



PRAYER CALENDAR 2018





GB INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR 2018

INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOCUS

WELCOME

Dear GB Friends,

In 2018, Girls' Brigade world-wide will celebrate 125 years of Christian mission through the work of the Girls' Brigade Internationally. As we forge ahead every girl, emerging or established leader needs our prayers.

Through our annual prayer resources, over the years, we have aimed to hold the hands of our members with prayer aids designed to provide strength and encouragement. God's word reminds us: 'to be careful of nothing but in everything in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests known unto God.'" **Phil 4:6**

This year we have also added prayer points which came directly from our emerging leaders, young women, who represent the next generation of GB leaders. They encourage us to pray for some key issues which are touching the lives of our girls today.

Our prayer and earnest desire is that 2018 will be a year which ushers in a season of fruitfulness in the lives of all Brigade members. We ask that every girl, teenager or young adult member, emerging or established leaders may be blessed and bless others in this special year.

INTRODUCTION

We hope this calendar will guide members with monthly resources to strengthen their prayer lives and to empower others. It is just a guide - tailor it to meet your needs.

Our monthly calendar break down our theme into different sub-themes. Each month there is a meditative reflection and pointers and prayer requests that members, companies, districts, regions or national bodies can focus on each month. You can use this section in many different ways:

- As personal devotionals at home
- For devotions or epilogues at local, district or regional leaders' meetings
- As a prayer focus during your regular GB meetings for the year
- In parallel with our BE FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING PROGRAMME RESOURCE
- To engage online with our GB global family via our facebook page

www.facebook.com/GirlsBrigadeWorldwide/

THANKS

We would like to thank all those members of our GB International family who made this resource possible. May God continue to richly bless you all.





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FEBRUARY 2018

FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING:

Use this month to think about our sub-theme:
PREPARE THE LAND

REFLECTION

from Renelle Neale (IVP for Pacific)

As I write this reflection, it is Spring time in Australia and in other countries around of the Pacific. Spring is a time of renewed growth. The flowers are all budding and showing off their glory to the world. As the bulbs and seedling were waiting to bring forth their beauty, in Spring, they were taking in the nutrients of the soil, preparing themselves for their entry into the warm fresh air.

During Autumn and Winter, as I travel around the countryside of New South Wales, you can see the farmers ploughing up their fields to plant their crops. You see them feeding their soil, as it is important to get the right nutrients for the crops that they are sowing. Then in early Spring the fields are full of life.

We are just like the farmers preparing the girls, in our care, for the day that they will blossom into beautiful Christian young women. We prepare the way for these girls as they come to know the Lord, through Bible study, encouraging them to read their Bible, taking part in Church, Girls' Brigade and Community activities and teaching them how to pray. We walk with them through many difficult times where they feel that there is no purpose to life, nurturing them, the way that our past Leaders and Officers nurtured us.

I'm reminded in 2 Timothy 4:2 which says, *'Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct; rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.'* This is part of our preparing the way (land) as we direct, encourage, support and instruct the girls in their Christian growth.

Blessings as you transform girls' lives to enrich God's world.



PREPARE THE LAND

LET US PRAY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS & NEEDS

WEEK 1

Pray for GB Ireland's TV Service on Sunday 4 February 2018. Ask that the girls taking part may be blessed and that people who listen may be impacted by the relevance of GB throughout the years.

WEEK 2

Pray that those charged with making nominations for our new International President and Treasurer, may take their responsibility seriously. Also may those approached prayerfully consider their response (deadline for nominations 28th February!)

WEEK 3

Pray for those preparing to attend ICGB 2018. For some the financial burden is high; pray that God will graciously enable them to find the monies needed. Pray too that those seeking visas may find the process smooth and successful.

WEEK 4

Pray for the 70 young women and leaders attending GB England & Wales' Esther Generation Weekend (23–25 February 2018). This residential event will enable these young people either to complete their young leaders training or their Queen's Award - may it be a transformative event for all!

PRAY FOR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN ROUND THE WORLD

Let us prayerfully remember the areas of our society and world which undermine a girl's prospects just because she is a girl. Lord may they each know more of the love of Christ in their lives, and discover that there is hope in Him. Pray that through GB they may be given opportunities and knowledge that otherwise they may never experience.