

July

- Tue 1st **Albany.** We ask for younger volunteers to feel inspired to join our work and for someone to step forward to become a Ship's Visitor. We're grateful for the commitment of our current volunteers and committee. Please watch over seafarers in these challenging times—keep them and their families well in body, mind, and spirit.
- Wed 2nd **Bell Bay** Help us connect with new, younger volunteers who feel called to serve. We give thanks for the good health of our team. As the centre becomes more accessible, may it continue to be a place where seafarers feel welcomed, supported, and cared for. Show us new ways to meet their needs.
- Thu 3rd **Brisbane.** We give thanks for all seafarers and pray for their wellbeing and safety. We pray for our volunteers who selflessly give of themselves to support and provide for the needs of the seafarers who visit the Port of Brisbane. We give thanks for the dedication of our Mission Supervisor and that of the new committee members, particularly our new President, Secretary and Treasurer. We look forward to further developing the relationships we have with other port stakeholders who also have a vested interest in the wellbeing of seafarers. May we shine as a beacon of hope and support and be welcoming to all.
- Fri 4th **Bunbury.** We give thanks for the good relationships we have at the port and for the encouragement of our new port Chaplain. May these connections grow stronger. We ask that more people in our community feel moved to get involved and volunteer. Let the Centre always be a place of warmth and care.
- Sat 5th **Burnie & Port Latta.** We ask for stronger links with TasPorts and more recognition in the local community. Please bless the 'Welcome Box' ministry and help it bring comfort to more seafarers. Guide us as we build our online presence, and bring along new volunteers who want to help and make a difference.
- Sun 6th **Dampier.** Thank You for our team in Dampier and Port Walcott. We pray for a new Team Leader in Port Walcott and more volunteers to help with daily tasks. Let us show care and respect to everyone we work with. Help us find people who share our commitment, and give us meaningful moments with seafarers where faith and encouragement can be shared.
- Mon 7th **Darwin.** We hope to be better known in the Darwin community. As the port grows, may our role in it also grow. Thank You for the good partnerships we have, especially with the Catholic Chaplain. Please help us meet practical needs like transport so we can serve crews more fully.
- Tue 8th **Devonport.** We give thanks for the funding that allows us to reopen our centre. We ask You to send someone with the right mix of skills and compassion to lead this work. May volunteers come forward who want to walk alongside us and help seafarers feel welcome, valued, and at ease.
- Wed 9th **Eden.** We're thankful for the support we've received and for the local team who serve with such care and commitment. We trust You to continue guiding and providing. Thank You for every chance we get to care for seafarers. We ask that

someone be called to serve as Chaplain in Eden, and that our team continues to grow in unity and strength.

Thu 10th **Esperance.** Thank You for our hardworking MtS team and the wider port community. We give thanks for the life of our previous dedicated Chaplain Frank Roe and pray for Fr Brett Guthrie to follow in his footsteps. Please bring volunteers to support our committee and help with governance so that our work remains strong and sustainable.

Fri 11th **Fremantle.** Loving Lord, we pray for the safety and wellbeing of every seafarer visiting Fremantle. Please protect all ships that come into port and watch over those who serve at the Mission—staff and volunteers alike. Guide us as we continue plans to improve our facilities to better serve seafarers' needs.

Sat 12th **Geelong.** God of hope, we lift up all our MtS Geelong volunteers and supporters—may they be kept safe and well. Bless our online ministry that reaches seafarers with good news through emails and social media. As we celebrate our 125th year of service to seafarers.

Sun 13th **Geraldton.** Thank You, that crews can come ashore and enjoy time for rest and connection. We're grateful for the support of our volunteers and the port community. Help us continue to care for seafarers in the spirit of Jesus' love. Please provide the people, resources and support needed to keep this work going.

Mon 14th **Prayer for Sea Sunday.** Be with seafarers, Lord, on all their journeys. Keep them safe in every danger and close to You, no matter where they are. Bless everyone on board their ships, and help them to work well together. Bring them safely home to the people waiting for them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tue 15th **Gladstone.** Heavenly Father, we ask for help in securing funding for the Mission's work in Gladstone. Please bring more volunteers to our team, and stir generosity in the community so that we can continue to give clothes, games, and puzzles to seafarers who need comfort and care.

Wed 16th **Hastings.** We pray for more volunteers—especially younger people who are confident with technology and want to make a difference. Keep all our helpers safe and well. As we have opened our centre 24/7, may the transition go smoothly and benefit the seafarers. Let our work be a quiet but steady witness to Your love.

