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PrayerTrack

NOVEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019

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.

November

'give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

1 Thessalonians 5:18

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

On All Saints' Day, let's remember those who suffer for their faith today. May God give them strength to be able to continue to worship Him 'in all circumstances'.

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Lift up the readers of *Inspiring Women Every Day* and ask God to use the daily Bible reading notes to speak truth, hope and light into their lives. Pray for more women to start using the notes in their daily walk with God.

WEEKEND 3-4 NOVEMBER

On Saturday CWR are co-hosting an Insight Day in London with Patrick Regan on Anxiety and Depression. Praise God for the freedom to teach on such important topics. Pray for every attendee to feel like they have made a valuable step in their own journey of dealing with anxiety and depression.



MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Today, on World Tsunami Day, pray for communities that are recovering from natural disasters. Pray for people who live in fear of tsunamis happening again and taking away everything they have struggled and worked hard to rebuild. Pray for their fears to be replaced with God's peace and protection.

TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Thank God for the housekeeping and catering staff who look after Waverley Abbey House. Pray that they would feel valued, supported and appreciated, as much of their work is behind the scenes. Pray for their safety as they work long hours doing tiring manual work.

WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Today on National Stress Awareness Day, pray for people who suffer from stress and associated mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression. Pray for God's transcending peace to fall on those suffering with stress and for opportunities to draw alongside and help people, speaking God's truth and light into their lives.

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Please pray for CWR's ministry in Asia and beyond, as we continue to translate discipleship materials into various languages. Ask God to bless the work of the translators, and that these materials will get into the hands of those who need them.

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Pray for the global Church as brothers and sisters who represent the body of Christ, united and working together. Pray for protection for your global family members whose churches face persecution and live in fear of being destroyed or shut down.

WEEKEND 10-11 NOVEMBER

Pray for the work of the anti-slavery charity, Hope for Justice, today. Ask God to help them as they work to prevent exploitation, and to give them success and safety as they rescue victims and begin the slow, life-changing work of helping them get their lives back.

MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Lift up the delegates starting the Introduction to Biblical Care and Counselling course today at CWR. Pray that over the next five days they will learn more about themselves and others. Ask God to inspire them to continue their Christian counselling journey by joining further Waverley Abbey College courses.



TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Shelter Box, a charity providing aid and shelter for people around the world, say: 'Right now, around 85 million people around the world have been made homeless by natural disaster and conflict.' Pray for their work providing emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by violence and disaster.

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Ask God to be with Andy Peck today as he teaches Preaching with Humour at Waverley Abbey House. Pray that Andy will be encouraged by the attendance of the course, the response of the delegates and the discussions that are shared throughout the day.

THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Pray for two new books in the *Cover to Cover* study guide series from CWR being released this month. Pray that the studies *Song of Songs* and *Genesis 12-50* will engage readers in new revelations of God's Word, giving them a fuller understanding of God's character and purpose for their lives.

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER

As Derek Holbird leads the much-needed course, Healthy You: Healthy Schools at CWR today, pray that education practitioners will be encouraged, inspired and equipped to stay passionate in their service to the youth they serve, while caring

for their own wellbeing and working within the limitations put upon them.

WEEKEND 17-18 NOVEMBER

Thank God for the gift of prayer. Thank Him that He listens, speaks and answers us. Reflect on this verse today as you bring your own petitions and praise before Him: 'This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us' (1 John 5:14).

MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Today on World Toilet Day, pray for communities who don't have access to safe, clean and functional sanitation. Pray for charities and organisations who are improving hygiene and sanitation in poor communities across the world. Ask God to provide resources, staff and funding to further their work.

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Pray for the Advent Supper, hosted by Philip Greenslade, taking place at Waverley Abbey House this evening. Thank God for the excitement that surrounds Advent, and pray that everyone attending will experience fresh awareness and wonder of the incredible gift of Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Pray for the police service in the UK who work so hard to look after us. Pray for safety, support and more resources. Pray for Christians in the police to have opportunities to bring more of God's peace and presence into their stations, and also into the communities they are serving.



THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Lift up the children, parents and guardians reading Andy Robb's *Walk through the Bible* series with 40 stories from the Old and New Testaments. Pray that as they read about the Bible, children will get excited about God's Word and realise how relevant, important and powerful it is for their own lives.

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Thank God for the leaders of your church. Pray that He would inspire them and help them to find time to spend in His presence learning more about Him. Pray for their health and for the gift of quality time to spend with their friends and family.

WEEKEND 24-25 NOVEMBER

Pray for our earth today – that our awareness of wanting to care for the environment, and knowledge of global warming, will turn into action. Praise God for the people who have discovered alternatives to fossil fuels and pray that we can start to repair the beautiful planet He has given us.

This week we focus our prayers on other Christian charities

MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Lift up 24-7 Prayer today and ask God to keep giving them favour as they support and inspire people all over the world to keep praying. Ask for God to guide them as they launch new apps to help people pray more, and to increase the reach of their work.

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Thank God for the work that the international development charity Tearfund do all over the world. Pray for the in-country partners who are working on the front line of responding to disasters, providing aid and building sustainable long-lasting support in some of the poorest places on earth.

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Pray for Care for the Family today. Thank God for the expert support they provide to Christian families all over the UK. Pray for more churches

to host their training events and use their resources. Ask God to help them reach the families who need them most.

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Praise God for the vital work that Open Doors carries out every single day, serving persecuted Christians all over the world. Pray for safety for staff when they are travelling to dangerous places. And ask God to protect, strengthen and grow their work with the secret Church.

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Thank God for Christian Vision for Men (CVM). Pray for their work reaching out to men, introducing them to Jesus and connecting them into churches. Pray that through the work of CVM many more men will come to know that they are loved and valued by God, and find their purpose in Him.

December

'The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.'

Psalm 145:18

WEEKEND 1-2 DECEMBER

Father, help me to hear Your voice once again in this special season of Advent. Give me the courage to choose to focus on You this Christmas. Renew a sense of wonder at the gift of Jesus in this season. Amen.

MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

Pray for small groups using CWR Advent resources in the lead-up to Christmas. Ask God to inspire them as they spend time studying His Word, and give them great discussions where they can encourage each other's faith and deepen their own relationship with God.

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER

Lift up people struggling with unanswered prayer today. Ask God to give them hope to persevere in talking to Him, sharing with Him their frustrations, and to keep their faith strong while they wait. Pray that they would be reminded of God's faithfulness and promises, and thank Him that He always listens to us.

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Today, Andy Peck is teaching the course Revolutionise your Devotional Life for CWR. Pray that every delegate will learn something new as Andy teaches from the Bible, and that everyone would feel inspired to spend more time seeking God's presence after they leave Waverley Abbey House.

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

As delegates meet together for the Inspiring Women Christmas Celebration today, ask God to stir up a new passion for His Word and presence. Pray that any friends who have been invited along but are not yet Christians will feel encouraged, loved and want to find out more about Jesus.

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

Pray that people would be inspired to buy gift subscriptions to CWR's daily Bible reading notes for their friends and families – to introduce them to, or encourage them in, the life-changing habit of reading God's Word every day. Praise God for the Bible and pray for a national revival of passion for God and His Word.

WEEKEND 8-9 DECEMBER

Lift up politicians and their teams trying to decide and implement Brexit plans. Ask God to guide their decisions, and thank Him that He is dependable and unchanging. Pray that in times of uncertainty, Christians are able to witness God's love, wisdom and steadfastness.

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

Today is Human Rights Day. Pause and thank God for the freedom that you have to work, get an education, access health care and to receive support from society. As you consider these blessings, lift up the people in the world who have had their rights taken away from them.

