



## Prayer Diary August, 2023

**“With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God”**

*Philippians 4:6 [CEV]*

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pray today for our MPs as they are on summer holiday recess – that they will be able to get the rest and relaxation that they need and that they will be prepared for the next parliamentary session when there will be many important issues needing to be addressed.
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Let us pray for any of our families whose holidays have been disrupted by the wildfires in Greece or by travel disruption caused by strikes. Pray that they will be able to find alternative venues or activities which they can enjoy.
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Give thanks for those who give of their time and energy to be part of the worship team or the AV team and pray that they will be able to continue to provide good service even during this holiday time. Pray that those on holiday this month will have good times of rest and relaxation.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for all those involved in various kinds of pastoral ministries in the church – visiting those who are housebound through illness or frailty and those in care homes, providing meals when necessary and helping in other ways. Pray that the spirit of caring for one another will continue as some of those who were the care givers now find themselves in the position of needing care.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the visits of Cally Magalhaes and Peter Lynch last month and for what we were able to learn about the work of the Eagle Project in Brazil, and about some amazing things God is doing in Bangladesh through BMS and the Baptist churches there. Pray for their last busy weeks in UK before returning to their work. Pray especially for the wedding of Peter and Louise’s son today.
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray today for the all-age services that will go ahead each week during this month. Pray for those leading the services and for all who will take part. Pray that all who attend this morning will feel God’s presence amongst us as we celebrate communion, remembering Christ’s sacrificial love for us.
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who will meet to enjoy coffee, cake and company this morning. Give thanks for those who provide this opportunity week by week, even during the holidays and pray for God to bless the conversations that will take place today.
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	As we are created beings, please pray that our Creator will plant seeds of inspiration and innovation into the minds of doctors and researchers so that new discoveries and advancements in medicine can be made.
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Let us continue to pray that peace will return to Sudan. There is no let up in the fighting that began in April despite the efforts to arrange peace talks and there is great suffering throughout the country. Two-thirds of the country’s hospitals are out of service and 100s of 1000s of people have fled into neighbouring countries becoming refugees.
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the many Afghan Christian families fleeing persecution and death threats who are settling in happily to their new life in Brazil. Brazilian Christians are constantly amazed by the active faith and devotion of these new arrivals and feel greatly blessed in consequence.
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray that as we look at the increasing damage being done to our beautiful world by man- made climate change, we will not lose hope, but continue in our journey to do what we can to care for our world and the people in it. Give thanks that there are now over 6,300 Eco Churches in England and Wales, and more than 2,600 have achieved at least a bronze award.
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Kitchen has now closed. We thank God for the eleven families with whom we have made contact (16 adults and 21 children). Please pray that we do not lose contact with these families. We would love to open again in November but this is entirely dependant on having enough volunteers so please pray for this need.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	As Life Community Baptist Church looks forward to its 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary in October, let us give thanks to the Lord for his faithfulness over those years, and ask him to provide for the financial challenges they are facing. Also ask the Holy Spirit for His wisdom and leading as they look towards the future.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pray today for those who normally attend PMA on a Monday, but during the long summer break will be missing the chance they enjoy of meeting together. Pray that they will be able to find other ways of enjoying company with others.

Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	We praise and thank God for all the many people who, over our 52 year history, have been involved in organising Playschool and caring for the children and their families who have attended.
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last year Tearfund's <i>Time to Deliver</i> campaign called on the UK Government to influence other wealthy nations to keep their promise to deliver \$100 billion a year to help the low-income countries most hit by the climate changes. Give thanks for what has been achieved and pray that the rich countries will continue to give.
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the opportunities given to members of the Women's Fellowship for tea and chat on a couple of occasions during the holidays. Pray for today's meeting in Sheila Steven's garden - that the conversations will be encouraging to all who participate.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nepal. Pray for the provision of needed funds for the Pokhara ACN emergency response to the present severe monsoon conditions of flash floods and landslides. 1.350 families were badly affected by landslides just last month. Pray for the procurement of emergency food and shelter kits and for plans for seeds, fertilizer, livestock training for 500 families.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those of our fellowship who have been affected by the nurses' and doctors' strikes – those whose expected surgery did not take place, those waiting longer than expected for treatment and others not being able to get the help they need. Pray appointments can be rescheduled soon.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who will be leading the service this morning. Pray, too, that all who come will feel welcomed and will be encouraged and challenged by the content of the service.
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for the discipleship resources being supplied by Bible Society for small groups in China. Pray that many lives will be changed as God speaks through his word. Pray, too, for Bible Society's work with children who have suffered abuse in Guatemala. Pray that they will find hope and a purpose in their lives through encountering Jesus as they open up God's word.
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray for Holiday at Home that is planned for today, Thursday and Friday this week – that all who come will enjoy the time of joining with others in fun activities. Pray that all will go smoothly – the transport, the meals and the various activities – and that God's presence and love will be felt by all. Pray that there will be opportunities for conversations about the Christian message.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray for the Guera translation teams as they continue their challenging job of making God's word accessible to their people. Pray, too, for the literacy teams teaching people to read their own language so that they will be able to read the Scriptures for themselves.
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the Turning Tides ministry that has begun at Roffey Place to help the homeless. Pray that those now living there will be able to settle, to find ways of making a living and eventually to find longer term solutions to their need for housing.
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pray today for the final day of Holiday at Home. Pray that each one who has participated will go away with a sense of God's love and care for them and with the knowledge that God will be with them through all their various trials if they have put their trust in him.
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our young people as they will now have received their exam results and will be looking forward to their next steps. Pray particularly for any who are disappointed in the results and have to change plans as a result.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that all who attend the service this morning will feel God's presence and will be able to worship him in spirit and in truth. Pray for guidance for those planning services for the autumn.
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that Tim and Sue will have an enjoyable and restful holiday and that they will be able to return with renewed energy. Pray that Sue will be guided as to what she should be involved with now Playschool has closed.
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Let us continue to pray for the Ukrainian refugees who have been hosted in Horsham. Some need to find more long term accommodation and ways of making a living. Pray that as new hosts are being sought by West Sussex County Council, there will be those who will come forward to help.
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the new SAT-7 PARS initiative of hosting weekly Bible-teaching sessions for isolated Persian believers on Zoom. Praise God that they are proving invaluable to individuals who struggle to find discipleship opportunities elsewhere. Pray that many will continue to find guidance and support through them. Pray, too, for wisdom for those who lead the sessions.
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Let us pray especially for our children who are starting school soon for the first time or who are going to a new school. Let us pray also for those who will be starting college or university next month, especially that they will be able to meet with those who can encourage them in their Christian walk.

If you have a prayer request for the September 2023 prayer diary, please e mail it to [mary.breeze44@gmail](mailto:mary.breeze44@gmail.com) by 23<sup>rd</sup> August.