

CWR

PrayerTrack

AUGUST-OCTOBER 2018

WELCOME TO PRAYER TRACK, our guide to help focus intercession on the local, regional and international ministry of CWR. Please pray for people and places with great spiritual need and for opportunities to reveal the love of Jesus Christ to others.

AUGUST

'Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.' Isaiah 49:13

WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST

Across the UK, Scripture Union summer camps are taking place. Pray for the gatherings on beaches, in churches, community centres and schools. Praise God for the many volunteers who all share the same heart to reach out to children with the incredible news that God loves them.

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST

Pray for *Every Day with Jesus* readers today. Ask God for an influx of new subscribers who desire to deepen their relationship with God. Thank God for the Bible and the guidance it gives our lives.

FRIDAY 3 AUGUST

So much of CWR's ministry is only possible because of the generosity, prayers and support of those who leave gifts in their Will. Join us in giving thanks today for God's amazing provision through the legacies left by CWR supporters.

WEEKEND 4-5 AUGUST

The Christian festival, Creationfest, starts today in Cornwall and runs for the next week. Pray for the Holy Spirit to meet with everyone who attends, as they worship together and listen to

great teaching. Pray for safety, health, good weather and fun for all attendees.

MONDAY 6 AUGUST

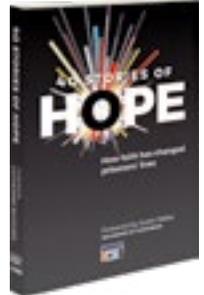
Thank God for the invaluable work that the charity Care for the Family carry out in the UK. Ask Him to help them as they campaign for a Christian voice in politics, to guide them as they develop new materials for families and to encourage them with new supporters.

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

Pray for every church currently using CWR materials for teaching. Thank God for the brilliant resources that assist thousands of people every year in their walk with Him, and ask God to unite churches as they learn more about His character and love through CWR church programmes.

WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST

In 2017, thousands of copies of *40 Stories of Hope*, a book filled with stories of life-changing encounters with Jesus, were delivered to prisons in the UK. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the heart of every person who received a copy and is reading the book.



THURSDAY 9 AUGUST

Mick Brooks is at New Wine today, speaking on Mental Health. Pray for him as he teaches on this important subject, and for everyone attending his seminar.

FRIDAY 10 AUGUST

Offer a prayer of personal thanks to God today: Lord, I thank You for prayer – that I can come before You and call You Father; that You listen to me and care about everything I bring before You. Today, above all else, I choose to give You thanks. Amen.

WEEKEND 11-12 AUGUST

Sunday is International Youth Day. Pray for the children and young adults you know. Pray that they would know they are loved by God, and that they would have an awareness of their value in Christ. Pray for opportunities to support and love the young people in your life.

MONDAY 13 AUGUST

Pray for the ongoing work of CWR Asia. Praise God for the translators who work with CWR to reach many new students in Singapore and Cambodia. Pray for safety and protection for the students and teachers, and that with each new intake the number of students would keep increasing.

TUESDAY 14 AUGUST

Pray for churches running the six-week Pastoral Care series Paraclesis: Journeying Together. Pray that the resources are helpful in equipping church leaders as they teach and lead their congregation to develop communities that love and care for one another.



WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST

Praise God for sending Jesus! Praise Jesus for the hope we have because of His sacrifice, for the joy we have in knowing that we are free to live life to the full because we have the security of eternity. Pray that we won't ever take salvation for granted.

THURSDAY 16 AUGUST

Ask God to open your eyes today to the beauty of His world and to prompt you to care for and protect what has been gifted to you. Pray for the advancement of conservation and renewable energy and that our governments will prioritise looking after our earth.

FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

Pray for the trustee board of CWR who freely and generously volunteer their time to provide governance advice, strategy expertise, prayer and pastoral leadership. Join CWR in thanking God for them and ask Him to guide their decisions for the ongoing work of the ministry.

WEEKEND 18-19 AUGUST

Sunday is World Humanitarian Day. Pray for the millions of people around the world whose lives are affected by conflict. Pray for the brave health and aid workers who help people in need, risking their own lives to provide humanitarian support.

MONDAY 20 AUGUST

CWR's five-day Introduction to Biblical Care and Counselling course starts today. Lift up the delegates who are taking time to pursue the idea of Christian counselling, seeking God's heart as they work out whether a career in counselling is right for them.

TUESDAY 21 AUGUST

Pray for your family members who are not yet Christians, and for those who have followed paths in life that seem to be leading them away from Jesus. Pray for their eyes to be opened, for Jesus to be revealed to them and for God to bring them back to Him.

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

Pray for the readers of *Life Every Day* and thank God for the editors and designers who work with Jeff Lucas to create the daily Bible reading notes. Pray that this material will inspire every reader to live their life with confidence in God and share their faith with others.

