

NATIONAL BAPTISM WEEK

Prayer Guide

Baptism celebrates each individual responding appropriately to Jesus' radical and complete love – not just with their mind, but with their whole body; not just privately, but openly; not partially, but completely. They fully entrust themselves to a Saviour who has paid the full price for them. And they willingly submit themselves to a Lord who wants the very best for them. What a launch into fruitful life, empowered by the Spirit and for the Father's glory!

Who is invited to the party of God's kingdom?
Who may get baptised?

Week -4 Friends

People you know by name

1. Pray for family members not yet committed to Christ
2. Pray for work/study colleagues who don't know the Lord
3. Pray for your personal friends who are distant from God
4. Pray for 'enemies' – those you fear or struggle to get on with – remember Saul
5. Pray for opportunities to be overt about your faith in Christ
6. Pray for opportunities to invite them to church, a gospel event or gospel conversation
7. Thank God and pray for other believers who are good witnesses to your friends

Week -3 [Neighbours](#)

Those nearby whom you don't yet know by name

1. Pray for each household in your street / proximity
2. Pray for the (likely) thousands who live within walking distance of your church
3. Pray for those you see often (perhaps you smile or nod) but haven't yet talked to.
4. Pray for opportunities to signal to them your faith in Christ
5. Pray for opportunities to meet, get to know, and show love to neighbours
6. Pray for opportunities to invite neighbours to church or a gospel event, e.g. Alpha
7. Thank God and pray for other believers who are good witnesses to your neighbours

Week -2 [Kids](#)

Children and youth in your church's community

1. Pray for each child connected to your church family
2. Pray for each teenager connected to your church family
3. Thank God and pray for each believer ministering to these children and young people
4. Pray for the witness of the whole church to its children and youth
5. Pray that each one would be 'gospelled' well and drawn into personal faith
6. Pray for those who are (or should be) considering baptism
7. Pray for those preparing for baptism, or that many more will be soon

Week -1 [VIPs](#)

Those treasured by God but easily overlooked by others

1. Pray for those who are socially isolated and lonely. Pray for those in aged care.
2. Pray for the traumatised, and all those suffering poor mental health
3. Pray for prisoners and those entangled in organised crime
4. Pray for those caught in deep addiction and those with complex needs
5. Pray for the homeless, the poor, and those trapped in debt
6. Pray for new migrants with few connections
7. Thank God and pray for all believers who are ministering Christ to these VIPs

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SUN	<i>Pray for all in your church and across our movement who are being baptised today</i>
MON	<i>Pray for all those who are being drawn to God and considering/preparing for baptism</i>
TUES	<i>Pray for active believers who have put off baptism and may now feel awkward about it</i>
WED	<i>Pray for those who feel 'unworthy' of baptism – that they would realise none of us is</i>
THURS	<i>Thank God and pray for all in your church who teach and share the gospel message</i>
FRI	<i>Pray for all across our national movement who work for the gospel and share faith</i>
SAT	<i>Thank God for the deep thirst in many Australians. Ask for more harvest-workers</i>
SUN	<i>Pray for all in your church and across our movement who are being baptised today</i>

Week +1 For the Newly Baptised

1. Thank God for all those who have newly committed themselves to Christ in baptism
2. Ask God's protection over those who come under spiritual attack (as Jesus did)
3. Pray for those who may be feeling flat after such a significant event
4. Pray for any feeling disappointed that they didn't experience miraculous change
5. Pray for those stepping into new habits, rhythms, behaviours and disciplines
6. Pray for those who are disentangling from sin and unhelpful circumstances
7. Thank God and pray for all who are supporting and mentoring the newly baptised

Week +2 For a Fruitful Future

1. Pray for the ongoing filling of the Holy Spirit in the newly baptised
2. Pray they will make wise and excellent early decisions that lead to healthy growth
3. Pray for appropriate ministry opportunities and good experiences of being used by God
4. Pray as the newly baptised share their news and faith with others
5. Pray that many of the newly baptised will in time know the blessing of baptising others
6. Pray for those entering formal church membership and ministry/service teams
7. Pray that in the coming year our movement will see yet more baptisms, to God's glory