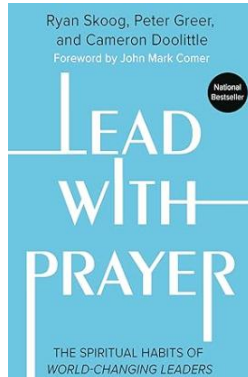


“An intentional prayer life is the non-negotiable constant of lasting, fruitful Christian life and leadership.”

Ryan Skoog, Peter Greer, Cameron Doolittle, *Lead with Prayer: The spiritual habits of world-changing leaders, 2024*



Hilary Hague is encouraging the SUNZ team to know and value prayer for effective ministry. She recommends this book, and tools available on this website, www.leadwithprayer.com

Lead with Prayer aims to help us narrow the gap between aspiration and actuality, showing how to prioritise prayer, grow in prayerfulness and build a culture of prayer.

We need prayer, and we are so thankful for you, our prayer warriors who daily pray for SUNZ, our children and young people.

Devote yourselves to prayer, with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

Colossians 4.2 NLT

KEY DATES October-November

21-22 Oct	NLT meeting
2 Nov	Supporters Wellington
4 Nov	Supporters Hamilton
11 Nov	Supporters Dunedin
12 Nov	Supporters Gore & Invercargill
18 Nov	Supporters Auckland
23 Nov	Supporters Christchurch
28-29 Nov	SUNZ Board meeting

Wednesday 1 October

PRAISE for camp leaders who answered our prayer for help on Snow Blast and Going Deeper camps with just two days before the start. Prayer is powerful!

Pōnui Spring Adventure ends today.



Pōnui Spring Adventure 2024

Thursday 2 October

Sustain and Hanmer Explorers camps' end. Pray for campers journeying home and journeying on joy filled faith with Jesus.

Friday 3 October

Pray for our spring holiday camp leaders and helpers - for rest and good health as they recover from another round of awesome SUNZ camps.

What campers say about their camp leaders: *awesome and interested leaders, such good role models, so in touch with God, cool and friendly.*

Sat 4 - Sun 5 October



Natalie - Caitlin - Jayden

Our youth camps team facilitators and admin take a break now: Caitlin Janes, Jayden Meads, Donna Beech. Natalie Duchesne, Youth Camps Team Leader is back from leave.

Nigel Winder speaking at Wyndham Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Monday 6 October

Neville (and Kerran) Bartley are back from leave. Pray for Neville's leadership of the youth team, and planning of training programmes.

Tuesday 7 October

BE strategy and prayer group met in Wellington 16-17 Sep. Hilary Hague, Beth Coates, Hana Leofo, Caitlin Janes.

Wednesday 8 October

Pray for our BE first-year participants, that some will be challenged to continue in our leadership development programme.

Thursday 9 October

Nigel Winder, Children & Families consultant, Otago-Southland.

Friday 10 October

Pray for church outreach initiatives providing light filled, joy filled, Jesus filled truth - turning Halloween into *Hallelujah!*

Sat 11 - Sun 12 October



White Sunday blends Christian faith with Samoan values of family (aiga), love (alofa), and service (tautua). Pray for Sapati Tima

as he celebrates with his church community. He attended the Pacific2Nations dinner on 23 September. More info on this link.

<https://www.facebook.com/Pacific2Nations/>

Annette Osborne at Good News Aotearoa Conference hosted by Laidlaw & Wilberforce.

Monday 13 October

Youth Team hui in Wellington 13-15 Oct. Nigel Winder at CCCNZ conference in Auckland, leading workshops on growing and valuing your volunteer teams. Andrea Lukin on leave 13-31 Oct. Give thanks for her creativity and joy.

Tuesday 14 October

Pray for young people to sign up for Exodus Prime camp 11-15 Jan.

Wednesday 15 October

Peilin Cheng, Fundraising Manager is home after leave in China. Pray over the plans for our Christmas appeal.

Thursday 16 October

Meshach Singh, Marketing Manager.

Friday 17 October

Prayer Group Christchurch meets today (3rd Friday of the month), now led by Lesley Anderson. Thanks Lesley!

Sat 18 - Sun 19 October

SUNZ ADVENTURE Issue 4 is out, and Neville Bartley leads the writing about *Your Story*, energising research about the shaping of Christian faith in our young people.

<https://sunz.org.nz/adventure-magazine/>

Caitlin Janes speaking at St Francis Church on Sunday. Nigel Winder at Winton Presbyterian Church.

Monday 20 October

Annette Osborne in Scotland for SU Global team meetings. The team will farewell Terry Williams (SU Australia) from 40 years of ministry with SU. Annette is now on long service leave until early February.



