



## Prayer Diary October 2024

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

*Philippians 4:6 [CEV]*

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks that the new Babies and Toddlers’ group has got off to a good start. Pray for the session that is planned for today. Pray that those who have been coming will continue to come and that others will join. Pray, too, that relationships can be built so that some will show an interest in the Christian message.
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Let us continue to pray for the new government as they seek to put into practice what they have undertaken to do. Pray that they will work together with transparency and integrity and in ways that will uphold Christian values.
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Give thanks for those who attend Women’s Fellowship and for those who lead each session. Pray for God to bless the ladies as they meet this afternoon.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those struggling to find ways of making peace in the Middle East. Pray that a ceasefire can soon be agreed on and that a wider war can be avoided. Pray, too, for peace in Ukraine.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray for Andy Twilley, who is being inducted today as a member of the regional ministry team for our association. His role will be to support and encourage ministers, and to help churches discern and achieve their God given potential by exploring new and innovative ways to demonstrate and declare the good news of the Kingdom, and to develop effective strategies for reaching out. Please pray for God’s anointing on his ministry.
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the team running the BRBK sessions for children each Sunday morning. Pray for those who will lead this morning and pray for guidance as to how to cater for children older than 11.
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the young people who have recently returned to university or college or who are going for the first time. Pray that they will be able to settle well and make good friends and that they will be able to find ways of continuing to grow in their Christian lives.
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who have recently been bereaved – that they will know God’s comfort and also the love and care of family and friends. Pray, too, for those whose health is failing – that they will get the support and care that they need.
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the opportunities many of us have for meeting together to pray, and pray that through these opportunities we will be able to encourage and build one another up. Pray that God will guide our praying at the Zoom Church Prayer Meeting that will take place this evening.
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	Today is the first Lunch club of the autumn season. Pray that there will be sufficient cooks and drivers to enable all those who would like to take advantage of a meal in company with others to come. Pray that the message that will be given after the meal will bless and challenge all who listen. Pray, too, for those who will be involved in the Craft Club that will follow.
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Let us pray today for the counsellors in our schools who support the mental health needs of students. May the Lord give them love, discernment and success in their role.
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the Horsham Matters Food Banks that provide for needy families in our community. Pray that as the need continues to increase, they will continue to receive sufficient donations to meet the need.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for our ministers and for all their loyal service to God and to us. Pray for continued good health for them and their families and for the strength and wisdom needed for each day.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Claire Bedford as she will be joining us this evening for a light meal and opportunity for sharing about her work at the Guinebor 2 Hospital in Chad. Pray that a good number will be able to be present and that we will be encouraged and challenged by what she will have to tell us.
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Please pray for a mother of four in Pakistan who has been sentenced to death for an alleged breach of her country’s infamous blasphemy laws. Her sentence is being challenged by her lawyers on the grounds that she had not properly understood the legalities and that the authorities are knowingly misusing laws designed to protect minority interests. Both the mother and her family have been forced to move several times in the past three years on account of intimidation and threats from Islamist zealots and, sadly, her case is not unique in a supposedly democratic country.

Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks that God has continued to provide the finances for the church to continue its multi-faceted ministry despite challenges this year. Pray that God will continue to provide what is necessary, especially as there continue to be challenges with building maintenance issues.
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the Men's Coffee Morning which is scheduled to take place today. Give thanks for the encouragement the men get through meeting together regularly and pray that others will feel free to join them.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Let us thank God for the communities, supporters, partners, mentors and those in authority who provide support for all the programmes of The Leprosy Mission worldwide.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who are suffering pain and/or illness at this time - that they will be able to get the treatment they need and that they will know God's love and care and the support of friends and family.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the worship team, the AV team and others working behind the scenes to enable us to enjoy the service this morning and to worship God from our hearts. Give thanks for the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with each other and with visitors and new people after the service and pray that God will guide in those conversations and use them for mutual encouragement.
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for 118 years of PMA and that a good group of people still appreciate the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant Monday afternoon in company with others and to hear talks about all manner of interesting things !! Pray for them as they celebrate their anniversary this afternoon and pray for Julie Shimizu as she will be bringing the anniversary message.
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Give thanks for the appointment of a new International Nepal Fellowship executive director from January 2025, when the present director will retire. After more monsoon flooding in Pokhara, a church building was used as a refuge and as a treatment centre for the injured. Pray for ACN staff as they work to provide water filters, hygiene kits and kitchen utensils for those seeking refuge in the church.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Give thanks for those on the pastoral team and others who regularly visit or call those now unable to come out to church, and give support in other ways. Pray that their service will bring encouragement and blessing and that they will receive encouragement and blessing in return.
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the opportunity to give blind and partially sighted people the opportunity to be creative at the regular Craft Club. Pray that there will continue to be enough helpers and drivers to make it possible for those who benefit from it to participate.
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks that the Eagle Project's sessions in the youth prisons in Sao Paulo, Brazil are continuing to go well. Pray that the young people recently released will be able to find opportunities for training or employment. Pray that the team will soon be able to find a suitable location for setting up a headquarters.
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the teams preparing to restart Saturday Kitchen next month. Give thanks that there are enough volunteers to continue offering a meal and a safe place for children to play every Saturday and pray that the ministry will continue to be a blessing to families.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the ministry of Genesis Acaye, agricultural worker in the north of Uganda, and pray for him as he is in UK at the moment visiting some of the churches that pray for him and support him. Pray for God's blessing to be on him as he visits us here at BRBC this morning. Pray that we will be challenged by what he tells us.
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for those who serve coffee and cake and provide company for those who come on a Monday morning to chat and meet with friends. Pray that there will be opportunities for sharing the message of the gospel in conversations.
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for those who use our building during the week and for the relationships that are being built with some of them. Pray that some will be led to try out some of our church activities.
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for Horsham Churches Together and for the way they are seeking to encourage churches to work together for the good of our community. Pray for guidance in the planning of the upcoming Christmas events.
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Give thanks for the deacons who are continuing to serve us so efficiently this year and pray that God will give them the strength and wisdom they need to continue. Pray for God to guide in the run up to the deacons' election next month and pray that there will be those willing to be elected to serve next year.