



PrayerMatters: August to October 2026

Welcome to the latest edition of our prayer letter for all of the ET congregations, covering the next three months. As you can see it is packed with plenty to pray through. You can use this personally in your time with God, with each other, with your prayer partner, in your groups or in your congregations.

God said to Solomon when he was praying for his people, ***'If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.'***
(2 Chronicles 7 v 14)

Prayer Thoughts...Jehovah-Jireh the Lord is my provider: The first time God revealed Himself to people as the provider was through Abraham when he was asked to offer Isaac as a sacrifice (*Genesis 22*). When Isaac asks his Father who will provide the sacrifice Abraham replies-'The Lord will provide- Jehovah Jireh.'*(Genesis 22v 14)*. The wonderful hymn '*Great is Thy faithfulness*' has a line which testifies to God as provider-'*All I have needed thy hand hath provided.*' Paul says that in our hour of need God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (*Philippians 4v19*). As we pray, we need to be confident in the God who provides for needs. James warns us often we do not have because we do not ask or we ask with the wrong motives (*James 4 vs 2-3*). God says through the Prophet Isaiah, '*... I was ready to respond but no-one asked for help. I was ready to be found but no-one was looking for me.*' (*Isaiah 65 v 1 NLT*). God has promised to provide. As we declare and thank God for His provision, we are reminding ourselves of the incredible resources God has put at our disposal. Claim His provision over these needs that He can meet from the riches we have in Christ (*Ephesians 1 v 18*). Our God is a generous God, but He has chosen us to participate in His work to bring His provision about through our prayers.

From the Elders

Please pray for the Ministry Settlement Board as they continue the search for a senior pastor.

Sermon Series

Give thanks for our teachers especially Peter, Gareth and Warren, as they bring us the sermon series on the Bible. Pray that God's word will come alive for us all and that we would again be excited about the power of God to speak into us as we read and study.

FUEL

Thank God for this congregation who are expressing Church alternatively, learning and growing together and reaching out to their community.
Pray for growth in people's lives and faith and for more families to come.

Night Church

Please pray for the Night Church team and for the term ahead.

2pm Service

Please pray for the health of our ageing congregation especially during these cold, winter months.
Give thanks for all those that lead this service and pray that God would raise up new leaders from within this congregation.

Core Ministries

Pray for our new Core Ministry Team leaders as they find their feet and develop structures for leading ministries in this church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable them to dream dreams and see visions and develop new ways of doing things.

CHILDREN'S WORK...

Little Groovers (East Taieri) and Mainly Music (Fairfield)

Give thanks for all the volunteers we have that make these ministries possible. Please pray for those attending that they will feel welcome and at home at ET and Fuel.



Kids Church & Intermediate Group

Give thanks for all our wonderful volunteers that make this ministry possible. Thank you for all the young families in our church. May this ministry be a blessing not only to them but those who serve within it.

The Mission Facilities & Fundraising Teams

Give thanks for all the work that the Mission Facilities team have put in so far.

Pray for a generous response for the Fundraising team as they apply for grants, that our church will be looked upon with favour.

Give thanks for all the funds received so far, through various avenues.

Newcomers

Give thanks for all those that are new to our church community. Pray that they would find a place where they are connected, known, loved and valued.

Alpha

Please pray for Alpha as it runs for term 3. Give thanks for all those who are volunteering in a number of capacities, to make this happen. Pray for all those attending the program, pray they may have open hearts and minds as they journey through this course.

Christmas Outreach

Pray for the planning team as they begin to pull ideas together for this year's Christmas Outreach event.



SHFT/YET (Youth East Taieri)

- Pray for Saddle Hill Foundation Trust for as they look ahead to staffing for 2027. Pray for wisdom for the Board throughout the advertising and selection process and for God to raise up the right person/people to take over these key roles.
- As planning and preparation begin for 2027, pray for new leaders to be prompted to step up and help within the programmes.
- Pray for our Wednesday night leadership program for this term, Ground Zero, especially for Miciah as he leads, our young leaders as they grow in confidence, and for the upcoming camp (19–20 Sept).
- Pray for our Friday night program—that it will be a safe and welcoming place where every young person feels cared for and understood.
- Pray for our Ski Camp on 14-16 August. Give thanks for our volunteer leaders and the youth who have signed up. Pray for great weather, energy, safety and good spiritual conversations.
- Give thanks for our amazing volunteer leaders. Pray they'll be encouraged and blessed as they serve, and that strong, positive relationships continue to grow across all our programs. Pray they will have energy for the second half of the year.
- Give thanks for the Tuesday "What about God?" group at Taieri College. Pray for more young people to join, for Steve, Miciah, and Jan as they lead together, and for the school's ongoing support.
- Pray for the Vible Life Group on Sunday evenings—that young people can overcome barriers to attending, grow in leadership, and experience openness and spiritual growth.

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus...'

1 Thessalonians 5 v 17-18