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USING OUR PRAYER DIARY

Welcome to the May-June Prayer Diary. Join us in the next two months as we pray daily for aspects of our work, along with our community of people who are engaged in that work, and for the individuals who we long to see accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Each week we will focus on an area of our work. We will centre our prayers around this theme to start the week on Sunday, and Saturday to close the week.

Each weekday includes the names of the Church Army community who are working in multiple different roles across the UK and Ireland (and some further afield) according to their birthday.

As a charity which trains people and then releases them to follow God's call to serve people practically and spiritually, many people are engaged in gospel-work in ways that we are not aware of and the nature of that work can often change. It is our hope to gather more information about the many different ways in which we are working with individuals and communities in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, but even where we only have the name and location of someone, know that, as you lift them up to God in prayer, you are joining hundreds of other faithful people across these islands interceding for a ministry (big or small) that is transforming the lives of lost people to become adopted sons and daughters of our glorious King.

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LIFTING OUR EYES IN PRAYER

*I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.*

- Romans 15:5-6

Oftentimes our experience of prayer is less than we want it to be. Whether it's in a group or quietly on our own, we want our prayers to be overflowing expressions of love, joy, and awe in the presence of God. But somehow our minds seem to take a detour away from prayer and onto other things, almost anything! Very quickly the attention we were giving to prayer is gone entirely.

So how can we draw near to God and have Him draw near to us without being distracted by everyday things? Psalm 123 is one of many places in Scripture which helps us to retune our attention away from the things that distract us and back towards God.

Psalm 123 is one of the "Psalms of Ascent" recited by Israelites as they approached Jerusalem to celebrate yearly festivals at the temple. Like many of the Psalms of Ascent, Psalm 123 helped them to turn their hearts towards God.

"I lift my eyes to you"

First, the Psalmist lifts his eyes. When we come to God in prayer we may find it helpful to lift our eyes too. Not our physical eyes, but rather the eyes of our heart, to turn our gaze away from the things that try to pull our attention away from prayer.

But turn our eyes where?

"to you who sit enthroned in heaven"

When we pray we should fix our eyes on God, who is seated on His throne in heaven. By focusing our thoughts and attention on God first in prayer, we are recognising that He is the giver of all things.

As you begin to pray for the people in this Prayer Diary, take time to first turn your gaze to God and recognise Him as the king over our ministries, our outreach programs, our resources and over every conversation that an evangelist has with someone about Jesus for the first time.

1 MAY - 7 MAY

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Church Army's Communications Team facilitate the telling of our stories to supporters and the wider church. From websites, emails and graphic design to social media and printed publications, the Communications Team works throughout the year keeping people up to date and helping evangelists and others to tell their story.

Sunday

Pray for Sarah Waller and Tommy Yen, the newest members of the Communications Team; Sarah in her role as Marketing Assistant and Tommy as the new Communications Officer. Pray also for Tommy as he continues to settle after moving from Glasgow to Sheffield.



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Janet Arnold, Stoke-On-Trent
Margaret Bennett, Manchester
Sharon Connell, Bury St Edmunds
Gary Roberts, Lisburn

Tuesday - CoM* Commissioned Evangelists

Kerry Dixon, Dundee
Val Legg, Langley
Nick Russell, Greenwich
Hannah Seal, Gwent Valley

Wednesday - Mission Community Members

Dan Burrows, Purley
Ann Marsh, London
Roy Totten, Lisburn
Yvonne Williamson, Chesterfield
David Worley, Wolverhampton

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Julia Crathorn, Gillingham
Paul Kinlock, Preston
Irene Lees, Birmingham
Stella Noons, Norwich

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Alan Dodd, Hounslow
Peter Hallsworth, Derby
Paul Warren, London
Mandy Williams, Ledbury

Saturday

Pray for the rest of the Communications Team; For Neil as he leads the team, Josh as Creative Lead, Will as Digital Communications Officer, Chris as Publications Officer, Rosie as Communications Assistant and Carolyn who is currently on maternity leave.