Thu 17th **Hobart.** Lord, we ask for new volunteers, including younger people with skills that can help us grow. Bless our connections with local churches and parishes—may they bring new opportunities and friendships. Thank You for the faithful knitters who lovingly create beanies for seafarers—bless the warmth they share.

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Sat 19th **Newcastle.** We ask for more volunteers to join our work in Newcastle. May the grants we've applied for come through and enable us to do more. We also pray for more opportunities for ship visits, so that seafarers feel cared for and connected.

Sun 20th **Papua New Guinea.** Merciful God, we pray for the reestablishment of our services in

PNG. Guide us in meetings with partners and stakeholders so we can rebuild with wisdom and strength. Be with seafarers in the region, especially those with limited training and few opportunities—open doors for their development and dignity.

Mon 21st **Portland**. Loving God, we ask for new volunteers to join the Mission in Portland. May financial support continue to flow so our work remains steady. Please sustain and encourage all teams and bless their efforts to serve seafarers well.

Tue 22nd **Port Giles**. God of mercy, guide us as we care for seafarers—especially those who are facing hardship. Keep our volunteers healthy and bring new people to join our work. We pray for deeper engagement from the maritime industry. Thank You for the kindness and support we receive from our local and wider community.

Wed 23rd **Port Hedland**. Gracious Lord, we pray that more seafarers will have the chance for shore leave while in port. We ask Your blessing on the Chaplains who make ship visiting a priority. Thank You for the provision of funding to build a new centre—may it be a place of peace, welcome and care.

Thu 24th **Port Kembla**. Faithful God, thank You for the funding that allows our work in Port Kembla to grow. We pray that every person involved with the Mission would know Your peace. We're grateful for our port community—please continue to bless our relationships and their generous support.

Fri 25th **Port Lincoln**. We give thanks, Lord, for the resources to expand our efforts in Port Lincoln. As we have settled back into the parish centre, may it be a place of warmth and rest for seafarers. Encourage and strengthen our volunteers as they continue this important work.

Sat 26th **Port Pirie**. We pray for new volunteers with the right skills and energy to join us in this regional town. Please encourage our current network of supporters who are working hard to keep services going—refresh and uplift them, we pray.

Sun 27th **Port Walcott**. Loving Lord, guide us as we seek a new person to guide our work—grant all we need, from proper internet to practical resources. Keep seafarers and their families well, especially during these challenging times. May we have rich, honest conversations with them about life, faith, and the things that truly matter.

Mon 28th **Sydney**. Lord Jesus, bless every crew member who comes through the Port of Sydney—whatever their background or belief, may they be treated with dignity and care. Give our chaplains wisdom and gentleness as they minister on board ships. We pray for continued strength and guidance as we care for crew on cruise ships as well.

Tue 29th **Thevenard**. Gracious God, keep the CSL ship crews safe as they journey through Thevenard. We lift up Reverend David in this chaplaincy role. We're thankful for our bus drivers who serve with generosity and care, transporting seafarers to Ceduna—bless their faithful work.

Wed 30th **Townsville**. Lord of all, we pray for someone to join the Townsville team in chaplaincy. Bring us the people and resources needed to keep this work going strong. We're grateful for our volunteers—many travel far to help, and we ask You to bless and sustain them in their service.

Thu 31st **A Prayer for seafarers, their families and loved ones**. Lord God, we rely on You for life itself—and we thank You for the seafarers who bring us so many of our daily needs. Watch over them, keep them safe from danger, and be near to them when they feel alone. Bring them home safely to those who love and wait for them. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA REGION

Regional Director: Sue Dight

Welcome to the July 2025 edition of the
Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.



This month we are praying for the
work in the Australia and Papua
New Guinea Region.

The prayer requests have been
prepared by the
Regional Director,
Sue Dight and her team.

Sue writes:

The Mission to Seafarers Australia responds with compassion and practical care to the many challenges faced by those who work at sea. Every day, in 28 ports across the country, our centres offer seafarers a vital space to:

- reconnect with their families—sometimes speaking with loved ones for the first time in weeks or months;
- rest and recharge mentally, emotionally, and spiritually; and
- receive support through medical care, chaplaincy, and welfare services.

We partner closely with government agencies, port authorities, and the shipping industry to ensure fairer treatment of seafarers in Australian waters.

Seafarers—often unseen and unheard—play a vital role in sustaining our way of life. They bring the goods we rely on, from food and fuel to medical supplies and technology. Globally, the Mission to Seafarers stands with over 1.8 million men and women in more than 200 ports, offering hope, advocacy, and care.

As we pray through this diary, we lift up the people behind the global supply chain—their hardships, their joys, and their deep humanity. May our prayers be both comfort and call to action.