

Canaan Prayer Points

June-September 2021

PRAYER POINTS

Special Prayer Request—Mobility Bus

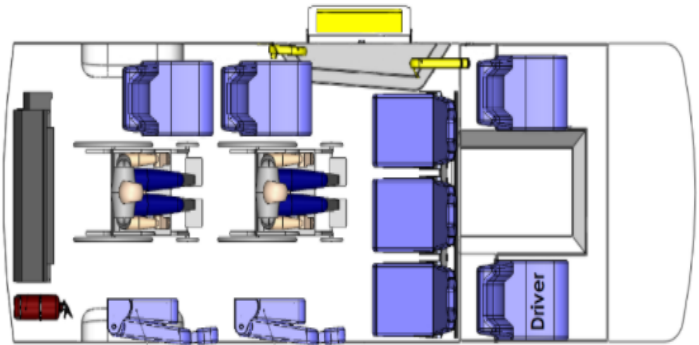
We want to share Sister Benedikta's testimony where she, the children and parents prayed for a bright blue bus. This testimony is taken from Mother Basileas's book: 'Realities of Faith' pg 71.

Sister Benedikta shared that one day she took a piece of blue chalk and drew a picture of an old-fashioned bus on the blackboard. She told the children: 'Now we are going to pray to the Father in heaven for this bus. And we won't erase the picture until we receive it.' The reason for her praying for a bus was to have a traveling classroom in order to reach the children. This became a real test of faith. Would the Lord hear their prayer, and act in this situation? The drawing was on the blackboard for 3 weeks, and nothing had happened. But then something did happen—a man came by one day and asked if it were true that the sisters needed a bus. He had one for sale, and asked if we would like to look at it. They discovered that it was the bright blue, outdated model that Sister Benedikta had drawn on the blackboard. God had carefully considered their petition, and answered their prayer in providing the bright blue bus!

FAITH



- Please can we ask that you pray with us for the provision of a mobility bus (Toyota HiAce Commuter) that can take two wheelchairs so that Sisters in care can continue to be involved in our 'sister family' life here on Canaan during the day and would meet our long term age care needs.



Pathway Restoration

- Please pray that while Canaan remains closed during this Covid pandemic time, that the Lord would make it possible for the pathways on Canaan to be restored so that they are wheelchair friendly. Also that a wheelchair pathway to each relief in the prayer garden could be implemented to make it possible for people with physical disabilities to access.



Sister Simone - Returning to the Motherhouse

As many of you may know, Sister Simone has been praying about her future in regards to continuing to live in care here in Australia or to return to our Motherhouse in Germany.

Some months ago, Sister Simone received an invitation inviting her to return to Germany to live out the remaining of her life as a Sister on Kanaan in Germany, within our purpose built facilities that have trained Sisters that can provide care to Sisters that are in need.

Sister Simone has been praying about her situation, and has since received confirmation that it is God's leading for her to return to Kanaan in Germany for this part of her journey.

This is a big step for Sister Simone and we ask that you would hold her up in prayer for the challenges that lie ahead of her departure.

This is a big change for Sister Simone who has lived here in Australia for over 41+ years. This is the longest time that she has lived in one place. Australia has become her home, and you have all become important people in her life and for the Canaan ministry. Sister Simone loves Australia and it will forever have a place in her heart. For Sister Simone it has been a great privilege to be called and serve in Australia.



Sister Simone will depart at the end of July 2021. As many of you would know, due to the serious Corona virus situation here in NSW, restrictions have been implemented and therefore no face-to-face visits can be undertaken at this present time with Sister Simone prior to her departure.

Therefore, we would encourage those friends that would like to send a greeting to Sister Simone to use the below email address: esmaus@marysisters.org.au

Sister Simone's Prayer Requests:

- Strength for the flight & for health challenges faced along the way.
- Please pray that Sister Simone will adjust quickly to her life on Kanaan, and that she will manage the trip physically.
- Strength for sorting personal belongings and paperwork before her departure.
- Strength for packing luggage to take and provision for freight to Germany.



