



**Congolese refugee Lulu Mitshabu to address Australian National Prayer Breakfast  
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The Annual Australian National Prayer breakfast will be held from 7am at the Great Hall of Parliament House Canberra on Monday 28th February.

The first Australian National Prayer Breakfast was held in Canberra in 1985, at the initiative of the Hon. Harry Edwards MP and others. Since that time there have been 23 National Prayer Breakfasts.

This year, the speaker for the breakfast will be Lulu Mitshabu from Caritas Australia, the international aid and development agency of the Catholic Church.

Lulu Mitshabu grew up in Joseph Mobutu's Zaire (Now the Democratic Republic of Congo) and will speak about her experiences in that country, and of working for Caritas.

It is almost 20 years since she fled across the border late one night into Zambia.

Lulu's story of how she has made Australia her home and works to bring justice to her own homeland today is inspiring. She speaks authentically and compassionately about the situation of her people.

The breakfast also includes an evening service the night before, and will be followed by a seminar on Human Trafficking and the role of faith communities – moderated by journalist Paul Bongiorno.

For more information about the prayer breakfast, go to the website [www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org)

Registrations to attend must be received by 22 February. To register and attend the National Prayer Breakfast, go to the following link. [www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org](http://www.nationalprayerbreakfast.org)