Terry, Becky, Annette in France Nov'24

Tuesday 21 October

National Leadership Team (NLT) meet in Wellington 21-22 Oct.

It is humbling and inspiring to see and hear their prayer for each other, the SUNZ team and Christian ministry in Aotearoa.

The NLT team are Hilary, Hana, Liz, Nigel, Neville.

"A leader must be able to see the end results of the policies and methods he or she advocates. Responsible leadership always looks ahead to see how policies will affect future generations."

- J.O. Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*

Wednesday 22 October

Talking of teamwork, pray for our Children & Families Team:
Liz - Nigel - Grace - Annette - Andrea



Thursday 23 October

The Children & Families team were thrilled with the 50-attendee turnout at Kia Tipu Whanganui on 6 Sep. Pray for ministry in this area, for children and leaders.

Friday 24 October

Children's ministry leaders report an increased emphasis on memorising scripture and learning how it fits into the big story of the Bible.



Matthew 22.37-39 NIV

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Sat 25 - Sun 26 October

Pray for our church connections.

Monday 27 October

Glenis Silby, Auckland office admin.

Tuesday 28 October

Hilary Hague, National Director.
Pray as she prepares for and travels to our Supporters Events.

Wednesday 29 October

Our Supporter Events start on Sunday 2 Nov in Wellington. We'd love to see you at one of our events. See where here:
<https://sunz.org.nz/sunz-supporters-event/>

Thursday 30 October

Pray for the light and the love of Jesus to be through everything we do and speak.

I RAISE A HALLELUJAH!



Friday 31 October

Piper Clare is leading a youth group camp this weekend, as part of her work as Associate Youth Pastor with The Street. Nigel Winder is at an NZ Rally Board meeting in Matamata.

Sat 1 - Sun 2 November



Supporters Afternoon 3pm at St John's, Johnsonville on Sunday.
See you there!

Peilin Cheng is at Chinese Church leaders retreat at El Rancho 3-5 Nov.

SU Global Week of Prayer 3-8 November

Readings from 1 Peter. Follow through the week through this link for reflections and prayers.



<https://scriptureunion.global/what-we-do/pray/>

Monday 3 November 1 Peter 1.3-12
Our Living Hope in Salvation

Tuesday 4 November 1 Peter 2.1-10
Our Living Hope in a Living Stone

Supporters Evening, Hamilton is 7pm tonight.

Wednesday 5 November 1 Peter 3.13-22
Our Living Hope in Victory

Thursday 6 November 1 Peter 4.7-19
Our Living Hope in Surrender

Friday 7 November 1 Peter 5.6-11
Our Living Hope in Restoration

Sat 8 - Sun 9 November

Give thanks for our volunteers and members who are committed to growing lifelong disciples.

Monday 10 November

Hana Leofo, Operations Manager.

Tuesday 11 November

Supporters Dunedin at 7pm.

Wednesday 12 November

Supporters Gore - morning tea and

Supporters Invercargill - supper.

We hope you find time for breakfast, Nigel Winder and Larissa Pearce!

Thursday 13 November

Finance committee meet online tonight.

Friday 14 November

Piper Clare, Youth Consultant Wellington.

"I am so incredibly thankful, and joy filled at the recent staff annual appeal. Thank you to all those who prayed and donated. It was so encouraging to see people want to support me in my ministry."

- From Piper's August prayer letter

Sat 15 - Sun 16 November

Nigel Winder speaking at Matura

Presbyterian Church. Give thanks for the generous support of people in Southland.

Monday 17 November

Youth Team meet online 1pm every two weeks for a briefing, prayer time, admin. Piper Clare & Sapati Tima are training as MHFA accredited facilitators.

Engage Bible App is due for a re-launch in December.

Tuesday 18 November

Supporters Auckland 7.15pm at Eden Community Church.

Wednesday 19 November

Paul Humphreys in final preparation for E3 expeditions. Pray for good weather.

Thursday 20 November

Finance Team - Anitha, Andrew, Jax.

A note from Andrew:

I have recently been doing some study on the concept/statement of faith of "the priesthood of all believers".

Two key verses are linked to this...

1 Peter 2.9 *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.*

Rev 1.6 *He has made us to be a kingdom and priests*

Two key points come from this...

As believers, we are **privileged** to be chosen by God with direct access to the holy presence of God.

We are chosen for a **purpose**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices; prayer, praise, thanksgiving, repentance, justice, kindness, love; using our talents and gifts and ourselves.

We are in a privileged position, with a clear purpose.



Friday 21 November

Pray over our resources ministry.

We need good Christmas sales which help fund this ministry.



<https://sunz.org.nz/shop/>

We also sell good condition pre-loved books as a way of funding new resources. Call AnnaMarie on 04 385 0485 if you are interested in offering some books.