Gladly for You, dear Lord, whatever the cost may be,
My heart and will I give, for You are all to me,
I give You all I treasure. MB

Faith into Action

- Please pray when we open up that the Lord will call those He wants to participate in the 'Faith into Practice' volunteer programme at Canaan.
- Please pray for volunteers from a variety of countries, so that there is a good multicultural balance in the group.
- We are happy that many young people from overseas have taken part in our 'Faith into Practice' volunteer Program. Please pray for the former participants, that the Lord would continue to bless them in their spiritual walk and make them a blessing for many others.
- For those former helpers who are praying about their future pathways, please pray that they will discern God's guidance.

Outreach

- Please pray that the Lord continues to provide innovative ideas for outreach in the wider community during these covid-19 times.
- Please pray that the Lord would continue to show us new ideas for outreach through our website and other social media avenues.
- We would be grateful if you would support us in prayer for our ongoing ministry of love and reconciliation.
—especially to the Jewish community, Aboriginals, and the various ethnic communities in the Sydney area.

- Please pray for the e-mailings, literature and DVDs being sent out from Canaan, that God will use them to bring much blessing to people.
- Pray that people will ask for the Canaan publications at their local Christian bookshops, as this helps to make the literature more widely known. Some of the things that Mother Basilea wrote prophetically more than 50 years ago have been dramatically fulfilled in the meantime, and friends are often “re-discovering” the books and finding them so relevant for today. Pray that God will continue to use Canaan’s legacy to change lives, and to help prepare the bride of Christ.
- Please remember our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in many of the countries we serve. We thank the Lord that our internet ministry enables us to have contact with many of these. They are so grateful for the contact, prayer support and literature when it can be sent safely or read online.
- Pray for Sisters as we seek to put the Lord first and to be obedient to His leadings. Since our time and strength are limited, pray that we will always know what God wants us to take on and what He would have us say no to, especially moving forward when restrictions lift.
- Pray for continuing protection, strength, wisdom, and unity for everyone at Canaan, and also for the wider fellowship groups of Canaan.
- Pray for protection at Canaan from every attack of the enemy.

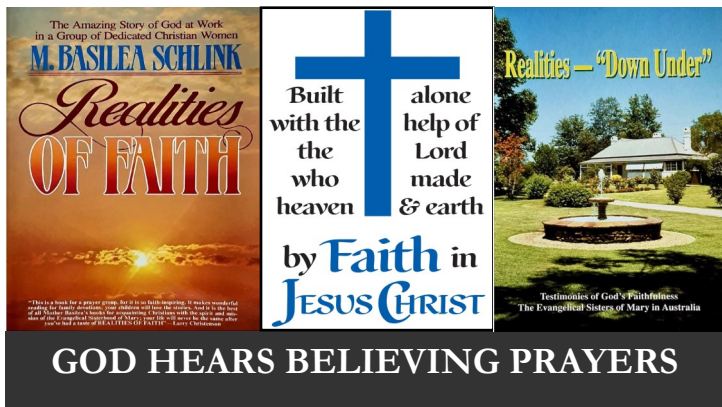
- Please continue to pray for Sister Theophania and Sister Simone at Carrington Aged Care Facility.
- Most of all, we pray that as Sisters and Friends of Canaan we will all love our Lord Jesus more day by day, helping to extend His kingdom and prepare His bride.

Thank Points—Thank You Father for:

- The wonderful provision of a bright yellow turn zero, ride-on mower.
- The daily provision for the running costs of Canaan.
- The brand new 'Banner of Faith' produced by CBS Printing and the costs covered by a special donation.
- The provision of new metal poles that had to be made for the banner - bless the company who donated them to us.
- For the wonderful provision of our new phone system and all the work done by the company who has supported us in finding a phone solution in moving forward.
- For the implementation of the financial programme that we are changing over to, and the amazing support we have received to get the new programme implemented.

For all your prayers, friendship and support
we send you our heartfelt thanks.
God bless you abundantly!

The Evangelical Sisters of Mary



God seeks those who will pray:

For in our time God, as a true Father, will show us His help and His wonders as never before—if we call out to Him in deepest need, trust Him, and in prayer *actually reckon upon His help*. For He stands ready to help those who believe in His love, who truly reckon upon His Almighty power, who truly reckon that He still works miracles today.

A whole complex of buildings on the grounds of the Canaan stands today as a testimony to how real God's help was in our business affairs, how literally He answered prayer. These buildings cost great sums of money. We had no savings, nor did we receive any subsidy from official sources. They were built and paid for only through prayer and belief in God's help.