THURSDAY 23 AUGUST

Today is International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. Pray for anti-slavery charities as they work with local authorities to increase awareness and support for victims. Pray for courage and God-given opportunities for victims to reach out for – and receive – help and freedom.

FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

Pray for CWR's Small Group Central website, which hosts a collection of resources, advice, encouraging blogs and ideas for small groups. Pray that more people will find and use this valuable resource to strengthen, inspire and grow their small groups as they walk with God.



WEEKEND 25–26 AUGUST

It is the final week of the Soul Survivor festivals – pray for the thousands of young people who have encountered God during the past few weeks. Pray that the truth they have learnt, the fun they've had and the presence of God will go with them back into their schools and homes.

Our prayers this week will focus on the Persecuted Church

MONDAY 27 AUGUST

Open Doors reports that in Egypt, where persecution against Christians is increasing, Christian girls are being targeted by Islamic extremists. They are being groomed and pushed into forced marriages by people they thought they could trust. Pray for safety and support for all the girls who are at risk.

TUESDAY 28 AUGUST

Tearfund have asked us to pray for the people of the Central African Republic (CAR). Ask God to help Tearfund and their local partners as they bring hope and healing to conflict-affected communities. Pray for everyone currently displaced as a result of violence, and for God's peace to fall on CAR.

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST

In Vietnam, churches and pastors are often under surveillance by the authorities: they risk beatings, imprisonment and torture for preaching the gospel. Pray for Release International as they work to help and support Christians and fight for religious freedom.



THURSDAY 30 AUGUST

Persecution increases in India as Hindu nationalists continue to attack Christians. Intercede on behalf of people fearing for their lives. Ask God to strengthen, protect, provide for and comfort them and to increase their faith as they see miracles, healings and more people becoming Christians in their country.

FRIDAY 31 AUGUST

When Christians are discovered in North Korea, they are deported to labour camps or killed immediately. Meeting for worship is almost impossible. Pray for Christians to be protected, for secret prayer meetings to be filled with God's presence and for underground churches to swell and thrive in spite of persecution.

SEPTEMBER

'But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.' 2 Corinthians 4:7

WEEKEND 1–2 SEPTEMBER

Revival is the very foundation and heart of CWR. Pray for revival in a place that you care about today: maybe it's your family, your neighbourhood or your workplace. Ask God to open the eyes of people around you, that they would see His unfailing love and sense His powerful presence.

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Pray for teachers and pupils heading back to school in the UK after the summer break. Ask God to guide and inspire teachers as they prepare, and to instil in children the desire and confidence to learn and grow. Thank God for the opportunity of education and learning.

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Thank God for CWR's home – Waverley Abbey House, for the great and sacred space we have to host courses and teaching on site. Pray for the team who look after the house, keeping it clean, safe and welcoming. Pray for God's presence to be tangible to all who visit the house.

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Today, on the International Day of Charity, pray for charities to support one another in solidarity rather than compete against one another. Pray for an increase in respect and trust for charities who are working hard with integrity and honesty to bring lasting, sustainable change all over the world.

THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Pray for the tutors of Waverley Abbey College, and for Andy Peck as he leads a day on Pastoral Care today. Ask God to continue to guide them as they teach on the vital counselling and spiritual formation courses. Pray that they would continue to enjoy their work and be sustained and fulfilled as they teach and inspire students.

FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Today CWR welcomes the Prayer Partners who meet at Waverley Abbey House to pray for the charity and the wider world. Pray for a great time of fellowship and unity as they intercede in prayer for the world and seek God's heart for the future of CWR's ministry.

WEEKEND 8-9 SEPTEMBER

Waverley Abbey House is open to the public this Saturday for a National Heritage Open Day. Pray for the staff serving refreshments and running guided tours, and for everyone who comes to the house to experience something of the presence and love of God.

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Pray for Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury) and other church leaders who are often highlighted in the media and live under the scrutiny of the public eye. Pray that as they represent the Church they would be bold in sharing their faith and that their voice would be respected and listened to.

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Christian Resources Together are meeting today and tomorrow for a 36-hour retreat for bookshops and publishers. Pray that all those attending would meet with God and leave feeling refreshed and encouraged.

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) delivers practical help, medical aid, and spiritual hope to many of the most remote communities on earth. Pray for safety for pilots and teams as they fly into dangerous areas, and for the aid they deliver to get to those who need it most.

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

'We pray for those who are imprisoned because of their faith: give them courage to face the beatings, patience to bear the lies, and hope to see beyond the bars. May we do all we can to let them know that they are not forgotten.' – A Prayer from Open Doors

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Today begins the Inspiring Women Autumn Weekend: God's Abundance. Pray for the delegates – especially those who have doubts and questions and feel far from God – to have an inspiring time that fills them up and sustains them as they return to daily life.