*Centre of Mission



8 MAY - 14 MAY

LEAD

Recently we launched LEAD, a new resource designed to equip Christian leaders and anyone in a role of leading others. LEAD is an online resource that is tailored to the needs of each person who uses it. This makes it possible for anyone to grow in their leadership even when it isn't their main vocation. You can read more about LEAD in this edition of Catalyst.

Sunday

Pray for everyone who signs up to, or trials LEAD, whether they are leading a new team or project, or are a leader training other leaders; that they will experience growth and development in the areas that are important to them.



PRAY...

Monday - CoM* Commissioned Evangelists

Matt Gould, Cork
Ruth Hills, Southampton
Stephen Whitten, North Belfast
Andy Wilson, Gloucester and Forest

Tuesday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Keith Bell, Ludlow
Ian Chapman, Northallerton
Lindsay Dew, Baldock
Brian Fletcher, Thirsk
David Grace, Burnham-On-Sea

Wednesday - Bishops

Bruce Cameron, Community member,
Vice President
Richard Clarke, Community member,
Archbishop, Vice President
Guli Francis-Dehqani, Board Member
Michael Turnbull, Community member,
Vice President

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Mary Bittles, Rickmansworth
Ken Cavanagh, Alicante
Susan Jones, Crewe
Paul Knight, Ferndale

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Ben Edson, Manchester
Andy Falconbridge, Bridgwater
Vanessa Kirby, Middlesbrough
Brian Wisener, Coleraine

Saturday

Pray for those who will benefit from LEAD; for those groups whose leader is taking the time to grow and develop their leadership as they, and their group, continue to serve God together.



15 MAY - 21 MAY

ATTERCLIFFE & DARNALL CENTRE OF MISSION

Growing church through a rhythm of eating, praying and engaging in life together as a community is the heartbeat of Sheffield-based Attercliffe and Darnall Centre of Mission. Made up of husband-and-wife team, Kinder and Gina Kalsi, the centre lives and works within the local community, while also inspiring mission and evangelism in local churches; helping Christians to share their faith with confidence.

Sunday

Pray for Kinder and Gina as they continue to be led by God in transforming the area of Attercliffe and Darnall for God's glory; that more people would be welcomed into the Kingdom through the love and care they see within the communities they are building.



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Nigel Chapman, Filey
Stuart Petty, Walsall
Alan Rainford, Morecambe
David Wells, Bedford

Tuesday - Evangelists-in-Training

Martha Botros, Colwyn Bay
Collette Dorgu, London
Heidi Lewis, Exeter
Joanne Milns, Hull
Chloe Sheppard, Winchester

Wednesday - Centre of Mission Evangelists

Mike Dare, Haverfordwest
Gina Kalsi, Attercliffe and Darnall (Sheffield)
Michelle Lloyd, Llanelli, Evangelist-in-Training
Tracy Marlow, North Sutton

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Aubrey Bradfield, Colchester
Keith Dyde, Reigate
Peter Green, Leeds
Michael Joint, New Milton

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Steve Dixon, North Shields
Martin Hartley, Norwich
David Scurr, Chester
Richard Tett, Priest

Saturday

Take some time to thank God for all the individuals who have been blessed by Kinder and Gina's presence in Attercliffe and Darnall, and for God's faithfulness in providing opportunities for outreach throughout the pandemic.



22 MAY - 28 MAY

MISSION COMMUNITY

Church Army is a Mission Community made up of people who share a passion for evangelism and social action in the name of God. As well as evangelists, members are ministers, supporters, and staff who want to see communities and lives changed. This week we pray for the community as it supports one another and for those who are being called to join.

Sunday

Pray for Ruhamah Sonson, Trevor Wyatt and others who have recently joined the community by making their community promises. Pray for their lives of witness to our God, and for those they will meet in the coming weeks; that Jesus will give them opportunities to share His love.



