

PRAYER

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BIBLE VERSE

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

ISAIAH 40:28

1 NOV - 7 NOV

NEW TERM

S - All Saints Day - God of all, as the weather turns cooler and the evenings draw shorter, help us to remember all the saints, known and unknown who have lived in faithful service to your Kingdom works. Amen.



PRAY...

M - for schools as they resume after the autumn break; for safety and protection for children, staff, parents and carers.

T - for everyone who is feeling fatigued by life as the pandemic continues.

W - for our retired evangelists who are seeking evangelistic opportunities and serving their local church in a reduced capacity throughout the pandemic.

T - for God to provide evangelistic opportunities in the face of the many cancelled bonfires and firework displays tonight.

F - **National Stress Awareness Day** - for anyone suffering from stress, especially children, that schools and evangelists can spot the signs and offer suitable support.

S - Give thanks for our evangelists who are constantly finding new ways to tell people about Jesus in a world that is quickly changing.

8 NOV - 14 NOV

IN REMEMBRANCE

S - Sustainer God, help us to remember and be thankful for those who gave much in service to their country. Amen.



PRAY...

M - **World Freedom Day** - for all oppressed people in our lands and around the world and for all in Church Army who seek to help people find freedom from all manner of circumstances.

T - for Church Army Evangelist and Naval Chaplain in Portsmouth, **Nikki Thornhill** who will be doing a service of remembrance at sea on HMS Echo.

W - **Remembrance Day** - give thanks for all who gave their lives for our freedom, especially the Church Army staff who worked alongside the armed forces.

T - for the family of **Sister Margaret Jeffs CA**, who passed away on 27 September. Margret was one month away from her 105th birthday.

F - for our retired evangelists who are in care or shielding; that God will keep them safe from illness and from isolation.

S - Give thanks for those who gave sacrificially of their time and their service both in conflict and in ministry.

15 NOV - 21 NOV

SOCIAL ACTION

S - Protector God, we pray for people who find themselves homeless or in other physical need; we pray that they may find the help they need and see you in their situation. Amen.



PRAY...

M - for the Marylebone project in London, providing accommodation to homeless women.

T - for the Marylebone Day Centre as it opens with extended hours to provide support when it is needed to those in need.

W - for the Amber Project in Cardiff, as it provides support to young people who self-harm.

T - for Ty Bronna working in partnership with other agencies in Cardiff, providing help to homeless young people.

F - for our centres of mission which provide practical support to people in need of food or assistance.

S - for the agencies we work with in partnership, that together we will be stronger in supporting those in need.

22 NOV - 28 NOV

GREENWICH CENTRE OF MISSION

S - Loving Father, thank you for the gospel opportunities you have provided in Greenwich and for the doors you have opened for ministering to young people in a high knife-crime area of London. Amen.



PRAY...

M - for the youths who are re-engaging in the risky business of drug delivery, with the danger of violence from rival gangs.

T - for the vulnerable adults, who normally attend Friendship Church, and are not able to engage with online fresh expressions of church.

W - as the centre prepares to reopen clubs, the vulnerable adult's café and fresh expressions, with coronavirus measures in place for safety.

T - for the Holy Spirit to draw people to their online youth church and family church; for God to bless them with a revelation of Himself.

F - for the two ex-young offenders trying to establish themselves as sole traders in gardening and small scale construction.

S - for gospel seed to take root and for those who have made a Christian commitment to be built-up in faith.

29 NOV - 5 DEC

ADVENT CAMPAIGN

Join us in tackling social injustice this Advent.
Visit www.churcharmy.org/imagine

S - Risen Saviour, use this season of Advent time to refocus our attention on the work you have for us and the needs that surround us. Amen.



PRAY...

M - that everyone who watches the *Imagine a World* videos this Advent would be inspired to take action to tackle social injustice.

T - that the government will provide more long-term housing solutions and wrap around support as they did during lockdown.

W - that more businesses would join the Living Wage Foundation.

T - that the government will combat the five-week wait for benefits and admin delays.

F - for new neighbourhood events to be launched, to bring communities together and help people escape loneliness.

S - Give thanks for everyone who will bravely engage with social injustice this Advent.

6 DEC - 12 DEC

RESEARCH TEAM

S - God of our work, as we lift up Church Army's Research Unit in prayer this week, give them wisdom as they approach new projects with creativity and clarity in all their work. Amen.



PRAY...

M - for **Andy Wier** as he leads the Research Unit during this challenging time of COVID-19.

T - for wisdom in knowing when the Research Unit should take on new work and when to say 'no' or 'not yet'.

W - for the Research Unit's projects around urban estates, that they can be a useful prophetic voice to church leadership.

T - for **Claire Dalpra** as she leads the reviews of Church Army centres of mission.

F - as the Research Unit interviews pioneers and evangelists; ask God that they will listen well and discern where He is at work.

S - Give thanks for the imminent arrival of new team members. Pray that they will settle in well.

13 DEC - 19 DEC

NEW APPOINTMENTS

S - Our God, we give you thanks for every achievement as they ultimately come from you and for your purposes, bless those who have recently been ordained, been inducted into the Archbishops' College of Evangelists and co-opted to Church Army's Board. Amen.



PRAY...

M - for **Yvonne Desroches** who was recently ordained in true pioneer style in a street ordination.

T - for **Andy Wilson** who was recently inducted into the Archbishops' College of Evangelists; as he continues to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

W - for The Right Reverend **Guli Francis-Dehqani**; Bishop of Loughborough, who has joined Church Army's Board; that she will bring her wisdom and expertise to the position.

T - for **Jane Emson**, who was recently ordained; that her appointment will help flourish her evangelistic ministry.

F - for **Vee Pinto** who was recently inducted into the Archbishops' College of Evangelists; as she develops further in her evangelistic gifting.

S - for **Trevor Douglas** in his position on Church Army's Board; that God will use his gifts and skills in their discussions and decisions.



20 DEC - 26 DEC

OUR KEY PROJECTS

S - Immanuel, you were born into this world in a lowly place, increase our hearts this week for those whose situation in this world is also lowly and in need. Amen.



PRAY...

M - for our evangelists who are seeking out the lonely and isolated throughout Christmas

T - we give thanks for the activities online and in person that have taken place with children and families, to share the Christmas story and bring Jesus into their lives.

W - we remember all those in our key projects, particularly Marylebone, Amber and Ty Bronna, who will be supporting people over the Christmas period.

T - **Christmas Eve** - for everyone across the UK and Ireland who will experience loneliness, particularly over the next few days.

F - **Christmas Day** - for those who are homeless and for whom Christmas day is the same as every other day of the year.

S - **Boxing Day** - Give thanks that God sent Jesus into human history on a rescue mission to save us; pray that we can reach many more people with the hope of the Good News.



27 DEC - 2 JAN

THE YEAR AHEAD

S - King of Kings, as we enjoy the last few days of 2020, help us also to look to the year ahead with faith that you have the power to move and to change lives. Increase our work so that more people may come to know you. Amen.



PRAY...

M - for our work in Scotland; that it continues to flourish even through regional restrictions.

T - for our commissioned evangelists across the UK, Ireland and in Europe as they continue to seek opportunities to make Jesus known.

W - for our growing work in Wales; that our newest centres of mission will grow and flourish.

T - **New Year's Eve** - for our supporters everywhere who stand by us; that God will bless and sustain them in 2021.

F - **New Year's Day** - Spend time giving thanks that God carried us and sustained us through a difficult year, as individuals and as an organisation.

S - for our work in Ireland; that more communities and individuals will be impacted and transformed by our ministries.

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