



## Prayer Diary May, 2023

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

*Philippians 4:6 [CEV]*

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Let us give thanks for our NHS service and for the doctors and nurses and other professionals who continue to be under extreme pressure following the covid pandemic and cost of living crisis etc. Pray that the government and the unions can soon come to an agreement so that further strikes can be averted.
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Please pray for Sudan and especially for Christians caught up in the ongoing strife. The country has suffered years of conflict and we are now seeing a power struggle between opposing militant factions that is leaving an already struggling country facing a humanitarian catastrophe.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Let us pray for those students amongst our young people preparing for GCSE examinations, which start mid May. They include Rebecca, William, Harry and Daniel.
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the Horsham District Council elections, which will go ahead today. Pray for wisdom for those casting their votes and pray that those chosen will be those who can work together for the good of our town and its surrounding area.
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the group of people getting together to organise a Holiday at Home in August this year. Pray for guidance as they gather this afternoon to discuss further details of planning.
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Charles III as he and Camilla are crowned King and Queen of our country today in Westminster Abbey. Pray that the service will encourage them and prepare them for the roles that they are undertaking. Pray that the whole day's programme will go well and safely.
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the country as Coronation celebrations will be continuing over the whole weekend. Pray that Christians will be able to use the opportunity to make good relationships with neighbours and others.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Ben Fisher as he will be running an Evangelism Day  as an opportunity for the Collyers Christian Union and anyone else interested to talk and think about evangelism, as well as practically doing some. The plan is to have a workshop in the morning and some street evangelism in the afternoon.
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Cally and her Eagle Project team in Sao Paulo as they continue to work with young people in prison and help those recently released to find employment. Give thanks for Italo beginning a barber's course and pray for Matheus being helped to find the right path for him after being released.
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the opportunities that many of us have for praying together with others and supporting each other - in Prayer Triplets, home groups etc. Pray that any who are not yet involved in such a group will be able to join one soon. Pray for the monthly church prayer meeting that will be held on Zoom this evening, that God will guide our prayers.
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pray particularly for Playschool during this their final term. Pray that each of the staff will find other employment opportunities and that the children will find other groups to be part of. Give thanks for the many who have benefitted from Playschool over the years of its existence. Pray, too, for the Lunch Club that will be held at midday and the Craft Club for those suffering from sight loss.
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the various groups serving young mums and their little ones that meet regularly in our building. Pray for opportunities to build relationships with them, and that some will start coming to other church related activities.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the families coming to Saturday Kitchen each week and for the volunteers giving of their time to feed them and build relationships with them. Pray that as they see God's love in action, they will want to experience it themselves.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the team involved in leading BRBK each Sunday and for the families who attend regularly. Pray that the families who do come will be able to interest others in coming along as well. Pray also for the Space worship time this evening.
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the PMA Committee as they will be hosting a Coronation Tea Party this afternoon. Pray that it will go well and be an encouragement to all who will attend. Give thanks for the deacons as they serve the church in various ways. Pray especially for their meeting this evening, that God will guide

	their discussions and decision making.
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Claire Bedford especially as the hot season gets underway. Pray that God will give her the strength and wisdom she needs in her role on the Hospital Management Team. Give thanks that Cleopas has been able to take over the leadership of the pharmacy team and pray that he will be able to get all the training he needs.
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those in our fellowship who are unwell at this time or who are awaiting surgery or treatment. Pray that God will comfort and encourage them and those who care for them.
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	An evening Alpha course (7-9pm) starts on Tuesday June 6th at the home of Barbara and Dick Beazley. Please pray for it. Pray concerning who you could give an invitation to? You never know they may just take you up on the offer!
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the House groups that meet regularly to study God's word, to encourage one another and to pray for one another. Give thanks for all those who lead such groups and pray for strength and guidance for them. Pray too that others may be willing to take on the leadership of such groups so that all those not already part of a group can join one.
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the work of SAT-7 as television programmes are produced for those in countries in the Middle East and Africa where Christians are not free to spread the Gospel message. Pray for wisdom for the producers of the programmes as they seek to make the content relevant and for the audience responders who answer the many questions sent in by viewers.
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thank God for the opportunity that The Leprosy Mission has to share the love of Christ, verbally and non-verbally with leprosy affected families. Pray that all may encounter Jesus' transforming power through its witness. Pray for Ian and Pauline Jepps as they take a service in Oxted as representatives of TLM today.
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Creator God, we thank you for the beauty and bounty of our creation. We repent of the ways we have neglected, abused and taken for granted your good gifts to us in creation. Help us to take better care of the natural resources we've been given, for your glory. Amen
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Please pray for Trafalgar Road Baptist Church, that as a church they would disciple well all those who choose to become part of the fellowship, and pray for the church as they discuss, edit and digest the vision they believe God has laid on their hearts for the coming years.
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nepal. Pray about the development of a resource centre on land bought by the Pokhara Christian Community to train church leaders. Pray for funding for the building to include accommodation for pastors from rural areas, a health centre and a cafe.
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the Women's Fellowship meeting this afternoon when Eileen Cherriman will be speaking about the Wey and Arun Canal. And pray for comfort and encouragement for all those affected by the terrible vandalism incident that seriously affected the operations at Loxwood last month.
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that God will bless the group who will gather this morning for the Listen and Pray Daytime Prayer meeting. Pray that they will feel God's presence and be guided as they pray.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Peter and Louise Lynch as they seek to work with other Bangladesh Baptist Church leaders to set up a missions training centre with the vision of training outreach workers to go as missionaries to unreached areas of their country.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the members of the Indian Bethel Church who meet in our building every Sunday afternoon and pray that God will bless their worship service today.
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the Bible Society's new Rooted Juniors club for children (ages 7-11) which aims to help young people love the Bible and share its message with the world. Pray that many young lives will be transformed. Pray also for the Arab-Israeli Bible Society team in Nazareth, who are determined to bring hope into an increasingly difficult situation by sharing the gospel. Pray too for the safety of Christian schools, their staff and pupils in Nazareth in the wake of recent attacks on them.
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	Let us continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine. Pray for wisdom for those seeking to bring peace and also for the refugees, wherever they are, as they consider their longer-term future plans.
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for those who work tirelessly in the church office and pray that God will continue to give them the strength and wisdom they need as they relate to church members, the leadership team and those who run the various activities that go on in our building.