



PRAYER APRIL 2026

EASTER REFLECTION

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." - John 5:24 (NIV)

As we reflect on Christ's death and resurrection this Easter, I'm reminded of a recent thanksgiving service for MAF legend Winston Ussher.

Surrounded by family and friends, we celebrated the many roles he held - pilot, husband, father, grandfather. Yet the message shared was simple and powerful: while these identities shaped his life, they did not last forever. One identity did - his identity as a child of God.

What was true for Winston is true for us. Earthly roles come and go, but through faith in Christ, we are given an eternal identity that never fades.

This Easter, may we give thanks for that greatest gift: to be called children of God, with the promise of life everlasting.

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WEEK 1 PRAYER POINTS - Pointing to Easter

"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)

- Pray for the many Easter Conventions and celebrations happening in remote communities all over the world supported by MAF. Pray that this Easter will be a time of renewal in faith and hope in Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for safety for MAF planes carrying pastors and teachers to isolated communities. Pray that the truth and love of Christ might continue to spread.
- On Good Friday, as we remember the price Jesus paid for our salvation, pray that people would hunger for the Word of God. Pray that the Bible Box Ministry in PNG would continue to enable those in isolated communities to access God's Word.
- On Easter Saturday, we pause before the celebration to come. Pray for local pastors serving in isolated communities, in places like Tanzania. Pray that MAF can support them by being a lifeline to wider Christian networks in bigger centres.
- He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah, the stone has been rolled away, death has been defeated and Jesus reigns eternal! Hallelujah, our God reigns! Join with us in celebration!



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ARNHEM LAND

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." - 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

For over 50 years, MAF has been a trusted and integral part of Arnhem Land, building meaningful relationships with the Yolngu people and serving this vibrant region in northern Australia.

Each year, MAF transports over 13,000 passengers and operates lifeline flights to more than 50 remote airstrips, connecting isolated communities and islands with essential services and supplies.

These flights support healthcare, education and community development, including patient transport, medevacs and domestic violence evacuations. MAF is the only provider of scheduled shuttle flights in the region, offering an affordable, regular service alongside flexible charter options.

Beyond transportation, MAF partners with local leaders and organisations to meet cultural and practical needs, supports churches with outreach flights, assists Bible translators, and shares the Gospel through texts, resources and films. By bridging the gap between remote communities and vital resources, MAF enhances quality of life and empowers people to thrive in Arnhem Land.

WEEK 2 PRAYER POINTS - Pray for our Arnhem Land Program

- It is the wet season in Arnhem Land with rivers flooding and impassable roads. Please pray for safety in travel. The Homelands rely heavily on MAF when communities are cut off by flooded roads.
- Pray for the youth groups that MAF staff are involved in. Pray that God's love will be evident during the activities and devotions.
- Praise God that there is an openness to the Gospel in the Yolngu communities. Pray that the Yolngu people will have a revelation of God's love for them and that they will accept Jesus as Lord.
- Pray for more missionaries to come and serve in Arnhem Land. The need is great.
- A large mine in Arnhem Land is closing, which could have a significant impact on the region. Pray that the negative impact of the closure will be minimised.
- Pray for women and children affected by domestic violence. Our pilots frequently fly traumatised women to safety. Pray for healing, hope and change in the Yolngu communities.
- Thank God for the recent health clinic held at Gangan community. With roads being flooded, MAF was able to fly the healthcare staff to the community and then back to Gove township.



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PAPUA, INDONESIA

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11:25-26 (NIV)

MAF has served in Papua, Indonesia since 1952 - reaching isolated Papuans with Christ's love by supporting churches and mission efforts, providing medical assistance, community development, education, crisis relief and the training and leadership development of Papuans.

With 134 staff, MAF operates and maintains 9 aircraft from 5 bases around the island, reaching deep into the interior to bring the Gospel and improve the quality of life for isolated Papuans, who have no other way to reach the outside world.

The MAF Papua program fly into about 100 active airstrips. Papua is a combination of jungle lowlands with meandering rivers, and very high, rugged mountains going east to west through the island. Papua has around 275 distinct language groups. With basic services, such as education and medical care, unavailable in remote areas, countless Papuans suffer from treatable medical conditions such as chronic malaria, skin fungi and malnutrition.

Unreached people groups on the western half of the island live hidden away in rainforests, mountains and swamps.

WEEK 3 PRAYER POINTS - Pray for our Papua, Indonesia Program

- Pray for Papuan Harapan schools, hospital and clinics founded by MAF's chief advisor Wally Wiley. The schools and clinics focus on Christ-centred education and healthcare for Papuan children.
- The team in Sentani (eastern north coast) has had a difficult few months, after the teenage daughter of one of our families died suddenly from complications from dengue fever. The whole community has been in mourning.
- Pray for MAF Papua's focus on flights that support pastors travelling to remote communities for teaching and training. Pray for the funds so subsidised flights can continue.
- Pray for the fuel quantity indication upgrade of Kodiak planes. The fuel indication system tells the pilots how much fuel they have. A newer and more reliable system is available for the older Kodiak planes. Pray for funds needed to be able to install new systems in the planes.
- Increased unrest in the interior mountain regions has greatly affected MAF's ability to serve these areas over the last 3+ years. Pray for stability and peace to return, and for ministries to continue.
- Pray for both Nationals and Expats to answer the call to serve through MAF on this island!



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TIMOR-LESTE

"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." - John 6:40 (NIV)

Travelling by road around Timor-Leste can be an arduous and dangerous experience. Twisting, steep roads, land slips and high rainfall over the wet season can make travel even more challenging. "When MAF started here in 2007, we were primarily flying medevac missions, as well as charter flights for NGOs," said Ping Domtta, MAF Timor-Leste Country Director. "A shuttle service allows passengers to buy a seat fare. Our main idea is to support the community in making their transportation safe, reliable and efficient, while saving time."

After difficult, eight-hour journeys by bus, two mothers with young children, decided to fly home with MAF instead. "We felt really exhausted after travelling from Suai to Dili," said Mrs Angelina Clau da Silva. "We want to get back to Suai quickly and avoid feeling unwell and tired. So, we decided to travel back with a MAF plane."

In Timor-Leste, it's rare for people to take flights, so there's naturally some fear of the unknown. Veronica Madalena Amaral also joined the flight with her nine-month-old daughter, Eizel Maia Amaral. "Normally, we travel by bus and feel worn out, especially when travelling through poor road conditions," she said. "We want to travel with MAF's plane because it will get us there quickly," Mrs Amaral added. "It was my first time flying in an aeroplane. I felt a bit scared, but I believed that it would be safe."

WEEK 4 PRAYER POINTS - Pray for our Timor-Leste Program

- Please pray for the hangar relocation project - currently awaiting final confirmation and the allocation of a new hangar space, as part of the Dili Airport Development.
- Praise God for the ongoing partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Ambulance Team. This partnership has strengthened community service and contributed to staff capacity building.
- Pray for discussions with the Indonesian Embassy and private clinics in Dili, to extend medevac services to Kupang, Indonesia. Pray that partnerships with key stakeholders will be established to make this essential extension possible.
- An application has been made for a subsidy to support the Southern Shuttle service. Pray that the Government will commit to long-term financial support.
- Please continue to pray that the engineer vacancy in Timor-Leste will be filled. With a big vision for the future, especially with the introduction of a new fleet, pray for the right people to apply to support the planned growth.