



PRAYER DIARY –MAY 2021

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Date	
Fri 14 th	<p>Pray for Rosie M, the All-age team, Eddie and Chris preparing for Sunday services, that God's Spirit would guide them through his Word.</p> <p>With the recent end of Ramadan, pray for London Muslims to come to know God's love through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.</p>
Sat 15 th	<p>Continue to pray for the Greenwich Foodbank Welcome Centre, that people who need help would receive it, and for good relationships with those helping.</p>
Sun 16 th	<p>Praise God that today, all around the world, Christians can gather to encourage each other in the promises of God.</p>
Mon 17 th	<p>Kathryn Gosden asks for prayer for One Space community café, which reopens today. Pray the café can again be a welcoming place for the Kidbrooke neighbourhood.</p> <p>Give thanks for our PCC meeting tonight, with Tunde Akinkugbe, Julia Wright, Louisa Nevinson-Andrews and Tim Webster recently elected. Pray God gives the PCC strength and insight to serve God's mission in this way.</p>
Tues 18 th	<p>With tonight being the last week of the Case for Christ course, pray for Andrew B and Raki to know how best to support the guests, and that God would reveal himself to guests through Jesus Christ.</p>
Wed 19 th	<p>Pray for Prince Adigheji's arrangements and planning for his father's funeral in Nigeria – for spiritual empowerment and support. Also pray God provides a permanent solution for his accommodation issue.</p> <p>Pray for the UK's and London's newly elected political leaders, that they would serve with humility and truth and do what is right.</p>

Thu 20 th	Pray for this coming Sunday's service leaders – Victoria and Andrew – and preachers – Eddie and Louis . May God guard and guide them at every step.
Fri 21 st	Pray with Dave Angel for Bruce P to stop using substances and reconnect with his son. Associate Mission Partners: Pray for the Medhurst family in India. Hebron School, where they serve, is closed in the Covid crisis. Ask God to keep the family safe as they trust him, and to show them how to manage in this difficult situation.
Sat 22 nd	Give thanks for everyone in the community acting as carers for those in need, and ask for them to receive appropriate support. Mission Partner: Pray with Youth For Christ , that God would answer prayers during the time of 'Pray Through May'. Pray for many young people to hear the gospel of Jesus and put their trust in him as Saviour and Lord.
Sun 23 rd	Give thanks for our church family of all ages and different backgrounds. May God strengthen us in the unity and love of Jesus as we gather for services today .
Mon 24 th	Associate Mission Partner: London City Mission are thankful that there has been a marked change in DNA of many churches in the 'least reached areas' of London with respect to mission. Please pray for their missionaries as they seek to encourage and serve churches in their outreach, and that as churches come out of lockdown they will still have a heart for mission.
Tue 25 th	Pray for the book group meeting this evening – for really fruitful discussions that help participants follow Jesus well.
Wed 26 th	SPEAK PRAY LOVE <i>"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."</i> 1 John 3:18 Let us pray that God would show us ways we could be a blessing to our neighbour: through acts of kindness, compassion, conversation or in other ways.
Thu 27 th	Pray for preparations for services this Sunday, including Victoria and the 6pm Open to Questions team preparing to discuss mental health.
Fri 28 th	Give thanks to God for all recent newcomers to St John's, and pray that, even with Covid restrictions, we can get to know each other and look after them well.
Sat 29 th	Pray for all people who are feeling isolated and lonely for any reason. Pray for Jesus Christ to be their very real comfort and for appropriate companionship and practical support from others. Mission Partner: pray for the finances of Sports Chaplaincy , that it wouldn't just plug the gap of the deficit but be able to grow to meet the increasing needs of individuals in the community of sport.

Sun 30 th	As we meet today for services and Open to Questions , pray that God encourages our hearts in the Lord Jesus and helps us love each other well.
Mon 31 st	On this bank holiday Monday, ask God to help us all enjoy resting in his goodness and promises, and pray that he provides for everyone who is searching for employment.
June	
Tue 1 st	As St John's advertises for a new youth worker , ask God to provide the right person at the right time, to help our young people continue growing as disciples of Jesus.
Wed 2 nd	Pray that God would help us connect and reconnect as church family – with people we know and people we don't – particularly if/when Covid restrictions continue to lift.
Thu 3 rd	Ask God to help Chris, Matt B, Eddie and Hannah L prepare faithfully for this Sunday's services. Continue to ask God to provide Matt and Hannah Lockwood with a suitable place to live in Blackpool, in/near the neighbourhood where they'll be working, ahead of moving there in the summer.
Fri 4 th	Pray for college and university students as they complete their studies and/or prepare for the future. If they feel anxious, may God help them trust him as their heavenly Father to provide for their needs.
Sat 5 th	Associate Mission Partner: pray for God to use the Japanese Fresh Expressions groups, that those attending the two groups would find faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for leaders Simon and Minako Hall to persevere in God's strength.
Sun 6 th	Today on Mission Sunday , pray we'd have greater and greater confidence that God is building his church across the world for his glory!
Mon 7 th	Pray for tonight's Leader's Council , that God would direct the prayer and conversations. SPEAK PRAY LOVE <i>"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people" 1Tim 2:1</i> Please pray that God will fill us with His confidence to enable us to share our faith with our neighbours. Pray for and maybe with your neighbour. Could you encourage them to pray for themselves by sharing with them: trypraying.co.uk
Tue 8 th	Pray for practical clarity and real unity as we adapt to the easing of Covid restrictions.

Wed 9 th	Mission Partner: ask God to show the Street Pastors organisers how and when to begin their patrols again, so that they can be ambassadors for God's grace and love.
Thu 10 th	Pray for Eddie and Chris preparing sermons and services for Sunday, that God would help them clearly explain what God is saying to us through the Bible passages.
Fri 11 th	Mission Partner: continue to pray for perseverance for Ben and Katy Ray in Tanzania. Please pray that Joe and Chloe, their volunteers at Neema Crafts, will get their work permits and for the new Online Shop www.neemahome.org . Mission Partner: Bishop George, Mara Diocese, Tanzania. Pray that God would keep inspiring and equipping churches to preach the gospel at the same time as responding to Covid challenges.
Sat 12 th	Give thanks with Gill Page for Christian retreat centres that have provided inspirational online retreats and conferences. May many people be built up in Christian faith and love as they begin to welcome more guests this year.
Sun 13 th	Ask God to fix the eyes of our hearts on Jesus Christ as we gather today for Sunday services!
Mon 14 th	Give thanks to God for the privilege of prayer, that through Jesus he hears our prayers, and that we can meet tonight for our monthly church prayer meeting.

*“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.”* Ephesians 6:18