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Phillip Garbett, Stowmarket
Heather Kemball, Congleton
Cynthia Kerr, Gloucester
Bob Read, London

Tuesday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Stephen Caple, Haywards Heath
Kelvin Knowles, Aldershot
Gary Shirley, Swindon
Doreen Wheatley, Bradford

Wednesday - Mission Community Members

David Coleman, Bradford
Christine Leech, Lowerstoft
Sue Moore, King's Lynn
Mark Russell, London
Wendy Saunders, Norwich

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Mike Collyer, Sheffield
Avice Denniss, Newport
Arthur Ford, Eastleigh
Josie Midwinter, Didcot

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Mark Dadds, Bristol
Ade Prescott, Knottingley
Richard Waller, Belturbet
Alison Wooding, Bradford

Saturday

Pray for the Mission Community Team as they seek to support the community, help people discern their calling to be a Church Army Evangelist, and encourage others to explore membership of the community. Pray for Jude Davis as she leads the team and Andrew Chadwick as Community Chaplain.



29 MAY - 4 JUN

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AND 140 YEARS OF CA

This week the United Kingdom will celebrate a historic milestone as Queen Elizabeth II becomes the first monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee and seventy years of service. Church Army is proud to have Her Majesty The Queen as our patron and we are delighted to celebrate her jubilee on the same year that Church Army celebrates its anniversary of 140 years of bringing hope to the streets.

Sunday

Give thanks for the 140-year legacy of Church Army and all the people throughout the years who have been part of a movement dedicated to making sure that everyone everywhere has the opportunity to hear about our saviour, Jesus Christ.



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Colin Brown, Falmouth
Jon Durley, Bridgend
Tony Williams, Coleford
David Woodall, Oldham

Tuesday - Mission Community Members

Robyn Fairey, Walton-on-Thames
Nick Grayshon, Sheffield
John Mills, Cradley Heath
Gemma Payne, Sheffield
Glenda White-Miller, Gloucester

Wednesday - Staff

Jayne Elliott, Sheffield
Will Lee, Community member, Sheffield
Andy Rushworth, Sheffield
David Schannen, Sheffield

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Florence Back, Kings Lynn
Raymond Bradbury, Spennymoor
Geoffrey Goswell, Northampton
Joan Macey

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Gaynor Drost, Rotherham
Sheila Samuels, Godalming
Nikki Thornhill, Royal Navy
Neil Walpole, Dewsbury

Saturday

Give thanks for 140 years of evangelism that have seen thousands of people discover their calling as evangelists, and the thousands more who have given their lives to Jesus through the work of Church Army.

5 JUN - 11 JUN

PENTECOST

This week begins with Pentecost Sunday where we recognise the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. As a charity that works to ensure that as many people as possible hear the Good News of Jesus, join us as we pray for our evangelists as they follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in their calling.

Sunday

Pray for our evangelists as they seek opportunities to spread the gospel; that they will be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as they follow the words of the Great Commission to go and "make disciples".



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Michael Angus, London
John Marrow, Epsom
Stephen Plumb, Priest
Darren Thornton, Norwich

Tuesday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Keith Blinston, Sheffield
Peter Grieve, Chorley
Angela Jarvis, Wakefield
Kate Wiley, Sheffield

Wednesday - Mission Community Members

Pam Barker, Pickering
Susan Melbourne, Chesterfield
Mavis Rouse, Bradford
Brenda Watts, Wolverhampton
Debbie Wilkinson, Chester

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Gordon Banks, Stafford
Edwin Bates, Basingstoke
Brian Duckworth, Dover
Tony Maidment, Stourbridge

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Deb Battersby, Sheffield
Jill Hancock, Chesterfield
Brett Price, Birmingham
Jasper Rutherford, Belfast

Saturday

Pray that God will increase our opportunities to reach the most unreached parts of the UK and Ireland as we seek to build communities, draw alongside the broken, and share God's love with everyone.



12 JUN - 18 JUN

NORTH COAST OF WALES CENTRE OF MISSION

In April we launched the North Coast of Wales Centre of Mission in partnership with the Diocese of St. Asaph. Join us this week as we pray for Jo Leslie, the centre's Lead Evangelist who moved to Pensarn at the beginning of April. We will be recruiting a Pioneer Evangelist to work alongside Jo later in the year.