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Spend some time today thinking about, and praying for, the people you love who do not yet know Jesus. Ask for the Holy Spirit to break into their lives and begin to open their eyes to something more. Pray for opportunities to gently and boldly share your faith with them.

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Pray for God to comfort those who are lonely during the Christmas period. Ask Him to give you opportunities to show His love to people who live alone, don't have family or friends close to them, or are struggling without any support during this season.

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

Thank God for the amazing way that He provides for CWR and has kept the charity growing for more than 50 years. Pray for the success of the current Christmas fundraising appeal and that God will guide CWR to use the donations well to further His kingdom.

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

Pray for foodbanks and staff as they face additional strain while people plan for Christmas. Pray for an increase in donations, volunteers and resources so that everyone who needs and wants food this Christmas is provided for.

WEEKEND 15-16 DECEMBER

Lift up any church outreach services or events that are being planned in your local area over the next few weeks. Thank God for the opportunities we have to reach out to our neighbours, friends and colleagues and ask for the courage to introduce someone to Him over this Christmas season.



Our prayers this week will be focused on refugees and migrants

MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

Pause and think about how much fear you would have to feel before you decided that leaving your home was the best option you had. Pray

for God's peace to fall on people who are fleeing their homes. Pray that they would be protected and provided for as they step into the unknown.

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

Migrants are the topic of many political arguments about space, resources and jobs. But more importantly, they are people who are as precious to God as we are. Today on International Migrant's Day, remember migrants as individuals and pray for them to know God's love and hope.

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER

Lift up people who are escaping dangerous situations as they travel to somewhere safer. Pray for safety as they travel, for protection of their physical, mental and emotional health and that they would be supported and helped by any people or places they meet and pass along the way.

THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER

Ask God to prepare the hearts and minds of the governments and authorities who will be opening the borders of their countries to let refugees in. Pray that they would be loving, kind and welcoming; that refugees would be given dignity, respect, opportunity and a voice.

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER

Praise God for the hardworking charities who are opening our eyes to the error of stereotyping people, and teaching us how to help refugees and migrants. Pray that they would receive the funding they need to provide support, aid and assistance to people in need who are arriving in our country.



WEEKEND 22-23 DECEMBER

Father, we pray that our churches will be openminded and welcoming places, full of people who offer refuge, acceptance and love. Help us to remember that Your Son arrived as a refugee, with young parents, in a foreign land. Please help us to be compassionate and loving. Amen.

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER

Praise God for the caring, and often over-worked, NHS staff looking after people over the Christmas period. Pray that they would be treated with respect and have time to have fun with family and friends around busy shifts.

TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER

Today on Christmas Day, pause amidst the busyness and excitement, the pressure and the plans, to pray a thanksgiving prayer for the gift of Jesus. Thank Him for the hope He brought to earth, and ultimately the sacrifice that He made for us.

WEDNESDAY 26 DECEMBER

Lift up children in care today. Pray that they would feel valued and have fun this Christmas time. Ask God to bring the right people into their lives, who will show them how loved they are by their heavenly Father. Pray that they make new precious memories this Christmas.

THURSDAY 27 DECEMBER

Pray for people sleeping on the streets, without homes. Pray for safety and protection, and for warmth and generosity of people with offers of food, shelter and help. Pray for opportunities for churches to reach out to homeless people in their communities and make them feel included, welcomed and valued.

FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER

Pray that this Christmas the statistics will report less food waste than previous years. Pray that we would care for our environment and not waste what we do not need. Thank God that we have plenty and that we can delight in the abundance that He has provided.

WEEKEND 29-30 DECEMBER

Lift up people working in the care sector over the Christmas period. Pray for good

relationships between staff and residents in care homes for the elderly. Pray for friendships to be strengthened and that care workers will be respected and appreciated. Ask God to give them strength in challenging work environments.

