



in our villages, towns & cities

# Prayer

May 2016

*Let us approach God's throne of Grace with Confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4 v 16*

Thank you for your prayers for the work of HOPE. There is a real wave of Prayer going on during the month of May and may you be blessed and encouraged as we join with many thousands who are praying for an unprecedented move of God across our communities and nations.

Churches, across the country are invited to spend the week before Pentecost praying together. Writing to all the Anglican Church Leaders in England the Archbishops of Canterbury and York said "Throughout history any movement of the Holy Spirit to draw increasing numbers of people to faith in Christ has always begun with Pray.

The Archbishops in partnership with 24/7 Prayer, HOPE, the World Prayer Centre, the Neighbourhood Prayer Network, the National Day of Prayer and Worship and Others are calling people to spend focused and dedicated time in Prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost Sunday the 15th May.

The focus of prayer is to be

- For all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus
- For increased confidence to share our faith
- For a great increase in people responding to the call of Jesus to follow Him

The World Prayer Centre are calling for a season of Prayer and fasting from the 14th May to the 2nd July covering 40 days of Prayer up to 22nd June – 23 June Voting Day and for ten days after the referendum

**Roy Crowne, Executive Director Of Hope**

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- 1st May** Father, I ask today for unity among the Churches in my area. Bless each church leader, and help leaders and congregations to develop a spirit of love and openness towards one another. Forge strong relationships which are mission-focused, emphasizing the hope we have in common. May we act as one Body, united by one Spirit
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- 2nd May** Bless a few members of your Church by name today. Bless them with the joy of knowing how special they are in God's sight, no matter where they live, how much they own or what job they do. Bless them with the gift of thanksgiving in whatever circumstances they find themselves in
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- 3rd May** Father we pray for the book "The Servant Queen and the King She Serves" that it will be widely used at Celebrations for the Queen's birthday and be the means of many starting to think about faith in You
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- 4th May** Thank You Father for all those who have used the TRY PRAYING booklet and that many people have started to pray for the very first time. Father we thank you for the wonderful stories that we are hearing
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- 5th May** This is the National Day of Prayer for the Police and it falls on Ascension Day. Let us pray for those police who are known to us. Let us Name them before the King of Kings and when you meet a police person let them know they are appreciated
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- 6th May** Father God we give thanks today for all the supporters of HOPE who faithfully pray, campaign and give. May they know that we are truly grateful
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- 7th May** Father we thank you for the servant heart of our Queen. We thank you that she has always relied on you in those good and bad times. Strengthen her, give her joy and be her sufficiency as she runs her race faithfully to the end
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<b>8th May</b>	As we start the week of focused prayer leading up to Pentecost may the believers where I live be rooted and established in love. May we grasp how wide, how long, how high and how deep Your love for us truly is. Fill us to overflowing so that Your love spills out into our communities. Empower us to love those around us as You love them
<b>9th May</b>	The both Archbishops have expressed their longing to see a great wave of Prayer across our land in this week leading up to Pentecost and we pray that many Christians will join this time of prayer
<b>10th May</b>	Father as we stay focused in this week of prayer leading to Pentecost may we become aware of an increased confidence to share our faith to those around us
<b>11th May</b>	As we continue to prayer and become aware of many others praying with us during this week we ask Father that there would be a tremendous increase in people responding to the call of Jesus to follow Him
<b>12th May</b>	This is the start of 4 days of Celebrations in Windsor for the Queen's birthday and we pray that many people will start to think about the Queen's Faith in Jesus
<b>13th May</b>	We continue to pray for all the Celebrations which are being planned by Churches up and down the Country for the 12th June and we pray for a supernatural move of God in many lives on this day
<b>14th May</b>	This is the start of forty days of Prayer and Fasting initiated by World Prayer Centre for the Referendum – let us pray and fast and seek God regarding this important issue for our country
<b>15th May</b>	On Pentecost morning while the disciples were Praying a sound came from Heaven like a rush of mighty wind and there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributed and resting on each of them
<b>16th May</b>	Join with the HOPE team today as we pray and fast – “The Church transforms Society when it takes the risks of renewal in prayer, of reconciliation, and of confident declaration of the good news of Jesus Christ”. Let us pray for a fresh and mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit throughout the Church and across our Nation
<b>17th May</b>	Father today may we not say – Look what the world has come to but rather say – Look Who has come into our world
<b>18th May</b>	Give thanks for the privilege of free access to education in the UK. Pray that Christianity will not be silenced in our schools, and that Christian young people will live out their faith with confidence. Pray for young people you know, that they will find the right balance of having fun alongside working hard
<b>19th May</b>	Pray for Christian young people, that they will be passionate disciples and witnesses for Jesus to those around them. Pray for protection from the pressures of their culture and the strategies of the enemy.
<b>20th May</b>	Father – we give you thanks that you meet the financial needs of HOPE and our prayer is that you will continue to be everything that we need
<b>21st May</b>	We give thanks today for the Board and Leadership Team of HOPE and for the input and leadership they give. May they be able to continue giving great advice and help
<b>22nd May</b>	Almighty and Powerful God we are your hands and feet on this earth. Give us compassion, kindness and the willingness to sacrifice in order to show your love to the world
<b>23rd May</b>	We pray today for our Government and Prime Minister. Father bless them with wisdom and understanding and give them hearts of compassion. May they seek You and listen to you.
<b>24th May</b>	Father God we pray for our World Leaders and as you broke into Paul's life in an amazing way so we ask that many of these World Leaders will know the power of your intervention in their lives

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- 25th May** Today we remember and pray for by name those who once walked with you and no longer do – we ask Father that today would be the start of their walk back to You
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- 26th May** Father God, we need Godly people who will step into public leadership – who will take Kingdom risks, trusting always in the endless good of God. We pray that You will raise up servant-leaders who become the 'go to' voices in our communities
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- 27th May** We continue to pray for the Resource "Talking Jesus" and that it will be instrumental in the preparation for Churches planning their Autumn programmes
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- 28th May** Father each of us is a Truth Carrier and we pray that we will have great freedom in sharing the good news of Jesus. My prayer is that I will be really effective in being a Truth Carrier
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- 29th May** Simeon depended on the Holy Spirit's leading to be in the right place at the right time. Father, thank you for Your Spirit. May we welcome His presence afresh into our lives and communities? Teach us to wait on You for Your guidance and timing, so that we can be where You want us today
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- 30th May** Father I pray today that all those who are contemplating acts of violence or terrorism will become known to security forces and we give you thanks today for our security forces who work hard to keep us safe
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- 31st May** Lord, we are so thankful for the Church: this body of people across our world who are loving, caring and bringing hope where there is none. Teach us to stop and rest in You, drawing strength from Your Spirit, so that we shine with Your light in the darkest of places
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