Sunday

Pray for the North Coast of Wales Centre of Mission as it takes root in the area; that it becomes a beacon of hope and light, inviting people to experience God's love.



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Trevor Clarke, Leamington Spa
Syd Henderson, Hinckley
Val Joss, Accrington
David Thorp, Preston

Tuesday - Centre of Mission Evangelists

Jo Leslie, North Coast of Wales
Stephen Ramshaw, Sheffield
Matthew Rowley, Blackpool
Josh Smith, Wrexham

Wednesday - Staff

David Craig, Community member
Chris Hardy
Karen Kiely
Dan Palmer
Gary Wilton, Community member

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Stephen Adamson, Chepstow
Ron Bradford, St Ives
Steve Martin, UMBERLEIGH
Carole Reeve, Minehead

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Yvonne Desroches, Kettering
Celia Hare, Bridlington
Ken Higgins, Belfast
James Wilkinson, Prenton

Saturday

Pray for Jo as she settles into the area and pray for her ministry as she explores and develops this exciting new role.



19 JUN - 25 JUN

IRELAND

This week we are praying for our work in Ireland. Join us as we lift up the work, gifting and calling of our passionate evangelists in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, who are seeking to make Jesus' name known. You can also read about the work of George Newell in Belfast on page 10 of this edition of Catalyst.

Sunday

Pray for our growing work in Ireland, for our partnerships with churches and for increased opportunities to shine the light of the gospel into some of the places that need it most.



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Paul Fitzpatrick, Wallington
Ann Higgins, Belfast
Howard Schnaar, Crawley
Peter Simmons, Corby

Tuesday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Mary Adamson, Chepstow
Carrie Bowman, Plymouth
Dorothy Bush, Nottingham
Dennis Wight, Carmarthen
John Worsfold, Lowestoft

Wednesday - Centre of Mission Evangelists

Rosemonde Adamson, Ballina
Hayley Humphreys, North Sutton
Ruach Mitchell, Cross Hands
Gail Southgate, Suffolk

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Richard Diamond, Southampton
Elizabeth McNeice, Bexhill-On-Sea
Michael Milne, Clacton-On-Sea
Robert Quarton, Alfreton

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Lis Barr, Omagh
Cathy Bourner, Ipswich
Jane Emson, Middlesbrough
John Menagh, Belfast

Saturday

Pray for evangelists like George Newell in Belfast (p.10) and others who have responded to God's call to minister in different parts of Ireland; that God will equip and strengthen them in the ministries He has called them to.



26 JUN - 2 JUL

RESOURCES

Church Army not only tells people about Jesus, we resource others to do the same in their own communities and everyday lives. We have a suite of resources aimed at helping people to grow in evangelism, whether individual Christians, churches, or local lay evangelists. Join us this week as we pray for our resources and their impact on the spread of the gospel.

You can also find out more about our resources at churcharmy.org/resources

Sunday

Pray that more people seeking to be equipped in evangelism would find our resources and grow in confidence as they begin to tell people the Good News that Jesus saves.



PRAY...

Monday - Commissioned Evangelists

Lynda Alsford, Peacehaven
Su McClellan, Shotton
Alan Park, Chesterfield
Neville Willerton, Director of Operations

Tuesday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Olive Deeming, Bexhill On Sea
Sheelagh Easby, Harrogate
Eleanor Morson, Newcastle Upon Tyne
Nancy Thompson, Telford

Wednesday - Staff

Clair Douglas, Cardiff
Stephen Gray, Midlands
Jane Henderson, Community member, Leicester
Leoni Oxenham, Wales
Caryl Stock, Community member, Cardiff

Thursday - Retired Commissioned Evangelists

Diana Burton, Bushey
Bert Fullard, Luton
Clifford Rouse, Bradford
Leslie Tennant, St Neots

Friday - Commissioned Evangelists

Jane Duckitt, Sheffield
Mike Griffin, Liverpool
Venessa Pedro-Pinto, Leicester
Pete Tomkinson, Blackpool

Saturday

As churches, groups, lay evangelists and other individuals use our faith resources, pray that they would be instrumental in more people hearing the gospel.





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