



in our villages, towns & cities

# Prayer

August 2017

C S Lewis said *"I pray because I cannot help myself, I pray because I am helpless, I pray because the need flows out of me all the time - waking and sleeping. It does not change God - it changes me."*

As we spend time with god we become more like him. Thank you so much for your prayers for the work of hope and i ask you to continue praying that god will change many people through an encounter with him.

## Roy crowne, Executive Director of HOPE

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- 1 Aug** Please pray today for our key people in the nation and locally that God will give them great wisdom and authority
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- 2 Aug** Father God I pray today that as we go about our daily lives that we will not live in fear of what might happen but rejoice in the truth that the hairs of our head are numbered
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- 3 Aug** Father God your word says, "how good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity - it is like precious oil poured on the head and You bestow a blessing" and we pray today that as Christians we would strive to live in Unity
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- 4 Aug** YOUTH FESTIVALS Matthew 17 v 1-5 Festivals are often 'mountain top experiences' where we feel the presence of God and hear his voice like Jesus did at the Transfiguration. Each summer we gather thousands of young people, seeing many encounter God in life-changing ways. The vital thing they - and we - must hear is that they are beloved children of God with whom he is well pleased. PRAYER Lord we pray the young people in our church and community would know the love and acceptance of being children of God. We pray for those who make a commitment to follow Jesus at a festival or camp this summer that they may continue to grow in love for you and in understanding of your love for them. Mike Pilavachi Soul Survivor
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- 5 Aug** We ask for your prayers today for our Practitioners around the country and we pray for an increase of blessing and anointing on their lives
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- 6 Aug** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people both now and for evermore
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- 7 Aug** Please pray for the preparation of a give-away booklet for Remembrance Day in 2018. We want this booklet to get into as many hands as possible
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- 8 Aug** Preparations are underway on HOPE Christmas magazine for Churches to give away to their neighbours etc and we ask for Prayer that we will get the content right
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- 9 Aug** Please pray for a good take up of the HOPE Christmas magazine by Churches etc so that the Gospel message will get into as many homes as possible
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- 10 Aug** We are preparing '99 Days of Peace' ideas for churches and individuals to use as we prepare to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1
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- 11 Aug** HOPE FOR OLDER PEOPLE Philippians 2 v 3-4 Statistics show that a third of older people do not speak to another person in a week, and half cite TV as their main company. Loneliness and isolation are the cause of devastating physical and mental health problems. How can we as the Church intentionally address this need by tackling loneliness and isolation in older people? PRAYER Almighty God, we thank you for the older generation of our country, and think particularly of those who are lonely and isolated. We ask for your comfort and companionship to envelop them, through both the presence of your Holy Spirit and the mobilisation of your Church. Give us the wisdom and opportunities to display your love to them in practical ways. Tim Lucas Saltbox Christian Centre
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- 12 Aug** Please continue to pray for all the Christian Festivals that are going on over the summer and pray that many people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
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- 13 Aug** 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. The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life
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- 14 Aug** We continue to pray for the resource “Who do You say that I am” and ask that it will be greatly used in helping people on their journey of discovering Jesus
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- 15 Aug** HOPE is really keen to see people using Harvest as a season to build friendships with pop-up restaurants. The Share A Meal initiative from World Vision will help people to do this
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- 16 Aug** Continue to pray for Prison HOPE 2017-2018 – a two-year partnership of denominations, prison chaplains and organisations involved with prisoners, former prisoners, prison staff and their families encouraging prayer, volunteering, and giving [www.prisonhope.org.uk](http://www.prisonhope.org.uk)
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- 17 Aug** Father God we pray for 2018 as the Church seeks to make Jesus known in villages, towns and cities across the UK and we ask that many people find new life in Jesus
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- 18 Aug** FREEDOM BEHIND BARS John 8 v 36 When Jesus sets us free, we each have a story to tell. Later this year a new book called 40 Stories of HOPE brings together the stories of prisoners who have discovered the hope and freedom Jesus gives. Join with Prison Hope, praying that this collection of testimonies, Bible readings and prayers will inspire many people inside and outside prison. PRAYER Heavenly Father, thank you that Jesus has paid the price to set us free. We pray that 40 stories of Hope will help many people to find the freedom that your Son gives. May we each have an opportunity to tell our own story of hope to someone we meet in the coming week Catherine Butcher, HOPE's Communications Director, and Editor of 40 Stories of Hope
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- 19 Aug** We remember today to pray for our Queen Elizabeth. Thank You for her faith and belief in You and we pray that You will continue to give her health and strength
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- 20 Aug** Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious
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- 21 Aug** Heavenly Father, help us to be a welcoming Church: listening, noticing needs, and helping people to find a spiritual home. Help us to be priests, in the truest meaning of the word, bringing others to You in prayer, and reflecting Your love back to those who come to Church
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- 22 Aug** Thank You Father, that Your Church is bringing hope to broken individuals and communities around the world. Thank You that Your Church is the answer to the world's needs
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- 23 Aug** Please pray for the Mission Academy live which will be launched at the different Soul Survivors over the summer. Please pray that this will be a very effective tool for teenagers reaching their peers
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- 24 Aug** We would value your prayers very much for all the discussions being held with different groups regarding an Evangelism Training Course. Please pray that it will all come together and be a very effective resource
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- 25 Aug** PRAY FOR 5: OUR FAMILIES Acts 16 v 33-34 As an Evangelist my greatest calling is to reach my family. ‘Your whole family is going to be in heaven with you son’ was the whisper of the Spirit into my heart months ago as my youngest daughter met Jesus. Years of prayer answered. Pray daily for your wider family – I still pray with that promise in my heart. PRAYER Heavenly Father, I pray today for my family, immediate and wider. Would you rest your spirit upon them, reveal yourself to them and visit them with your grace. I knew you desire that all would know you, so I ask you now that you would touch the lives of all those in my family that do not know Jesus yet. Amen. Carl Beech. The Message Trust
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- 26 Aug** Father God, we give you thanks for all the different Christian resources which enable us to share the good news of Jesus. Help me today to be a truth carrier
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- 27 Aug** The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon
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**28 Aug** Father we pray today for five people (and we name them) who walked with You but no longer do. Father our hearts ache for them to return to you and we pray that this will be a reality

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**29 Aug** We pray for our Christian students who will be thinking about returning to University soon and thank you for their witness among their non-Christian friends

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**30 Aug** We pray again today for five friends (and we name them) as ask Father God that they would come to know you and the power of your resurrection

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**31 Aug** We take some time today Father to thank you for all your love and provision for the month and to be still and worship You

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