



Prayer Diary January 2024

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

Philippians 4:6 [CEV]

Mon 1 st	Pray for God’s blessing as the new year begins – on our country, on our church and on ourselves and our families. Ask God to keep us trusting Him and depending on His love and guidance, whatever our circumstances may turn out to be. Ask Him, too, to use us in His service.
Tue 2 nd	Let us pray for Christians in Bethlehem. One consequence of the Hamas/Israeli conflict is that Bethlehem has been sealed off for security reasons, a situation that shows no signs of changing any time soon. Many Christians there derive their income from the tourist industry, which has now effectively ceased to exist. Those affected are struggling to provide for themselves and their families.
Wed 3 rd	The COP 28 climate talks achieved some good things, but fell short of what is needed on reducing fossil fuel use. This will impact millions of people as their weather continues to change. Please pray for leaders around the world who will step up to their responsibilities, and for those who continue to hold leaders to account, sometimes at great personal risk of persecution.
Thu 4 th	Pray for our teachers as they will be returning to school after the Christmas break. Pray for strength and wisdom to cope with the various challenges that will face them this term.
Fri 5 th	Pray for Peter and Louise Lynch as they continue to plan for teaching sessions, workshops etc. for this year. Pray, too, for the country of Bangladesh to remain peaceful during the election due to take place this weekend.
Sat 6 th	Let us pray today as we take time to pray together as a church. Pray for God to guide us as we pray and as we consider what God might be saying to us as a church and as individuals within it.
Sun 7 th	Pray for those leading the service this morning and for us all to worship from our hearts. Pray that some who came to the Christmas services but have not regularly attended church will decide to join some of our services.
Mon 8 th	Pray for PMA as they restart their meetings today after the Christmas break. Pray for Tim as he shares the afternoon with them. Pray for God to guide Celia and the committee as they plan ahead and show God’s love to those who come regularly to the meetings.
Tue 9 th	Pray for those who are recuperating after surgery and for those who are still waiting for operations or treatment. Pray that they will not have to wait too much longer.
Wed 10 th	Pray for peace to return to areas of the world where there is continued conflict but which has not recently made the headlines e.g. Yemen and Sudan.
Thu 11 th	Praise God that Cleopas, whom Claire Bedford trained to take over responsibility for running the hospital pharmacy, is doing very well, enabling Claire to focus on other roles as part of the hospital management team. Pray for daily wisdom and strength and for the companionship of friends.
Fri 12 th	Pray for families we know who are facing family breakdowns or other problems. Pray that they will experience God’s comfort and guidance and that they will find people who can support them through their difficult times.
Sat 13 th	Praise God for the teams who cook for the families coming to Saturday Kitchen each week, entertain the children etc. Pray that the families who need such assistance will come and that they may see God’s love in action.
Sun 14 th	Give thanks for the team leading and helping at BRBK most Sunday mornings. Pray that the families attending today will react well to the teaching and that they will want to attend regularly. Pray, too, that other families will join.
Mon 15 th	Pray for the deacons as they start a new year of service, especially as they are less than the full complement. Pray for God to give them wisdom and strength as they make important decisions. Pray for David Wickersham as he continues treatment and for Deborah Packham acting as church secretary in the meantime.
Tue 16 th	Let us pray for Christians in Nigeria who continue to suffer attacks by extremists, especially in the north and centre of the country. Give thanks for the occasions when the authorities have stepped in to try and prevent such attacks but pray they will do more to stop the violence.

Wed 17 th	2024 will see the 150th anniversary of the founding of The Leprosy Mission. Give thanks for all the lives changed through the love of God worked out through the mission. Pray that this year will see further steps in achieving zero cases by 2035!
Thu 18 th	Pray that the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this week will be well-attended and that it will be an encouragement to many. Pray especially for the session to be held at BRBC this evening.
Fri 19 th	Let us pray today for our young people. Give thanks for those who are keeping strong in their faith and pray that God will give them opportunities to witness to their friends. Pray for God to work in the hearts of those whose faith has wavered. Pray particularly for those returning for a new term at University or college.
Sat 20 th	Thank God that SAT-7 is able to continue producing and presenting programmes for viewing on TV and on social media in the Middle East and North Africa. Give thanks for those who responded to the message of the Gospel last year and pray that God will continue to sustain them in difficult circumstances.
Sun 21 st	Let us pray especially today for those unable to come to services because of illness or infirmity. Pray that they may experience God's love and comfort and the care of family and friends. Pray that those who join the service on-line will be encouraged by it.
Mon 22 nd	Give thanks for the encouragement and friendship those who regularly attend Coffee, cake and company receive each week, even during most of the holiday period. Pray that the conversations that go on this morning will bring blessing.
Tue 23 rd	Praise God for Horsham Matters and the local food banks that are seeking to help those struggling with the cost of living. Pray that enough donations will be received so that they can help all who need such help.
Wed 24 th	Pray that our local hospitals and doctors' surgeries will be able to cope during the winter months. Pray especially for any doctors, nurses or care workers in our fellowship that God will give them special strength and wisdom to enable them to cope and thrive.
Thu 25 th	Pray for the INF Nepal project funded by the Christmas appeal. The project is training women and girls in remote areas to encourage the local community to become more inclusive for women.
Fri 26 th	Praise God for the many groups that use our facilities for various activities and pray that relationships will be able to be built between some of them and some of the church fellowship.
Sat 27 th	Pray that God will bless the meeting being held this morning to pray about our search for a families worker. Pray that God will guide our thoughts and our prayers so that the right person will be found.
Sun 28 th	Give thanks for the 31 churches in Horsham and the surrounding area and for Horsham Churches Together that helps them to keep in touch with one another. Pray for those presently undergoing leadership changes.
Mon 29 th	Praise God for the way the Eagle Project in Sao Paolo, Brazil is able to support families struggling to provide for their families. Pray for the sessions held in the prisons to encourage young people to leave their lives of crime and pray for those who have recently been released to be able to find work. Pray also for Cally as she heads up the team.
Tue 30 th	Pray for the Alpha course that will begin later this week and pray for those leading it as they prepare. Pray that a good number of people will join and that some will be led to come to faith in Christ.
Wed 31 st	Give thanks for the Toy Library that has been operating for some weeks now and for the relationships being built through it. Pray that through these relationships with families some will be encouraged to come to BRBK or other church events.