

PRAYING UP FRONT

ON MISSION TOGETHER



JOB DESCRIPTION

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people (1 Tim. 2:1)

Purpose: to lead us all in praying to our heavenly Father, in a way that honours God, models prayer and is intelligible to all.

PREPARING WHAT YOU'LL PRAY

- **Get prayer topics from Elvanto:** login (clovelly.elvanto.com.au) or use the Elvanto app. Find the service, go to 'Plan', then 'Prayer - Led'
- **Address God as 'Father':** it's the Christian name for God (JI Packer)
- **Finish with the gospel:** Acknowledge we can only pray because of Jesus. Try one of these: *We ask in Jesus' name ... Through Jesus our Lord ... We ask not by our merits, but through Jesus who died for us.*
- **Pray big:** pray for our needs, but especially God's glory & kingdom
- **Use the Bible:** use bible language, or base your prayer on a passage
- **Language:** God isn't impressed with long or fancy prayers (Mt. 6:7), but neither should we be casual with a holy God.
- **Say 'we' not 'I':** because you are leading *us*
- **Mix:** thanksgiving, confession, and requests
- **Pray about topics in a way that we can all agree and say 'Amen'**
- **News:** give updates *before* you pray, rather than in your prayer.
- **Length:** approx 3 minutes, so it's neither too short nor too long!
- **Audience:** be mindful of skeptics, believers, struggling, hurting

ON THE DAY

- **Check when you're on:** on Elvanto, find the Service, then 'Plan'
- **Sit near the front ... and wait at the front before you're invited up**
- **Adjust the microphone:** point it at your chin, 5-10cm away
- **Speak clearly** without rushing; afterwards, smile and walk off stage

Roster created by: Office Administrator

Reports to: MC on the day (or Fiona Smartt)