

## **Prayer points for the 2014 Creation Science competitions.**

1. Please pray for the effectiveness of the 'doing' aspect of our competitions as they engage students with God as Creator, and set a consciousness of God as Creator in the minds of children from a young age.
2. Please pray that all that is done in conducting these competitions would be to the glory and honour of our Creator God,
3. Please thank God for those parents and teachers who make provision for their students to participate in the competitions, and pray that they would be joined by more parents and teachers who are keen to see the greatness of God extolled in curriculum activities.
4. Please thank God for those Secondary students who enter the competitions each year, and that they would be joined by other Secondary students around the country.
5. Please thank God for the steady rise in the standard of entries that has been received in recent years, and pray that this trend would continue in 2014.
6. Please praise God for enabling these competitions to continue each year, in which students can freely acknowledge the majesty and the power of their Creator God without penalty or prejudice.
7. Please thank God for the judges who have served so well in their various categories of competition over the years. We have been blessed with dedicated Christians who are ably qualified in their respective fields and who know from their own experiences the reliability of the creation account as it is recorded in the Bible. Please pray for the judges of 2014 as they attend to their respective duties, faithfully upholding the standards of scripture. Please also thank God for those who assist the judges (eg. by setting out the entries for each section ready for judging, and packing them back up afterwards).
8. A serious negative point in 2013 was the **continuous technological difficulties** that we experienced since the judging was completed (eg. with computer, printer and photocopier). The difficulties were many and recurrent, often confounding IT personnel who were consulted. The production of certificates and accompanying documentation (eg. judge's comments) was exceptionally tedious and delayed. It was only after a group started praying, albeit late in the piece, concerning the difficulties that they started to abate and the necessary tasks were completed. It seems that we are making progress for God's Kingdom, and so we can expect opposition.  
**Please pray** : that all 2014 competition tasks could progress smoothly and without delay  
that the competitions would grow to the honour and glory of our Creator God,  
and that anything that hinders these outcomes would be overcome by the power of  
Almighty God whom we all serve..
9. Please thank God for those who give of their time, talents, possessions and finances to support the competitions. We are all volunteers. The competitions are funded solely by donations. We are thankful for what the Lord prompts people to do and to give.
10. Please pray against the deception of compromise with evolution and long-age philosophies in families and Christian schools. Pray that educators, whether parents, teachers or managers, would

stand up for the standards of the Bible and would defend its accuracy and inerrancy from the very first verse. Pray for those educators who accept compromise, that the Holy Spirit would show them clearly their error according to God's standards, and would point them in the way everlasting, for their own sake, and also for the sake of those whom they educate.

**11.** Please pray against the rise of opposition to Biblical Creationism at high levels in educational circles in Australia. For example, in some states, the teaching of Creationism has been pointed out in official directives to staff as being incompatible with current, evolutionary based curriculum in government run schools. These moves have followed very effective witnesses in recent years to the credibility of creationism and the many shortcomings of the theory of evolution. Please pray that parents of children in state schools, including Christian parents, will respond to what is really a banning of the teaching of an alternate explanation of origins. Pray that parents will vocalise their support for a fair presentation of alternate explanations, including creationism, in a public education system that they help to fund through their tax dollars.

This is not the first list of prayer points that our Association has compiled concerning its various ministries, however it is the first list that it has compiled concerning its annual competitions. Creation Ministries International (CMI) has had prayer groups praying for its work and its workers for quite some time. Perhaps the time has come where we need people to pray similarly, if they haven't been doing so already. Thank you for your support in this regard.

Thank you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all (Philippians 4 : 23. NKJV).

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