**Sundays Prayer Cycle for Mark the Evangelist.**

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This resource is for those who are responsible for composing and leading the Prayers of the People in Sunday worship at the Congregation of Mark the Evangelist. It includes an indication of the kinds of prayers which should be included each week, as well as a cycle of prayers to be included at regular intervals.

For more general information on leading the prayers of the people, see the MtE website [here](http://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/worship/worship-resources/leading-the-prayers/) [Ctrl-Click].

Each week, try to include the following general prayers:

**Prayers for the church**

* Prayers for the congregation and Hotham Mission
* Prayers for members of the congregation (as per pew sheet; **mention of first names only** is sufficient, as the full name is given in the pew sheet)

**Prayers for the world**

* Countries from the ecumenical prayer cycle (as in the pew sheet each week; also given [here](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle).)
* Other current concerns on the international scene

**Pastoral Prayers**

* As per known need or requests via the prayer book (here, the name of the person is usually enough; God knows the reason, the congregation doesn’t need the story told in the prayer)

In addition to these weekly prayers, the following cycle is also suggested:

First Sunday of the Month (the minister will normally lead the prayers on the first Sunday of the month)

**CHURCH**

Synod Moderator (David) and General Secretary (Mark)

Ecumenical Partners in North Melbourne and Parkville (mention one or several)

**PASTORAL**

“Akbar”, until further notice

Second Sunday of the Month

**CHURCH**

National UCA Assembly President (Sharon), National UCA Interim General Secretary (Lindsay)

World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, Victorian Council of Churches

Third Sunday of the Month

**CHURCH**

Presbytery Chairperson (Heather), Presbytery Minister (Ray)

The Church Council, Property Committee, Children’s ministry team and our musicians

Current congregational programs/events (study groups, etc.)

Fourth Sunday of the Month

**CHURCH**

Hotham Mission (Programs: Food support, Homework clubs; Staff: Joey, Carlotta, Danielle, Georgia, Najat, Nazret, Sarah; the Hotham Mission Board)

Fifth Sunday of the Month

Free prayer!