

March

Sun 1st MTS Marsden Point – pray for our Ship Visitor, Joanne, for the Board and for the recruitment of volunteers.

Mon 2nd MTS Auckland – pray for our Chaplain, Reverend Noel Cox and for the Board of the Auckland International Seafarers Centre.

Tue 3rd MTS Tauranga – pray for our Chaplain, Joel Pearce and for our Ship Visitor Vaughan Barsanti, for the United Seafarer Centre Board, and for MTS Tauranga Committee (for volunteers and finances).

Wed 4th MTS Gisborne – pray for our ship visitor Wendy Vita, and for the team she is developing there.

Thu 5th Timaru – pray for the Ship Visitor Matt Mayo, and the Centre which works closely as part of the MTS NZ family.

Fri 6th MTS New Plymouth – pray for our Ship Visitor, Pieter Borsje, for the establishment of a Centre and for the creation of a new Board.

Sat 7th MTS Wellington – pray for our Ship Visitor, Scott, the Chaplaincy Team of Tim Tovey and Mary-Therese Nalder, and for the Board.

Sun 8th MTS Nelson – pray for our ship visitor team, led by Amba Blommaart-Kay, for the board, and for their finances.

Mon 9th MTS Vanuatu – pray for our Chaplain William Bice, for the Board, the Centre which is still trying to

recover from the devastating earthquake in 2024.

Tue 10th MTS Solomon Islands - pray for our Chaplain Michael Tavoia, for the Board, the Centre, and the raising of finances.

Wed 11th MTS Fiji – pray for the team in Suva led by Becky Soko.

Thu 12th Pray for seafarers worried for their families facing crisis at home, whether that be conflict, natural disasters or family strife.

Fri 13th MTS Tahiti – pray for the Committee, for the raising of finances and for our Ship Visitors Etienne and Tony.

Sat 14th Pray for the Regional Council, and the Chair Clark Houltram.

Sun 15th Pray for the Regional Director, Reverend Lance Lukin.

Mon 16th Pray for our ministry to fishers in ports across the region.

Tue 17th Pray for continued Government Funding, and ongoing support from the Minister of Transport.

Wed 18th Pray for the potential of expansion into Samoa and positive talks with the Samoan Government.

Thu 19th Pray for active and retired seafarers within Oceania.

Fri 20th Pray for active engagement with industry, and the raising of the profile of MTS within the Region.

Sat 21st Pray for our ministry partners, The Sailors Society

NZ, The British Sailor's Society Wellington, and Stella Maris Wellington.

- Sun 22nd Pray for the Seafarer Welfare Council who provide strategic advice to Government on critical issues facing seafarers.
- Mon 23rd Pray for the finances needed to create a Merchant Navy Memorial in Wellington.
- Tue 24th Pray for the Ports to Peaks fundraiser in Thredbo this week, that it will raise the profile of the Mission while also raising funds for Oceania and Australia.
- Wed 25th Pray for the myriads of knitters who give of their time to knit beanies for seafarers.
- Thu 26th Pray for the Port Companies, that they will continue to be open to our work and will see the benefit of what we do.
- Fri 27th Pray for our volunteers, for those who currently give their time, and for people to consider volunteering with the Mission.
- Sat 28th Pray for new sources of funding for the Mission.
- Sun 29th Pray for those seafarers who are facing hardship or trauma that they will find rest and support in our Centres.
- Mon 30th Pray for our Patron, HE Dr Richard Davies.
- Tue 31st Pray for those in governance roles within the region, and the identification of the next generation of leaders and board members, that they will have the energy and skills needed to lead the Region forward.

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OCEANIA REGION

Regional Director: Reverend Lance Lukin

Welcome to the March 2026 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.

This month we are praying for the work in the Oceania Region.



The Prayer requests have been prepared by the Regional Director, Reverend Lance Lukin and his team.

Lance writes:

Oceania Region includes New Zealand, Fiji, Vanuatu, The Solomon Islands and Tahiti. The work in Oceania commenced 125 years ago and continues to thrive. As an independent region we largely rely on external financial support. As such, an over-arching prayer for the Region this month is for finances and the development of new streams of revenue, so that we may continue to provide world-class care to the men and women who we encounter as The Mission to Seafarers.