MONDAY 31 DECEMBER

Thank God today for the way that He has guided you this year. Reflect on the difficult times and what you have learnt from them, thank Him for the easier times and praise Him for His faithfulness, provision and love.

January

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.'

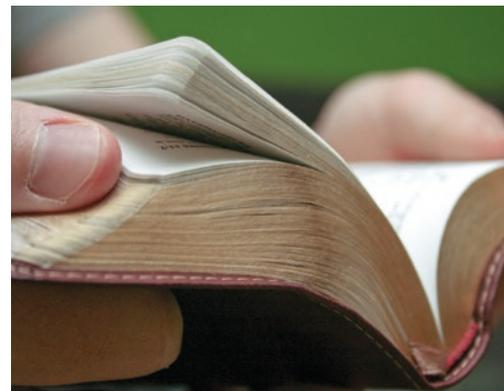
Colossians 4:2

TUESDAY 1 JANUARY

Heavenly Father, we pause at the beginning of this new year and confess our need of Your guidance and presence. We give You our hopes and fears, our expectations and our doubts, and we thank You that You have crowned the year with Your goodness. Please help us to keep in step with Your Spirit throughout the year.

WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY

Pray for everyone who has resolved to read the Bible more this year. Ask for blessing over the hopes and dreams they have for 2019. Pray that as they persevere, they will be rewarded by the deepening of their faith and greater intimacy with God.



THURSDAY 3 JANUARY

Pray for more people to book onto CWR courses this year. As people are thinking about what they want to learn about and grow in spiritually in 2019, ask God to draw their attention to CWR adverts and inspire them to book onto CWR courses.

FRIDAY 4 JANUARY

Lift up the loyal prayer partners who are meeting today at Waverley Abbey House to pray for CWR and the wider world. Ask God to give them a time of refreshing fellowship, filled with encouraging conversations and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

WEEKEND 5-6 JANUARY

Pray for the work of the charity Kintsugi Hope, who exist to create safe and supportive spaces for people experiencing mental and emotional health challenges. Pray for their teaching and resources to reach those in need, and ask God to draw close to people as they start their journey of restoration.

Our prayers this week will focus on families

MONDAY 7 JANUARY

Lift up new parents today. Ask God to give them strength and patience to persevere when things are difficult, and to not be too hard on themselves when they are struggling. Pray for friends and families to come alongside them with encouragement and support.

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY

Ask God to pour His love and comforting Holy Spirit on split families. Pray for children who are confused and parents who are heart-broken, hurt and embarrassed. Ask God to heal and grow self-esteem, renew hope and help families to love each other.

WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY

Thank God for the work of Home for Good. The charity, run by Krish Kandiah, has a vision for every child who needs a home to be welcomed into a stable, loving home where they can thrive. Pray for more success stories to come out of their work of lasting, impactful change in children's lives.

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

Pray for the older generation in your own family today. Ask God to help families care effectively for elderly members, to respect their decisions and for relationships to remain strong when they are put under strain by deteriorating health.

FRIDAY 11 JANUARY

Pray for CWR's family devotionals written by Steve and Bekah Legg. Praise God for the way that they bring families together and teach them to share their faith with one another, as they get to know God better. Pray that more families will buy the books.

WEEKEND 12-13 JANUARY

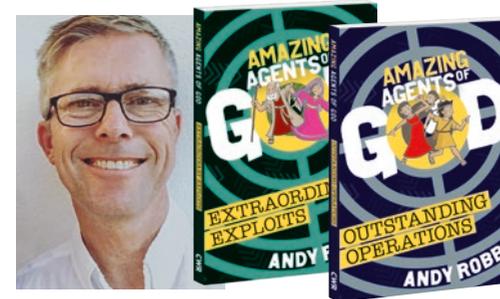
Ask God to prompt Christian families to show the hospitality of Christ to their non-Christian friends, neighbours and family members. Pray for the courage to be generous, the boldness to invite them to events at church, and the willingness to welcome them into their homes and to share Jesus' love in words and actions.

