



## Prayer Diary October 2023

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

*Philippians 4:6 [CEV]*

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for the times of holiday that our ministers and their families were able to enjoy during the summer. Pray for them as they continue their ministry amongst us and set priorities for the coming months.
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Give thanks for those who give of their time and energy to provide coffee, cake and company to those who come each week to enjoy it and be encouraged by it. Pray that those who will come together today will find a warm welcome and listening ear and that God will guide the conversations.
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Continue to pray for those affected by the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya – that they will get the assistance they need to keep them safe and start rebuilding their lives. Pray particularly for the groups of Christians affected in the villages in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco.
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for those organisations seeking to work with young people addicted to drugs and alcohol and pray that their efforts will result in healing and deliverance. Pray that God will keep the young people associated with our church safe from involvement in things that could harm them.
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who have been affected by the NHS strikes and have had appointments, treatments and operations postponed. Pray that their appointments can be rescheduled soon and that they will not be negatively impacted in the long term.
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks to the families contacted through Saturday Kitchen and pray for those preparing to restart the outreach in November. Pray for God's guidance as the teams plan for the coming sessions, for effective advertising, for new families to attend, for old friendships to be renewed. Pray, too, that new volunteers can be recruited to help.
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ask the Lord to protect Nigerian Christians from relentless persecution and to bring them comfort and hope in their distress. Pray that the plans of terrorist groups will be thwarted, and that the Nigerian government will actively intervene to curb and tackle the anti-Christian violence.
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for BRBK being able to restart after the summer break and for the families that have come along. Pray that more families will join. Pray for those leading the session today and that the children who come will learn lessons that will have a positive effect on their lives.
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for our deacons and for the various contributions they make to the life of our church and pray for strength and guidance for each one. Pray for the meeting this evening, that God will guide in the discussions and decision-making process.
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that internet restrictions and app outages keeping Iranians from accessing important online services as well as SAT-7's content will soon come to an end. Give thanks for Christians continuing to live out their faith in very challenging circumstances and pray for them to be kept safe.
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the prayer team who make themselves available to pray with people after the Sunday services and at other times. Pray for God to bless their ministry and to encourage us all to spend time praying for one another. Pray that the on-line Prayer meeting planned for this evening will be an encouragement to all who attend.
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the first Lunch Club and Craft Club after the summer break. Pray that all who wish to come but need to be picked up will be able to attend. Pray that a few other drivers will volunteer to help in this way. Pray, too, that God will bless the conversations around the tables.
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Flash floods and landslides blighted many parts of Nepal during August in the monsoon season. Pray for the workers of ACN, the social arm of Pokhara Christian Community, who are helping over 3,500 people with food and temporary shelter, mostly in partnership with local churches.
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine. Give thanks for those bringing help to those in need and for churches in the neighbouring countries caring for large numbers of refugees. Pray for wisdom for all who are seeking to bring peace and that the war can soon be brought to a positive end.
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all who will be taking part in the service this morning both up front and behind the scenes. Praise God for those who provide coffee/tea after the service so that we can chat to one another in a

	relaxed way after the service. Pray that we will use this time to encourage and build one another up.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the 117 years that PMA (Pleasant Monday Afternoon) has been going and for the leaders who have kept it going in a relevant way at the various stages of its history. Give thanks for Celia and the committee as they continue to show care and compassion to all who come regularly and pray for Julie Shimizu as she will be speaking at the anniversary meeting today.
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Claire Bedford now in UK on home assignment. Pray that she will be refreshed and encouraged by the opportunities she will have of renewing contact with family, home church members and other supporters. Pray for those managing the pharmacy at the hospital in Chad while she is away.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the many groups in the community who regularly use our facilities and pray for ways to build closer relationships with some of them and share the Christian message with them.
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for those who lead the Women's Fellowship twice a month on a Thursday afternoon and pray specifically for their meeting this afternoon.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	2 billion people worldwide have no way of disposing of rubbish safely. Please pray for Tearfund's Rubbish Campaign that demands that companies that use plastic for their products (like drink bottles) be made responsible for the disposal of that waste.
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for the Food banks continuing to operate in and around Horsham and pray that sufficient donations will be received so that all who are in need can be supplied.
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray for the young people who meet week by week at the home of Marion Richardson. Give thanks for the relationships being formed and pray that these will lead to them being built up in their faith.
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray today that our teachers will have a good half term break this week. Pray too for families as they will have the chance to spend more time together than usual.
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Please continue to pray for the women of Afghanistan, whose lives have become very restricted under the Taliban. Pray for a change of government, and a return of their rights to education and medical care.
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray especially today for the many young people of our town who are struggling with eating disorders and other mental health issues. Pray that there will be enough resources available for them to get the help that they need.
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Chad is continuing to go through a transition period after the president was killed in battle against foreign insurgents. Please pray for a smooth peace process which will lead towards stability in the country and improvements in the lives of its people.
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks that the Eagle Project has been able to start psychodrama sessions in the girls' section of the prison in Sao Paolo. Pray that the sessions will go well and that the girls will respond to the teaching. Pray for Cally especially today as she teaches a lesson at the University of Sao Paolo Law School about the psychodrama methods used in the Eagle Project sessions in the prisons.
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for Genesis and the help that he is able to give to the farmers he works with in Northern Uganda. Pray for God to protect his family from sickness, especially during the rainy time when malaria is very prevalent.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray today for our young people who are away at college or university. Pray that God will help them in their studies and also help them to find friends who can encourage them to continue being built up in their faith.
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray for the work of Tearfund in Burkina Faso where 80% of the population rely on farming for food and income. Climate changes and ongoing conflict make it increasingly difficult to harvest crops. Pray for the initiatives Tearfund are introducing with the help of their Partner organisations and local churches to promote peace and to adapt farming methods to meet the extreme conditions.
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for the gifts God gives to his people so that they can serve him in the church in different ways and pray that he will show each of us how we can use our individual gifts in his service. Pray that he will challenge those not yet involved to volunteer where extra help is needed.