



*in our villages, towns & cities*

# Prayer

May 2017

Please continue to pray for all the preparation and plans for mission in 2018. God bless you as seek his face.

In the words of Leonard Sweet

*God lead you*

*God feed you*

*God seed you*

*God weed you*

*God speed you and*

*God exceed your greatest hope and dream*

Thank you for your prayers and all you do for the work of HOPE.

Roy Crowne

Executive Director of HOPE

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- 1st May** We pray today for the infusing of the Holy Spirit to equip us to engage with people in our families, communities, and workplaces so that we may share with others the good news of the saving grace of Christ
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- 2nd May** Pray for our children in school. As you see children walking to school today pray a blessing over them. Ask God to give them stability in their lives and a great day at School
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- 3rd May** Please remember to pray for the children who are not in mainstream education but in pupil referral units. Pray for the teachers who are doing a great job looking after these children
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- 4th May** Pray for teachers and staff who are working in Schools week by week. Pray that they will feel really encouraged and chat with a teacher the next time you see one in Church and tell them that they are doing a great job looking after our children
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- 5th May** FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH TO JOIN IN PRAYER 25th MAY – 4 JUNE Acts 1 v 12-14 After Jesus' ascension the apostles returned to Jerusalem to pray and ten days later at Pentecost the Holy Spirit was released and the Church was born. Thy Kingdom Come 2017 invites Christians to make a lasting difference in our nation and in our world by responding to Jesus' call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer. PRAYER Lord Jesus, thank you for the global wave of prayer. We ask that many people commit to pray for five people they know through Pledge2Prayer. May everything that takes place bring glory to your name, and may your mercy and love be revealed as we pray and work together. Come Holy Spirit and empower us to be joyful witnesses. Jane Holloway, World Prayer Centre: Thy Kingdom Come
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- 6th May** Pray today for God's goodness, God's Peace, God's Beauty, God's Light and God's Presence to be in the area you live this day
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- 7th May** The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night
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- 8th May** We pray today for our Prime Minister Theresa May and ask that she would know your wisdom and guidance as she seeks to be a good leader of our country
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- 9th May** Father we pray for the election which will happen on the 8th June and we pray against fear and the stirring up of hatred but pray for your Spirit of truth and love to triumph
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- 10th May** We remember today for the hundreds of thousands who no longer walk with Jesus and we pray that they will have a fresh revelation of Jesus, of His deep love and His grace and return to the Lord and giver of life
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| <b>11th May</b> | Heavenly Father, thank you for our work and for those we meet through it. We pray for those in authority in our workplaces. Help us to witness to you through the way we work and relate to our colleagues. We ask for your guidance as to when to speak, what to say, and when to stay silent  |
| <b>12th May</b> | REACHING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE 1 Timothy 4 v 12 How amazing that the Lord chose Mary, possibly as young as 14 or 15 years old, to be the mother of Jesus. God in fragile human form in the hands of a teenager in turn. Jesus himself mentored young people as his disciples. Amazing! We also must raise up young people as leaders, empowering them to fulfil their purpose in Christ. PRAYER Jesus, may we love, encourage, and support our young people, not looking down on anybody because they are young, but mentoring young people to set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Multiply our love for young people that we can invest in young people, just as you have shown us. Phil Timson HOPE Youth Director   |
| <b>13th May</b> | We pray today for our Queen Elizabeth and pray blessing upon her life today. Blessing upon blessing   |
| <b>14th May</b> | Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty. The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent.  |
| <b>15th May</b> | Father we pray today for everyone who was given a copy of the Book "Who do you say that I am" and ask that as people read it they will understand the God Story   |
| <b>16th May</b> | There is a full team meeting today in Rugby and we ask for your prayers as we discuss the future as we only want to do the will of the Father   |
| <b>17th May</b> | Pray for all the different groups meeting to discuss their evangelism strategy for 2018   |
| <b>18th May</b> | Today there is a Prison HOPE Steering Group and we ask you to cover this event in your prayers that many in our Prisons would come to know the King of Kings  |
| <b>19th May</b> | BEING AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS 2 Corinthians C5 v 14-15 We are constantly witnessing to hundreds of things as important to us (iPhones, Ford cars, Levi's, etc.). How much more though do we witness to Jesus as the heart of all we are? The question is not 'shall we witness', but 'are we going to be good witnesses'. If Jesus rose from the dead every part of our lives should be different. PRAYER Generous God, as we have known your love, life, salvation, joy, mercy, and hope help us to be generous in effectively sharing your call with those around us. Help us to live in a way that provokes and intrigues people to seek you. Give us opportunities, courage and joy in faithfully showing and sharing your life this week. Barry Hill, Diocesan Resource Church Enabler, Rector of Market Harborough |
| <b>20th May</b> | Today is the opening of Longton Community Church and we ask for your prayers that this Church will be used by God to bring many lost sheep home to Him  |
| <b>21st May</b> | Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him   |
| <b>22nd May</b> | There is a live launch of Mission Academy in Carlisle today – this is the youth arm of HOPE – and we Praise God for the interest there is around the country in Mission Academy   |
| <b>23rd May</b> | The Board and Leadership Teams of HOPE meet today and we pray for a great working relationship and for an outpouring of blessing on each of these individuals   |
| <b>24th May</b> | This is the start of THY KINGDOM COME and for the next eleven days there will be groups meeting to pray because God is the answer to all the fears and despairs around. With God, the impossible is possible  |
| <b>25th May</b> | As we join with the family of God we pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit and that we will be effective witnesses to God the Son Jesus Christ   |
| <b>26th May</b> | THY KINGDOM COME 25 MAY – 4 JUNE Luke 11 V 9 – 13 Prayer happens when we have a challenge we cannot meet by our own resources. As none of us has the resources to bring someone to faith in Jesus Christ, we have to ask the Holy Spirit for help. Thy Kingdom Come is an invitation to do just that – so that through our witness others can come to know Jesus Christ. PRAYER Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your Kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear Your word may be drawn to you through Jesus Christ our Lord   |

**27th May** Father God, raise up a generation of children and young people in the UK and across Europe who follow You with passion. May young people everywhere be encouraged to challenge the old and unlock the new

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**28th May** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever

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**29th May** Continue to pray for 2018 that we would indeed see many people find new life in Jesus during this year of Mission

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**30th May** Please continue to pray for a real unity as Churches work together in their plans for 2018

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**31st May** Please continue to pray and encourage our brothers and sisters in Churches of all traditions to partner in praying for God's Kingdom to come

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