MONDAY 14 JANUARY

Praise God for the high numbers of students on the Waverley Abbey College BA and Master's degree courses. Thank Him for the impact that the graduates are having in the world of Christian counselling – helping people to understand more about themselves, their relationships, and finding their identity in God.

TUESDAY 15 JANUARY

Pray for the two new *Amazing Agents of God* books being released in January. Praise God for the creativity and skills of author and illustrator, Andy Robb, and pray that many children will be inspired by the Bible characters they read about in the books.



WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY

Pray for the safety of people who dedicate their lives to working in dangerous places and countries to translate and distribute Bibles. Pray for safety and ingenuity so they can continue to spread God's Word to hard-to-reach places.

THURSDAY 17 JANUARY

Thank God for the success of the Alpha course that leads so many people into relationship with Jesus every year. Pray for people going through the course currently, that they will encounter God and experience great joy as they discover how loved, valued and precious they are.

FRIDAY 18 JANUARY

Praise God for the continued opportunities CWR have to teach Christian counselling courses in Singapore and Cambodia. Pray for wisdom and guidance as plans are made for expansion, more courses are added to the training schedule, and new countries approach CWR asking for teaching material.

WEEKEND 19-20 JANUARY

Pray for God to strengthen CWR's relationship with prison chaplains so that they can better serve prisoners and prison staff. Thank God for the opportunities and resources that CWR have to serve prisons in the UK and Australia. Ask God to reveal to you a way that you can support your local prison.

MONDAY 21 JANUARY

Pray for the charity Compassion, as they carry out their vital work caring for vulnerable children all over the world. Pray that more and more children would be sponsored, know God's love, and feel valued by both their sponsors and the God who desperately loves each and every one of His children.

TUESDAY 22 JANUARY

Thank God that we have so many different ways to access His Word. Ask Him to inspire CWR with new ways to support and help people from all generations and walks of life to connect with the Bible and apply its truth, grace and wisdom in their daily lives.

WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY

Pray for small groups in churches today. Pray that they would be safe places where pastoral concerns are listened to and held in confidence, and needs are met. Pray that CWR's resources can be used to facilitate honesty and compassion, and to help leaders as they try to build authentic community in their small groups.



THURSDAY 24 JANUARY

Pray for your neighbours today. Ask God what He would like to say to them and pray for the courage to share His love with them. Seek opportunities to reach out to, and make friends with, the people in your street, especially those who live alone.

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

Pray for our international distributors who deliver CWR's products into places that are remote or difficult to enter. Thank God that CWR can provide people all over the world with resources that teach and equip them to draw closer to Him.

WEEKEND 26-27 JANUARY

Lift up your local Christian bookshop at this time of year. Pray that customers would flock to them, looking to improve their lives and relationships with God, rather than being drawn into the craze of January sales for things they do not need.

MONDAY 28 JANUARY

Pray for people who are rebuilding their lives after natural disasters. Ask God to remind you to keep praying for people and places that have already left our front-page news and whose stories aren't being shared anymore. Pray for enough aid, resources and support to reach those in need.

TUESDAY 29 JANUARY

Lift up Diane Regan as she plans the teaching for her new CWR course, Second Hand Smoke. Pray that she can help every delegate to feel encouraged, loved and uplifted as they have a break from the challenges of caring for a loved one who is experiencing long-term difficult circumstances.

WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY

Thank God for CWR's partners who continue to support the charity with prayers and gifts. Ask Him to prompt more people to become partners to support the future work of CWR. Thank God that He is a God of provision who we can trust with our plans and lives.

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY

Pray today for the course Overwhelmed: Finding Balance in a Fast-Paced World, being led by Andy Peck. Ask God to teach the delegates something new about His character that gives them the hope, determination and encouragement to keep focusing on Him when life is full of challenges and busyness.

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