



HOLY TRINITY, TEWKESBURY

WEEK OF PRAYER

18th-25th January 2021

**Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.**

Ephesians 6:18

We join with other Christians around the world as part of the week of *Prayer for Christian Unity*. This is a guide for daily prayer in respect of the ministry of our church but please broaden your prayers to encompass national and international concerns.

Pray every day for:

- The outpouring of God's Spirit on this community.
- Openness to God's prompting and leading.
- A renewed sense of God's calling to belong to Him and to serve Him as His distinctive people.
- That God would stir up in all of us a deeper passion for Him, for personal holiness, growth in discipleship and faithful Christian life and witness.
- Faithfulness and effectiveness in living and serving according to our Core Values.
- That every member of our church would want to take seriously a commitment to Sunday worship, Small Group membership, Financial giving and Practical Service.
- For the world in which we live, for the spread of the Gospel, the strengthening and protection of the suffering church, for the advance of God's Kingdom.

Monday 18^h January – DISCIPLESHIP/TEACHING/WORSHIP

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. Colossians 1:28

- For openness to God's word and a commitment to regular personal Bible reading on the part of the whole fellowship.
- Those who preach and lead worship
- Pray for the times in which we are living for the Spirit to be poured out upon our nation to draw all people to Christ.
- For the Life Groups, that they might be places where we are all encouraged to grow in discipleship.
- The Worship Group. Pray that God would continue to nurture and develop our music ministry so that our worship may be the very best we can offer to the glory of God.

World Church: For the evangelistic work of CMJ and Pedro and Annu Santos as they seek to reach the Jewish people with the good news of Jesus the Messiah in Tel Aviv; for finance, volunteers and new staff.

Tuesday 19th January – LEADERSHIP, CHURCH & NATION

Pray for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2:2

- Stephen and Sharon as they lead Holy Trinity with the Leadership Team
- PCC members, Church Wardens, Treasurer and Life group Leaders
- Helen and the invaluable service she undertakes in the church office.
- Leaders of other ministry areas (Jean Herrick, David and Brenda King, Sue Perks, Andrew Thomas, Lesley Rogers etc)

Pray that God would keep these people close to Himself, that they would hear His voice and always sense the leading of the Holy Spirit, and that they would have confidence to lead us as God directs. Pray for courage and integrity for all who are called to lead.

- Pray for the emergence and development of other leaders.
- Pray for the Church in countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith, for the leaders of those churches and organisations such as 'Release' who seek to support them. Pray for those who exercise wider leadership, especially our Archbishops, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell and Bishop Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester.
- Pray for our national life, for politicians and those in government at national and local level. Pray for Godliness to be reflected in public life.

World Church: Tim Curtis (CMS) and his work translating discipleship training booklets into Enxet for the Chaco Pastors and Churches in Paraguay and for revising the northern Enhlet translation of the Bible.

Wednesday 20th January – MISSION & EVANGELISM

I urge, then, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4

- Praise God for those who have come to faith during the last year and for those who have been restored to fellowship.
- Pray for the personal witness of every member of our Fellowship at home, work, in the community. Pray that we might all be Salt and Light.
- Pray for those who live in our community and who do not yet know and serve the Lord Jesus.

Pray for:

- Those who are spiritually hungry, that God would meet them where they are and lead them to himself. Pray that God would lead them to people who will point them to Jesus.
- Those who are backslidden, that God would restore them
- Our ministry to members of the community through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals
- Outlook services and ministry to those in hospital and those in residential homes, Wednesday @ 10.30.
- The impact and creative use of the church website, Face Book page and social media.
- Pray that God would lead us into new and fruitful ways of engaging with our community and proclaiming afresh the love of Christ in word and deed.
- Pray that God would raise up others from our fellowship to serve him in mission in this country and abroad.

World Church: Pray for Chris and Suzy Wilson and their children, Abigail, Matthew and Micah and their work at St Frumentius Bible College in Gambella, Ethiopia, currently suspended.

Thursday 21st January – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

“Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these”. And he took the children in His arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:14-16

- Thank God for our ministry amongst children and young people during this past and very challenging year.
- Pray for Lucy and the leaders of our children’s work as they plan for the future.
- Pray for Sam in her leadership of the team of youth leaders and our outreach to teenagers.
- Pray for all the children and young people involved in our church, praying that God would lay a solid foundation of discipleship in their lives. Pray that they would grow in confidence in Him and increasingly move in the fullness of His Spirit.
- For Rachael Elliott and team leading Smarties as they keep connected and plan for the future.
- Pray for the students, staff and governors at our schools, and for all involved in assemblies (Open the Book teams), CU and other events.
- Pray for the development and growth of our Mission and ministry amongst children and young people.

World Church: Jason, Tracy, Ruby and Libby Day (CMS) working with OMF in Chiang Mai, Thailand as serve in reaching out with the Gospel.

Friday 22nd January - PASTORAL & PRACTICAL

Your love has given me great joy and encouragement because you have refreshed the hearts of the saints. Philemon v 7

- Pray for Andrew and Judi Keith and their team as they head up the prayer works ministry
- The Churchwardens and their many practical responsibilities.
- Pray for Lesley Rogers and the Pastoral Care Team, that God would lead us into new ways of extending His care and showing His love to others in our community.

World Church: Pray for Wayne O'Leary and his work with the Slavic Gospel Association encouraging churches in eastern Europe through training and theological education. Pray for Pastor Yuri Bostan in Moldova and our support of his ministry.