
2. Holy Spirit come anoint us to "share the good news of Jesus" to others. Increase our desire to share our personal testimony of Jesus to others. "...enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness..." (Acts4:29)
3. We pray that as the Spirit comes, the hearts of all who have heard the good news of Jesus would turn to Him in repentance.
4. May our lives as Jesus People reflect the Good news of God in word and with signs and wonders. "...Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." (Acts 4:30)

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HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED**

"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Matthew 9:1 -12

1. Healing is a core ministry of Jesus and His followers. God let the anointing of the Holy Spirit release a fresh wave of healing in our churches.
2. Seek the Father for an anointing of the Spirit that will bring healing to those in workplaces, hospitals and in the everyday relationships.
3. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, increase our agreement with the authority Jesus has declared to heal the sick. (physical, emotional, mental spiritual, economic healing)
4. That those in our community, region and city who carry a bruised and broken-heart, would find a place to heal in our local church/es"

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FREEDOM TO THOSE IN CAPTIVITY**

"...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

Acts 10:38

1. That Vineyard Churches across Australia would be Healing Communities that set people free from demonic power.
2. Through hospitality, teaching the Bible, feeding the poor, prayer and worship we would see people set free.
3. God to help mature Jesus' ministry of setting people from all forms of spiritual oppressions.
4. Deliverance ministry would grow. Increase in Equippers to train others in deliverance ministry.
5. That with a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, there would be the fruit of freedom in people's lives. "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians3:17



**We invite you to close our season
of praying & fasting together
by sharing holy communion**

**Father, we thank you for
the precious blood of the Lamb,
the One who takes away the sin of the world.
What an amazing provision so
that we can be with you forever!**

**Bless this bread and wine to our bodies,
symbols of your sacrificial love.**

**You are so so good and you've given everything for us.
Let us ask with confidence for all that
we need to see your kingdom come.**

Please email prayer@vineyard.org.au with short personal testimonies of God's extraordinary provision in your life (prior to the Prayer Retreat). Also, please email any prophetic words / pictures you received during this season of prayer and fasting.