

## March

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> MTS Marsden Point – pray for our Ship Visitor, Joanne, for the Board and for the recruitment of volunteers.

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> MTS Auckland – pray for our Chaplain, Reverend Noel Cox and for the Board of MTS Auckland.

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> MTS Tauranga – pray for our Chaplain, Joel Pearce, and our Ship Welfare Officer John Limmerick, for the United Seafarer Centre Board, and for MTS Tauranga Committee (for volunteers and finances).

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> MTS Gisborne – pray for the recruitment of a new Chaplain, and the development of a new Centre.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> MTS Noro (Solomon Islands), pray for the work to develop a New Centre.

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> MTS New Plymouth – pray for our Ship Visitor, Pieter Borje, for the establishment of a Centre and for the creation of a new Board.

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

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> MTS Nelson – pray for the recruitment for a new Chaplain, for the board, and for the ministry to the fishing fleet.

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> MTS Vanuatu – pray for our Chaplain Colin Sosori, for the Board, the Centre, and the raising of finances.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Otaki Memorial Commemorations, marking the Otaki scholarship programme.

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> MTS Fiji – pray for Ben Hart, our new Committee Chair and for the development of a new work in Suva.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> MTS Fiji – pray for Mrs Viti Whippy, a retired chaplain who remains unwell.

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> MTS Tahiti – pray for the Committee, for the raising of finances and for our Ship Visitors Etienne and Tony.

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Regional Council, and the Chair Clark Houltram.

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Regional Director, Reverend Lance Lukin.

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Merchant Navy Memorial project at the Cathedral of St Paul's Wellington.

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Pray for continued Government Funding, and ongoing support from the Minister of Transport.

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Pray for the potential of expansion into Samoa and positive talks with the Samoan Government.

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Pray for active and retired seafarers within Oceania.

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Pray for active engagement with industry, and the raising of the profile of MTS within the Region.

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Pray for our ministry partners, The Sailors Society NZ, The British Sailor's Society Wellington, and Stella Maris NZ.

- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Pray for the Seafarer Welfare Board AGM, that the right decisions will be made for the future of Seafarer Welfare ministry in New Zealand and the Pacific.
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> MTS Solomon Islands - pray for our Chaplain Michael Tavoia, for the Board, the Centre, and the raising of finances.
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Burke & Walls Memorial Scholars (A Young Sea Scout and Sea Cadet chosen to go on a Tall Ship Training & Leadership Development programme funding by the Mission.
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Pray for the myriads of knitters who give of their time to knit beanies for seafarers.
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Ports to Peaks Challenge (Fundraiser) to be held in Australia in December.
- Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Pray for our volunteers, for those who currently give their time, and for people to consider volunteering with the Mission.
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Pray for new sources of funding for the Mission.
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Pray for those seafarers who are facing hardship or trauma, that they will find rest and support in our Centres.
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Pray for our Patron, HE Dr Richard Davies.
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2025 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 in 1898 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 remains on 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.