WEEKEND 15-16 SEPTEMBER

Today we look forward to another CWR Partners' Day. Praise God for CWR's Partners who support the ministry. Ask God for more Partners to sign up as their prayers and donations are integral to the growth and future of CWR. Pray for the younger generations to also engage with CWR, both to benefit from and support the ministry.

MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5). Today, pause to thank God that He can bring light into every situation. Praise Him for being the light of the world and ask Him to help you reflect that light into the communities around you.



TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Pray for your local MP. Give thanks for their hard work and pray for opportunities to uplift and support them – regardless of your own political affiliations or opinions. Pray for more Christians to be elected into local and regional government positions.

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Pray for the CWR new release *Carried by Grace* – an *Every Day with Jesus* one-year devotional. Pray for the readers of this book to be encouraged to share their faith with others and that this book would be instrumental in leading people closer to God.

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

It is good that foodbanks exist to support struggling people in our communities, but so sad that the number of people relying on them is increasing. Pray for more welfare support from the state for people in need, and for the founders of foodbanks like The Trussell Trust to be able to navigate increasing demand.

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Today is the International Day of Peace, when the UN hope to strengthen the ideals of peace within all nations and peoples. Thank God for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and pray that more people will encounter His peace, which surpasses all understanding and can reach into every situation.

WEEKEND 22–23 SEPTEMBER

Lift up the Bible Discovery Weekend: Faithful Living in a Faithless World, currently taking place at Waverley Abbey House. Pray for Philip Greenslade as he teaches, and that those attending the course would have a fulfilling time and receive fresh biblical revelations.

The focus of our prayers this week is CWR's National Prayer Weekend

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Pray for your neighbours, for people you know who live alone, for people who are struggling with illness and for God's peace to fall on your neighbourhood. Pray protection over your neighbours' homes and families, and ask God to give you opportunities and courage to share His love with those around you.

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Pray for your local schools. Ask God to shine in the lives of children and teachers who know Him, for His name to be talked about in the staff rooms and playgrounds, and for the Bible to be read in assemblies and His goodness to be obvious when Christianity is taught.

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Pray for hospitals. Thank God for the medical staff at your local hospital. Praise Him for the NHS and ask Him to lift the burden of busy workloads and long hours and to give the staff strength, joy and stamina to work hard and deliver excellent care to their patients.

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Pray for your local council – for guidance for the decision makers, for good relationships between the council and churches and for Christians to be elected into positions of authority where they can make a positive influence for God's glory.

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Pray for every person and church taking part in the National Prayer Weekend. Ask God to give them courage to step out and ask those around them if they can pray for them. Pray for answers to prayer, healings and miracles and for new friendships to be formed this weekend.



WEEKEND 29–30 SEPTEMBER

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit over all the communities that are being covered in prayer this weekend. Ask God to draw people to prayer and worship events and to speak to their hearts.

OCTOBER

'Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.'
Psalm 24:7

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER



Pray for places affected by drought, where there is not enough food to feed the population. Ask God to send abundant rain to replenish water supplies and for a successful harvest of strong, healthy crops so that there may be plenty of food and water, with excess to store for future use.

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER

Today on the International Day of Non-Violence, thank God for Jesus – our Prince of Peace – and ask Him to show His presence in war-torn, divided places. Pray for tolerance, patience, forgiveness and understanding and for peaceful resolutions to be made where there is conflict.

WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER

Give thanks for the many different ways that we are able to receive God's Word, and pray for more people to use CWR's eBooks as they seek to learn more about God. Pray for an increase in the number of people who buy email subscriptions to CWR's daily Bible reading notes.

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER

The annual 24-7 Prayer Gathering starts today in Vienna. Thank God for the testimonies and stories that will be shared and pray for an outpouring of His Spirit over every activity, prayer, worship session and event that takes place over the next few days.

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER

Lift up the staff at CWR today and ask God to bless them with good health, stamina and the persistence to work hard for the charity. Thank Him for good working relationships and ask God to inspire them with great ideas to push the ministry forward.

WEEKEND 6-7 OCTOBER

Rachel Wright will be leading 'Shattered' today, a day of seminars considering how we can faithfully deal with the unexpected. Pray for Rachel as she shares from her own experiences, and that those attending would feel supported and inspired.

MONDAY 8 OCTOBER

The international aid organisation, CARE, warns that more than 3.25 million women of reproductive age in Yemen face increasing health and protection risks. Conditions for women and girls are deteriorating rapidly. Pray for protection, aid, resources and help to reach those who need it.

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER

Pray for course leaders Anne Calver and Clare Lambert today as they lead the Inspiring Women Autumn Day at Waverley Abbey House. Pray that the ladies attending will encounter God through the teaching on Women of Courage.

