

¶ *Pray continually...*

1 Thessalonians 5.17

The most characteristic mark of Christians is that we pray. In public and in private, we behave as if bringing the world's cares and joys to God actually makes a difference.

Sometimes, though, it's difficult to understand why. If God is almighty and all-knowing, what's the point of putting a person or situation before him? He knows what is going to happen anyway so why ask? And then, our understanding of a particular situation may well be limited. How do we know what to ask for?

Prayer is not a technique for changing God's mind, but it is a way of releasing God's power through our openness to his love and concern for his creation. Prayer is about joining in with what God's already doing in the world. He is the creator of all that we know, who sees his creation as good and who is still working to bring the creation to completion. How prayer 'works' is a mystery, but we feel the need to do it.

When we pray for other people, we gather them into our own experience of God, We share our common humanity's relationship with our Creator. As we call to mind people and situations that matter to us, we are slowly and imperceptibly co-operating with God, making the world a better place, more like he wants it to be. He's already creating a better world out of our wreckage of anger, bitterness, hurt, harm and cynicism. He's already at work wherever people come across truth, love, beauty, creativity, joy, peace or healing. He's already here; our job is to join in.

This booklet is very flexible - how you use it is up to you. You may choose to use one item from each page every day for a month, or from just one section spread over three months. If you have a habitual pattern of prayer, you may want to include these concerns. You may want to stick the lists up on the fridge, by the bathroom mirror or near the front door.

One very simple, yet powerful, way to pray for others is to imagine in your mind a visual image. Then hold that image as you take three – slow - deep - breaths. In your imagination, lift each situation or person into the presence of God. Don't try to deliberately think of what to pray for. Just see them become filled with his power and love. It only need take thirty seconds.

¶ *All Saints' District*

- 1 Black Dam Way, Hogarth Close & Turner Close
- 2 Van Dyck Close, Constable Close & Ruskin Close
- 3 Reynolds Close, Rembrandt Close, Raphael Close & Rucstall Sch.
- 4 Renoir Close, Holbein Close, Whistler Close & Park Gardens
- 5 Munnings Close, Landseer Close & Rubens Close
- 6 Gainsborough Road, Stubbs Road & Barrett Close
- 7 Grove Road, Parkside Road, Chesterfield Road & Westfield Road
- 8 Hackwood Rd S of The Ringway, Grove Close & Poynings Crescent
- 9 Camberry Close, Camfield Close, Howard Road & Camrose Way
- 10 Camwood Close, Camlea Close & Farleigh Close
- 11 Jays Close & the Viables Estate, Skippets Lane,
Skippets Gardens, Viables Lane & Beverley Close
- 12 Neville Close, Cliddesden Rd S of The Ringway & Coombehurst Drive.
Queen Mary College
- 13 Russell Road, Cliddesden Court & Foyle Park
- 14 The Harrow Way & The Viables Centre
- 15 Sheppard Rd, Lightfoot Grove, Stocker, Merriat & Ferguson Closes
- 16 Loggon Road, Blunden Close & Aylwin Close
- 17 Morley Road, Kathleen Close, Meadow Road & Cottle Close
- 18 Kingsmill Road, Hele Close, Anstey Close & Hanover Gardens
- 19 Waverley Ave., Schroeder Close, Frithmead Close & St John's School
- 20 Chandler Road, Halliday Close, Ross, Loveridge & Midlane Closes
- 21 Cranbourne Lane, Brunswick Place & Stratton Road
- 22 Bessemer Road, Radford Gardens & Horwood Gardens
- 23 Lister Road, Lennox Road, Sherrington Way, Wella Road,
Kimbell Road; Brighton Hill Retail Park & Bilton Estate
- 24 Old Common Road, Crossborough Hill & Gardens,
White Hart Lane & London Road. Costello Technology College
- 25 Hackwood Road N of The Ringway, Applegarth Close
- 26 Cliddesden Road N of The Ringway, Wallis Road, Castle Road &
Montague Place
- 27 Fairfields Road, Council Road, Jubilee Road,
Beaconsfield Road & Southern Road. Fairfields School.
- 28 Bounty Road & Rise, Hawkfield Lane,
Frances Road, Victoria Street & New Road
- 29 Winchester Road, Wessex Close, Culver Road, Cordale Road &
Cranbourne Business + Enterprise College.
- 30 Charles Richards Close, Frescade Crescent, Blair Road,
Hammond Road & Sylvia Close
- 31 Homeless & transient people, staff & clients of May Place Hostel

