

**CWR**

# PrayerTrack

**MAY-JULY 2017**

**WELCOME TO PRAYER TRACK**, your 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.

## MAY

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

Colossians 4:2

### MONDAY 1 MAY

This week is Deaf Awareness Week, with a specific focus on helping hearing people to communicate with deaf children in schools, at home, and at after-school activities, clubs and other social meetings. Pray for deaf children to be included in their communities and to not be singled out as different, but to feel loved and supported by those around them.

### TUESDAY 2 MAY

Today, on World Asthma Day, pray for all those who suffer with breathing-related difficulties. Pray for relief from symptoms and for effective medication, especially for those in less developed countries who do not have easy access to medication.

### WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

Pray for the work of Neighbourhood Prayer Network, who are working to see every residential street in the UK covered in prayer. They encourage Christians to pray for their neighbours and share Jesus with them. Pray for more people to catch hold of their vision.

### THURSDAY 4 MAY

Praise God for the help that *Every Day with Jesus* is to so many people. Thank Him for the faithful people who buy and read the daily Bible reading notes and for the amazing stories CWR receives from people who have encountered Jesus through reading them.

### FRIDAY 5 MAY

With thankful hearts, we lift up those who are meeting this morning at Waverley Abbey House to petition God with prayers for CWR and the wider world. Thank God that He hears all our prayers, and that He listens and invites us into conversation with Him.

### WEEKEND 6-7 MAY

With an election in France currently taking place, praise God for the spiritual awakening in the French people in recent years. Many French missionaries report that the people seem to be open to the gospel like never before.

**The theme for prayer this week is the global Church.**

### MONDAY 8 MAY

Recent research by Japan Christian Link has revealed that less than 0.5% of Japanese people are thought to be Christians. Pray for the Tokyo-based Samurai Project, which is equipping young Christians to reach all areas of Japanese society. Ask God to grow the Church in Japan.

### TUESDAY 9 MAY

Pray for the work of Latin Link's football project, serving teenagers from Recife, a poor coastal area in Brazil. Young people attending the football project receive biblical training after every session. The Latin Link team have 'a desire to see radical changes in the attitudes, behaviour, mindsets and lives of the children and teenagers' they work with.



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## WEDNESDAY 10 MAY

Ask God for His protection over churches that are under threat from extremist behaviour. Pray for safety, strength and faith to build and grow in these churches. Ask God to bless them as they bravely seek His kingdom. Thank God that His Church can still thrive in the midst of adversity.

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## THURSDAY 11 MAY

Pray for churches being set up in refugee camps. Pray that resources and Bibles can reach those who desperately want to learn more about God. Ask God to bless the curriculum 'Life on Life' that has been created for those aged 8–12 who are vulnerable and at risk.

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## FRIDAY 12 MAY

Ask God to guide pastors serving in China and Singapore, where the Church is growing at a rapid rate. Pray for the gospel to be preached, and for new Christians to not get lost in the congregations of thousands of people.

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## WEEKEND 13–14 MAY

Pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen persecuted believers: 'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Eph. 3:16). Ask God to protect the churches that are under threat of being demolished by their persecutors.

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## MONDAY 15 MAY

Join CWR in thanking God for the recent release of two *Pens Sticker Books: God's Wonderful World* and *Let Your Light Shine*. Ask Him to bless every child who receives one of these books. Pray that the included Bible verses will encourage children to start a life-long journey with God.



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## TUESDAY 16 MAY

This week is Mental Health Awareness week. Lift up those whose lives are affected by mental health issues. Ask God to bless and strengthen those who face challenges daily. Pray for the treatment and care of mental health illnesses to improve within our healthcare systems and our churches.

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## WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

Pray for the work of Prison HOPE, an initiative to link up churches with their local prisons. Pray for the book *40 Stories of Hope* that CWR is printing in partnership with them, which will be sent into prisons all over the UK. Pray that in reading this book, many people will hear about the life-changing hope of knowing Christ.

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## THURSDAY 18 MAY

Pray for the course *Improving Your Team Dynamic* being led by Andy Peck today at Waverley Abbey House, and for the *Christ Empowered Living* course on Saturday. Ask God to speak clearly to all delegates so that they can take new ideas and fresh insight back home with them.



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## FRIDAY 19 MAY

May is often a month of exams for those in the full or part-time education. Pray for pupils and students in schools, colleges and universities to know Jesus' peace. Pray that Christian students can be effective witnesses to their faith as they put their hope and security in God rather than in exam results.