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

CWR continues to teach, advise and support Christians in understanding, loving and helping people who suffer with their mental and emotional health. Today on World Mental Health Day, pray for your church to prioritise people with mental health issues and to be recognised in the community as a loving and supportive environment. Please pray especially for Patrick Regan as he leads an Honesty Over Silence seminar this evening at Waverley Abbey House.

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER

Praise God today for the earth that He has gifted to us, and all the beautiful plants and animals He has created for us to enjoy. Commit to caring for every part of God's creation, and ask Him to prompt you to be a good steward of the earth.



FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER

Thank God for all the students who are currently undertaking studies through Waverley Abbey College. Pray for their coursework and their career ambitions. Ask God to encourage and support them as they lean on Him, and for their efforts to bring glory to His name.

WEEKEND 13-14 OCTOBER

This Saturday, Patrick Regan and Heather Churchill will be leading back-to-back Insight seminars on Perfectionism and Shame at All Saints Church in Peckham, London. We would greatly value your prayers for all those attending, and for Patrick and Heather as they lead and answer questions.

The theme for our prayers this week is the next generation

MONDAY 15 OCTOBER

Please pray today for wisdom for those considering leaving a legacy gift to CWR in their Will. Ask that God would lead the charity to steward these financial gifts in ways that will reach the next generation, showing the Word of God to be alive and relevant.

TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER

Pray for the charity Home for Good today. Their vision is 'a home for every child who needs one'. Pray for more families to want to foster and adopt children and for the children who are placed in care to know that they are loved and valued.

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER

Whole generations are at risk with hundreds of thousands of children living in dangerous situations as refugees. Ask God to protect refugees living in fear and restore them to a safe place where their rights will be recognised and they will be valued and protected.

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER

Offer a prayer of thanks today for the changes in legislation around recycling and plastic. Pray for even more awareness and education in how to protect our earth. Ask God to prompt you to care for His earth and to protect it for future generations.

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER

CWR has so many wonderful books and Bible reading resources for children. Pray that families will enjoy time reading together and learning new things about God's Word. Thank God for all of CWR's children's authors and the love and time that they put into creating such valuable resources.

WEEKEND 20-21 OCTOBER

Pray for Christians at universities to have the courage to share their faith with others. Pray that they would reflect Jesus' light and be recognised as the peacemakers, loyal friends and trustworthy, hardworking students. Ask God to strengthen their friendships with others who do not yet know Him.



MONDAY 22 OCTOBER

Pray today for the research and hard work that goes into diagnosing and treating cancer. Thank God for the funding and support for this essential work and pray that there will be a breakthrough in science and healthcare, eliminating cancer altogether.

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER

CWR has recently released a book and DVD – *James Hudson Taylor: Called by God into the Heart of the Dragon* – which chronicles the incredible story of the famous missionary. Pray for successful sales so that this inspiring story can influence and encourage many others to share the gospel.

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER

Lift up the emergency services today and pray for the people in our daily lives who we often take for granted. Thank God for the everyday heroes who risk so much for us so that we can live safe lives, and pray for opportunities to thank them ourselves.

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER

Thank God today for CWR's authors: thank Him for their creativity, heart and passion to bring God's truth to our lives through their writing, characters, stories, thoughts and insightful revelations of God's character. Pray for excellent ongoing working relationships between authors and the publishing team.

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

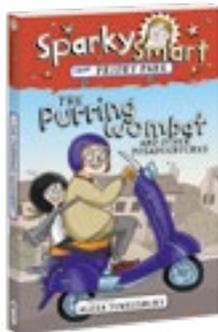
Join with other Christians around the world in interceding for Syria. The violence, desperate circumstances and distress that Syrian people are experiencing is overwhelming. Pray that, somehow, those in desperate need will encounter the eternal hope and joy of Jesus among the hardships they face. Praise God that He hears your prayers.

WEEKEND 27-28 OCTOBER

Thank God for the thousands of people who joined in with the National Prayer Weekend in September. Pray for stories of answered prayer to be shared and that many more people will be open to hearing about Jesus Christ because of an encounter they had during the weekend.

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER

Pray for CWR's new series of children's books, *Sparky Smart from Priory Park*. Ask God to show more of His unconditional love to children reading these fun books and to bring families closer together as they seek to include God in all areas of their lives.



TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER

Thank God for the hundreds of thousands of people who support and take part in 24-7 Prayer events. Join with the charity in praying for more prayer rooms to be created and used. Pray for revival to pour out from every single one of these places of prayer.



WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER

Praise God today that He can overcome any darkness, loneliness, fear or sadness in people's lives. Pray that, as people celebrate Halloween today, God's love and light will shine brighter than any darkness, especially through fun events that churches are hosting as alternatives to Halloween.

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