

# Belonging Together on Earth

1. Almost 1 in 5 Australians lives with a disability<sup>1</sup> and 1 in 18 Australians have a disability that can be described as “profound” or “severe”.<sup>2</sup> Think of people you know who are living with a disability – how is that disability impacting them? **Pray for their strength, resilience and support.**
2. Around 2.7 million Australians are informal carers for people with a disability<sup>3</sup> and one in 10 of these people are under the age of 25.<sup>4</sup> **Think of people you know who are carers for a person living with a disability and pray for their strength, resilience and support.**
3. People with disabilities are vulnerable to abuse. In April 2019, the Federal Government announced the setting up of a Royal Commission into the abuse of people with disabilities. **Pray that the Royal Commission will be successful in its investigations and bring recommendations that help to reduce abuse against people with disabilities.**
4. People with disabilities face challenges other people don't face, they should not be defined by what they are not able to do, rather describe them by what they can do. Each person has gifts, capabilities, strengths, and life experiences that contribute to the common good of our community. **Think of people you know who live with disability and contribute significantly to your life, the life of your church, or the life of our community and give thanks for them.**
5. Communities that are accessible and open to people with disabilities determine the extent to which the impairment disables their participation and experience in life and community. **Think of ways your church/community has shaped itself to be inclusive of people with disabilities and the ways it can become even more inclusive. Give thanks for the things already accomplished and pray for continued progress.**
6. Disabilities can be physical, intellectual, and mental. While progress overcoming social stigma is occurring, there remains significant stigma and discrimination. This includes people experiencing mental health challenges. **Think of the responses and values you observe towards people living with disabilities including mental health conditions, and pray that stigma may be broken down and genuine inclusion will become a reality in our churches and our community.**
7. **Pray for the work and ministry of Baptist Care SA with clients living with various disabilities and mental health conditions. Pray for the staff and services Baptist Care SA provide to support these people and their families. Pray for pathways to transition Baptist Care SA clients into inclusive and supportive churches and communities.**

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1. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 'Disability, Aging and Carers: Summary of Findings, Key Findings', 2016, viewed 7 May 2019, <<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4430.0>>

2. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 'Disability, Aging and Carers: Summary of Findings, Disability', 2016, viewed 7 May 2019, <<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4430.0main+features202015>>

3. ABS, 'Disability, Aging and Carers: Summary of Findings, Key Findings'

4. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 'A Profile of Carers in Australia', October 2016, viewed 15 May 2019, <<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4430.0main+features602015>>

# Let's make life better, together.

An introduction to Baptist Care SA's NDIS & disability services.



***"Baptist Care SA listen to me and understand my needs and they give me encouragement to do stuff."***

Joel, NDIS client

***"I would like to help them with their independence. For them to strive further, for them to have goals, work...to live a full life."*** Case Support Worker



The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new, exciting way of providing support for people living with disability, their family and carers. We want to be on your team to make your hopes and dreams a reality.

At Baptist Care SA we are dedicated to building strong relationships and lasting outcomes for you and those close to you. Our services are designed **with you and for you**. Our friendly experienced staff look forward to getting to know you. No matter what you want to do, Baptist Care SA can help you get there.

Together we work on improving:

- Daily living
- Home - improved living arrangements
- Lifelong learning
- Social and community participation
- Relationships
- Choice & control

At Baptist Care SA we are more than just another NDIS provider. We are a caring community dedicated to building strong relationships that deliver real, lasting outcomes for you and your loved ones.

The NDIS provides wonderful opportunities for Baptist Care SA churches to support and encourage people living with disability to maximise their full potential.

If you would like to learn more about our NDIS & disability services, please visit [baptistcaresa.org.au/NDIS](http://baptistcaresa.org.au/NDIS)



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