



Prayer Diary May 2024

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

Philippians 4:6 [CEV]

Wed 1 st	Let us pray for the local elections that will be held tomorrow – that God will guide the voting and that those who are elected will be able to work together well and act with justice and integrity.
Thu 2 nd	Pray for the ladies who will gather for their Women’s Fellowship meeting this afternoon to learn something about gardens from Paul Hebblethwaite. Give thanks for Sheila Stevens who continues to lead the group in a very caring way, and pray for those who miss being able to come now because of illness or frailty.
Fri 3 rd	Give thanks for the baptism service held last month and pray for God to continue to work in the lives of those who were baptised. Pray, too, that others who have not been baptised will consider taking the step.
Sat 4 th	Give thanks for the many and varied groups who regularly use our facilities and pray that there will be opportunities for relationships to be built between some of them and church members. Pray that some will be led to join in church activities and learn about the Gospel message.
Sun 5 th	Give thanks for the families who are attending BRBK regularly and pray that more will join them. Pray for the team as they prepare for and lead each session and pray that the children will learn lessons that will lead them to accept Christ as Lord of their lives.
Mon 6 th	Pray for Claire Bedford working in various capacities at the Guinebor 2 Hospital in Chad, especially as the hot season has arrived. Give thanks for the BMS colleague who has come to help with the administrative side of running the hospital and pray that they will be an encouragement to each other. Pray, too, for peace in the country as the first round of elections are due to be held today.
Tue 7 th	Many countries and companies are cutting back on the environmental and humanitarian goals in order to save money. This could have serious consequences both for environment and human health. Please pray for an end to this trend.
Wed 8 th	Pray for Beth Richardson and Caitlin as they start GCSE exams tomorrow. They will value continued prayer through until they finish in the middle of June. Pray for a sense of peace, for concentration and for a sense of God’s presence with them at what could be a stressful and challenging time.
Thu 9 th	Give thanks for the team who work hard to provide a delicious lunch once a month at church and help with transporting those unable to come on their own. Pray that those who come today will be blessed by the conversations around the table and by the short message that will be given.
Fri 10 th	We have now served our last Saturday Kitchen for this winter season. We thank God for the growing numbers of families who have been regularly attending. It is always a much appreciated, joyful and lovely occasion. Please pray that we will be able to keep contact with them all over the summer months and continue to show them God’s love. Please also pray for us as we decide on the future of this venture.
Sat 11 th	Give thanks for the families who came to the Easter celebration organised by those involved with the Toy Library and for the way all seemed to enjoy it. Pray for guidance in planning more similar events during the summer.
Sun 12 th	Pray for those who will be leading our service this morning and for all involved in other ways, including the prayer team as they pray for individuals after the service and those welcoming people as they arrive, especially those who are new. Pray, too, for those who work behind the scenes, moving chairs, cleaning the church etc. – that they may know they are greatly appreciated.
Mon 13 th	Pray for the PMA committee who have jointly taken on the leadership until a replacement leader is found. Pray for them as they take turns of leading each week and as they discuss plans for the future. Pray that God will bless the meeting this afternoon.
Tue 14 th	Ask the God of all comfort to draw close to Christians in N.E Burkina Faso after at least 15 worshippers were killed during an attack on a church in late February this year. Twelve died on the spot and the other three died later in hospital. Pray that the injured, survivors and bereaved may be given the grace to follow Paul’s words: “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse” (Rom. 12: 14).

Wed 15 th	Praise God that the sessions at all 5 of the youth prisons in Sao Paolo, Brazil, are going really well. Pray for the 3 boys recently released, that they will be able to find work or opportunities for study and that they will be able to keep from returning to lives of crime. Cally asks for special prayer for her son, Ben, who is going through a very difficult phase in his life.
Thu 16 th	Tearfund ask us to give thanks for Christians around the world uniting to take action against the universal problem of rubbish, and for all that is being achieved through the Tearfund Rubbish Campaign. Pray also for the negotiations that have been conducted in Ottawa in the past few weeks that they will result in a just and workable UN Treaty on plastic pollution.
Fri 17 th	Pray for continued guidance concerning how to move forward with work amongst young people and families. Give thanks for the families who are coming regularly to church and/or other activities and pray for ways to help them to grow as Christians.
Sat 18 th	Pray for the Baptist Assembly weekend. Pray that it will be a time of encouragement and challenge for all who will attend, including those who will be representing BRBC.
Sun 19 th	Pray that a good number will attend the Big Breakfast being held today and that it might be an occasion when people can get to know each other better. Pray that any who have yet to find real friends in church will be able to begin to build friendships today.
Mon 20 th	Let us pray today for the group of people looking into the possibility of restarting a Toddlers Group. Pray for sufficient volunteers to come forward to help and for God to guide in all the plans being made going forward.
Tue 21 st	Let us give thanks for answered prayer concerning a current financial need and pray that God will continue to provide sufficient finances for us to undertake the programmes He leads us to run. Praise God for those of our fellowship who are able to use their gifts to manage our finances and pray for continuing wisdom for them.
Wed 22 nd	Let us pray especially today for those of our fellowship who are now in care homes. Pray that they will be well cared for by the staff and be able to keep in regular contact with friends and family. Pray, too, that they will be able to be conscious of God's love and care for them.
Thu 23 rd	Give thanks for those who help with Craft Club twice a month, giving those with various measures of sight loss the opportunity of being creative and of enjoying company.
Fri 24 th	Bible Society's Open the Book programme in primary schools is being blessed in England and worldwide. Please pray that more Horsham churches can set up teams so that more Horsham children can learn about Jesus.
Sat 25 th	Give thanks for the way that isolated Christians in the Middle East and North Africa can receive encouragement, Christian teaching and support from the SAT-7 programmes shown on TV and on social media. Pray for wisdom for those answering the comments and questions sent in by viewers.
Sun 26 th	Give thanks for the group of young people who meet at Marion's home every Sunday afternoon and pray that they will continue to grow stronger in their Christian faith. Pray especially for those in the midst of sitting important exams at the moment.
Mon 27 th	Pray for our government at this challenging time. Give thanks for the Christian MPs and pray for protection for them and their families. Pray for the run-up to the election expected before the end of the year and for guidance as people think about how to vote.
Tue 28 th	Pray for families during this half term week that they will be able to spend quality time with their children. Also pray for teachers to get the rest and relaxation they need for the last half term of the school year.
Wed 29 th	Nepal. Pray for the development of new work on the Terai, the southern border with India. The leasehold farming project, Helping Hands, offers women and girls training, tools and seeds to grow to eat for food and to sell instead of their working for very low wages on other people's land.
Thu 30 th	Pray for our deacons, especially as their numbers are fewer than they should be, meaning that they each carry a heavy load while at the same time most continue to work full time.
Fri 31 st	Government reports show that 1 in 6 species in the UK are threatened with extinction. There has been a huge decline in diversity since the 1970s. With determination and political will this could still be reversed. Please pray for the will to reverse this trend, both individually and at the institution level.