Sat 22 - Sun 23 November

Jayden Meads, Larissa Pearce, Nigel Winder are running a working bee (with a picnic!) to tidy up the camps gear shed in Charlton. We are so grateful to Doug & Jo for allowing SUNZ to store gear on their property for many years. Ngā mihi!

Supporters Christchurch on Sunday, 1pm at Yeoman's home. See our website for details.

Monday 24 November

Eli Savill, Youth consultant Waikato-Bay of Plenty.



Image from a workshop presentation at Exodus Prime camp Jan 2025

Tuesday 25 November

Larissa Pearce, Youth consultant Otago-Southland.

"Pray that God will continue to inspire churches to intentionally mentor and equip new and experienced leaders."

- From Larissa's August prayer letter



Larissa at Gather South Sep 2024

Wednesday 26 November

Our BE Kindred wrap up their SUNZ projects on 1 Dec. Pray for their future leadership roles and ministry.

Ashton, Bella, Josh, Isaac, Éliece

Would you like to know more about SUNZ Beyond Experience (BE)?

Contact Beth Coates be@sunz.org.nz

Thursday 27 November

Liz Eichler, Children & Families Team Leader.

Liz loves to celebrate Advent, and she is passionate about recycling - see her ideas putting these together in our ADVENTURE Issue 4.



Friday 28 November



SUNZ Board meet in Wellington 28-29 Nov. Pray for Meredith Mackenzie as our new Board Chair. Mark Nichols continues as Deputy Chair.

Sat 29 - Sun 30 November

Here is the line up for our summer camps. Pray over planning, registrations, and commitment.

What campers have asked us for help with:

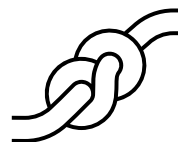
How to talk to non-Christians who don't agree with our perspective on life.

How to live set apart in a generation who are non-believers.

Grace, justice, mercy.

How to really dig into the Bible.

Survival skills, and how to tie effective ropes.



SUMMER CAMPS

December-January

6-7 Dec	Gather Pōnui Island
9-20 Dec	E3
4-8 Jan	Aspire
5-9 Jan	Senior Surfari and Gnarly Groms
6-12 Jan	Pōnui Junior
11-15 Jan	Exodus Prime
11-16 Jan	Te Anau Extend
13-20 Jan	Pōnui Senior
18-23 Jan	Te Anau Wind n Water and Canterbury WnW
21-25 Jan	Summer Supreme

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Warkworth

10-11:00am, usually 2nd Monday each month, but venue changes.
Contact Ann Cates: 09 425 0966; 021 0677 404, ann.f.cates@gmail.com

North Shore

1:00-2:15pm, 2nd Thursday of month.
Contact Sylvia Coulter: 021 047 4206 sylvia.coulter@outlook.co.nz

Auckland - West (Henderson)

10:00-11:00am, 3rd Monday of month.
Contact Diane Smith: 027 279 0612; diane.smith@extra.co.nz

Auckland - Central (Epsom)

1:00-2:15pm, 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Contact Jill Walker: 09 630-0094; alinejillwalker@gmail.com

Hamilton

1:30pm, usually 1st Friday of even months at Central Baptist Church.
Contact Jenny Halse: 07 855 5764; jenny.halse@icloud.com

Tauranga

2:00-3:00pm Sun, bimonthly.
Contact Esther Grubb: 027 416 5165 esray@proton.me

Kapiti

Contact Maureen Gunston: 027 404 7868; maureen.gunston@gmail.com

Wellington

7:30-9:00pm, Fri. 32 Paremata Cr, Porirua.
Contact Ken Edgecombe: 021 065 3450 kennard.edgecombe@gmail.com

Christchurch - new details

3rd Friday of the month. Contact Lesley Anderson
lesleyanderson@inspire.net.nz

Ashburton

2pm, 3rd Thursday of the month.
Contact Jim Young: 021 063 9204; Jim.Young@sim.org

Dunedin

7:30-8:30pm, 1st Tues every odd month (Mar- Nov).
Contact Margaret Smith: 03 484 7488;
027 201 6888 mlstap@extra.co.nz

Invercargill

7:15am, (first Mon of month)
Contact Lois Conway; 027 434 2612 blconway@inspire.net.nz

SUNZ Prayer Groups are guided by Hilary Hague, National Director. Hilary also sends e-prayer updates.
Contact her on hilary.hague@sunz.org.nz or info@sunz.org.nz for more information.

SUNZ Ministry Staff often visit Prayer Groups to share updates on their ministry and needs and pray together.
Thank you for inviting them.

If you would like to receive Ministry Staff newsletters, let us know on marketing@sunz.org.nz or call 04 385 0485