



## Prayer Diary September 2023

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

*Philippians 4:6 [CEV]*

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Let us pray for our families with children and young people returning to school after the holidays that, as they plan their routines for this term, they will include times for worship and provide opportunities for them to develop and mature as Christians.
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Give thanks for a good 3 days of Holiday at Home. We had about 25 ladies with us each day and they were all appreciative of the fun activities, the food, the entertainment and the chance just to sit and chat with friends old and new. Pray that God will continue to bless each of those who participated and keep them conscious of his love and care.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Today will mark the start of a new season of ministry for the Methodist Churches in London Road, Horsham, St Andrews, Roffey and Partridge Green, who are coming together under the banner of Cornerstone Methodist Church. Let us pray for the leaders and members of the Methodist community as they explore new ways of serving together.
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our cabinet and members of parliament as the new session of parliament begins after the summer recess. Pray for God to guide in the many decisions that need to be made and for things to be done decently and in order, and with integrity.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray for Claire Bedford as she returns to UK from Chad for a couple of months of home assignment. Pray for those who will be in charge of the hospital pharmacy department while she is away. Give thanks for answered prayer – she has just received her visa, allowing her to return to Chad without a problem. She was concerned that it would not be ready before she left.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray today for those who have been bereaved recently – that God will make his presence and love felt and that he will comfort and encourage them in their time of sorrow.
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the ladies who will gather this afternoon for Women’s Fellowship when Pauline and Ian Jepps will be sharing about The Leprosy Mission.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray for those of our fellowship who are in hospital or unwell at home, that God will bring strength and healing. Pray that they will feel supported by friends and family.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks that in the recent Church environmental lifestyle questionnaire nearly everybody felt that living an ethical lifestyle was an important part of their Christian life. Pray for us all as a Church as we seek to be increasingly ethical in how we live, considering how we practice justice for all nations in our environmental and purchasing behaviour.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray for the Horsham Churches Together Prayer and Worship event that will take place this afternoon in Horsham Park from 5pm, to which all are invited. Pray for a good turn out and for God to make His presence felt amongst all who gather.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who come to PMA each Monday as they restart their weekly gatherings this week with an afternoon with Michael Hogg. Give thanks for the committee who give so much time and energy to prepare for the afternoons and to care for those who regularly attend.
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Cally and the Eagle Project team as they begin sessions in the girls’ unit of the prison today. Give thanks for all the new groups starting this month and pray that the boys who have been through the sessions will put into practice what they learnt. Pray for Cally’s sons Ben and Joe as they face their own challenges.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the prayer triplets and other small prayer groups that many belong to and pray that they will continue to be a means of blessing and encouragement. Pray that any who are not linked into a group may find a group to belong to soon. Pray, too, for the Zoom prayer meeting that will go ahead this evening.
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks to the Lord for new converts to the Lord in the many countries where Christian persecution is rife, and praise God that these new followers willingly take up their cross to follow Jesus, enduring loss and suffering for His sake. Pray that God will strengthen, encourage and protect them in their newfound faith, and that they will be equipped with all that they need to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the listening groups gathering regularly to read and hear the newly translated New Testaments in the Guera area of Chad and for effect hearing God's word in their own language is having on their lives. Pray for the teams continuing the job of translation in areas where the New Testament is not yet available.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Soundwaves Harvest broadcast is in the hands of the radio stations. Pray that it will actually be included in their schedules and that the listeners will be drawn to the Lord of the Harvest by what they hear.
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the team leading BRBK as the sessions resume after the summer holidays and pray that a good number of families will regularly join in.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for PMA as they celebrate harvest today and pray that the food banks in our town will receive enough donations so that all who need the extra help to get it.
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	As India shows its technical and financial ability to be prominent in The Space Race, please pray that the same effort will be directed to the eradication of poverty and its associated social and health problems within its 1.4 billion population.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the Lynches who have recently returned to Bangladesh after a very busy home assignment. They will be involved in training church leaders and those preparing to take the Gospel message into new areas.
Thus 21 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks that the people of Ecuador have voted against oil drilling in the Amazon's Yasuni National Park, so contributing to the world's striving towards net zero in carbon emissions. Pray for all nations as they move towards this essential goal.
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Let us pray today for any of our young people who will be going away to college or university for the first time. Pray that they will quickly find friends, including Christian friends, and welcoming churches to receive them. Pray, too, for those returning after the summer break.
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Let us pray today for the Horsham District Councillors as they restart meetings after the summer break. Pray that God will guide them in all the many and challenging decisions they will have to make. Pray, too, that they will be able to work well together and with integrity.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for harvest that our farmers, market gardeners and others have been able to gather in and pray for our special Harvest service this morning. Pray, too, that the gifts given in celebration will go to those whose need is the greatest in our area.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who will join the coffee, cake and company gathering this morning and for those seeking to befriend and encourage those needing a listening ear. Give thanks for those who come week by week even at holiday times to provide a safe place for people to come and enjoy company.
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the various house groups as they begin their autumn series of meetings. Pray for guidance for the leaders as they prepare studies week by week. Pray, too, that God will guide new leaders to come forward and start groups for those not yet involved in one.
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	This evening is our Church meeting. Pray that a good number of members will be able to attend, and that God will guide in the discussions and in the decisions that will need to be made.
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the educational programmes that SAT-7 puts out week by week in the Middle Eastern and North African countries where many children are not able to attend school and where Christian parents are keen for their children to learn in a Christian context. Pray for those involved in producing and presenting the programmes and for those responding to messages sent in by viewers.
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the various organisations that use our facilities for their activities and pray that ways can be found for establishing links with them and introducing some to the Christian message.
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray especially today for those of our fellowship who regularly join in the Sunday services online. Many of them would love to join with us in person but are not able to because of illness or frailty.