¶ *All Saints' community & friends*

- 1 All visitors to our website
- 2 Our Choir, Ben our Organist and our Bell-ringers
- 3 People coming to All Saints for baptism
and bringing children in thanksgiving
- 4 Our Servers, Readers and Intercessors
- 5 Governors and staff of St John's School
- 6 Our House Groups
- 7 St Michael's Church, with those who minister and worship there
- 8 Those who clean and care for our Church building
- 9 Monks of Alton Abbey and Sisters of Bethany at Southsea
- 10 Organisations who use our Church Hall
- 11 St Peter's Church, with those who minister and worship there
- 12 Ministry of Sidesmen and Welcomers
- 13 Senior Section Guides, Brownies, Rainbows; Scouts, Cubs and Beavers
- 14 Our Thursday Morning Congregation
- 15 Alliance of Basingstoke Churches
- 16 Those who come together for Stillness on Sunday
- 17 Couples coming for marriage and those who prepare them
- 18 Ministry Team: Rosalind, Pat, Graham and Elizabeth
- 19 Our Flower Arrangers and those who care for our gardens
- 20 Bishops Peter, with Archdeacon Michael & the Diocesan staff
- 21 The Team PCC members and officers
- 22 Those to whom we take Home Communion
- 23 Churches of Basingstoke Deanery, members of Deanery Synod
and Arthur Botham, our Area Dean
- 24 Our DCC members and officers
- 25 St Gabriel's Church, with those who minister and worship there
- 26 People whose funerals have been taken by Rosalind, Pat
and Elizabeth in the last month, and those who mourn them
- 27 Our Churchwardens: Eve and Rhian
- 28 Church of Christ the King with those who minister and worship there
- 29 Those who worship with 'SmAll Saints'
- 30 Street Pastors & the Town Centre Chaplaincy
- 31 Those from All Saints who are away at college or university

¶ *Our Town and community life*

- 1 Those working for the emergency services: fire, police & ambulance
- 2 The sick, chronically ill, the housebound
- 3 Those who work as personal carers in homes and the community
- 4 Healing and reconciliation amongst households and families
- 5 Civil servants and local government officers
- 6 Those who work in manufacturing businesses
- 7 Maria Miller, our MP
- 8 Those living with mental illness
- 9 People who are recently bereaved and those marking the
anniversary of the death of someone close this month
- 10 Those who believe themselves to be lonely and unloved
- 11 People who care for our parks, theatres and other places of recreation
- 12 All medical and healthcare workers
- 13 People working in essential public services and utilities
- 14 Our Borough and County Councillors
- 15 Those working in shops and the retail industry
- 16 People moving home into and out of Basingstoke
- 17 Those working in the legal, finance and service sectors
- 18 Those entering and leaving of this life & those who accompany them
- 19 Those employed in local hotels, pubs, clubs & hospitality business
- 20 All migrants, asylum seekers and refugees
- 21 People working in media, publishing & public relations
- 22 Basingstoke Jobcentre and its staff
- 23 All children and young people
- 24 Those in mid-life and older people
- 25 People with unpaid caring responsibilities for others
- 26 Those who are, or have been abused and for their abusers
- 27 People working in our neighbouring schools and colleges
- 28 The unemployed and unemployable
- 29 People carrying managerial and leadership responsibilities
- 30 Those whose closest relationships bring them pain
- 31 Voluntary workers of all kinds

|| *My own prayers*

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This is a living document, as we learn to live and pray with the people and situations listed. If you have any suggestions for the next edition, please contact Revds Rosalind or Pat, or Andy Macqueen.

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