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## WEEKEND 20–21 MAY

This Saturday OMF, who work to bring the gospel to East Asia, are holding a day called 'Between Two Giants', which is focused on the role of India and China on mission in South East Asia. It will be held in London and led by Alex McCann, who has been working in Cambodia with OMF for the last nine years. Pray for insight and fresh vision for those gathered.

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## MONDAY 22 MAY

CWR's May Country Break starts today at Pilgrim Hall. Pray that everyone attending will have a fun and inspiring time, and draw closer to God as they make meaningful friendships with others during the holiday. Pray for safety for the activities taking place in the house and grounds.

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## TUESDAY 23 MAY

Praise God for the volunteers who assist CWR in many different ways. Thank Him for their hard work at Pilgrim Hall in catering and hospitality, and for administrative volunteers at Waverley Abbey House. Pray for more opportunities for work experience placements to help inspire and give valuable opportunities to young people.

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## WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

This Saturday, people will be visiting Waverley Abbey House for a Waverley Abbey College Open Day. Please pray for guidance for those considering biblical counselling training. Also pray for the college tutors, that they would have fruitful and encouraging conversations.

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## THURSDAY 25 MAY

Thy Kingdom Come, a national prayer initiative, begins today as we celebrate the ascension of Jesus. For the next two weeks, churches of all denominations across the world will be joining in by praying for the people around them to come to know Jesus. Why not join in too!

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## FRIDAY 26 MAY

Today is the start of the G7 summit, in Taormina, Italy. Pray for wise, measured and constructive dialogue. Pray also for Christians attending to carry God's peace with them and be confident knowing that God has a plan.

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## WEEKEND 27–28 MAY

This weekend is the Big Church Day Out event. The music festival draws together Christians to worship and celebrate all the good things God has given us. Pray for many people to become Christians at this event, and for the safety of staff and of those camping at the grounds in West Sussex.

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## MONDAY 29 MAY

Lift up our world leaders to God today. Pray for them to lead with wisdom, to make decisions for the good of the people they serve rather than for their own gain, and that the Holy Spirit would be working in their hearts to bring them to know God.

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## TUESDAY 30 MAY

Pray for more people to read the daily Bible reading notes that CWR publish. Praise God for the hundreds of thousands of issues that are read every day, and ask Him for more people to pick up the habit of reading the Bible daily and connecting with His Word.

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## WEDNESDAY 31 MAY

The last day of May has been designated by the World Health Organisation as World No Tobacco Day. There are an estimated 6 million tobacco-related deaths every year. Pray for help to be given to those who struggle with tobacco addiction.

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# JUNE

*'Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.'*

Hebrews 4:14

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## THURSDAY 1 JUNE

Pray today for CWR's books in the Waverley Abbey Insight Series, which tackle various difficult issues such as bereavement, stress, depression, self-esteem, and eating disorders. Ask God to use the books to speak to people, to give them hope and understanding and to encourage them to call out to Him in prayer.

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## FRIDAY 2 JUNE

A team of approximately thirty people are joining Rolland and Heidi Baker, along with the staff of Iris Ministries, in ministering to poverty-stricken Mozambique over the next few weeks. The Bakers regularly experience God's miraculous provision, witnessing heart transformations in the midst of life and death situations. Pray for them today.

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## WEEKEND 3-4 JUNE

Over this Pentecost weekend pray for all the churches who have been taking part in Thy Kingdom Come. Ask God to answer their prayers, and reveal Himself to the hearts of many people who do not yet know Him. Pray that thousands of churches will welcome new people through their doors this Sunday.

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## MONDAY 5 JUNE

Today is World Environment Day. Praise God for His incredible creation, thank Him for the resources He has given us and pray for wisdom for humankind in looking after our planet. Ask that we would be good stewards of all He has blessed us with.



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## TUESDAY 6 JUNE

Pray for the ongoing development of the daily Bible reading app that CWR are launching in partnership with 24-7 Prayer. Ask God to give creative and practical ideas to those producing it, and that many lives will be changed as they use the technology to connect daily with God's Word.

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## WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

The CWR church initiative Paraclesis: Journeying Together is being used by hundreds of churches in the UK. Pray for the congregations learning how to care effectively for one another; that they would be building relationships of honesty and love that would have incredible effects in the wider community around them.

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## THURSDAY 8 JUNE

Lift up the organisation Prayer Spaces in Schools today. Praise God for the many schools that have been introduced to fun, engaging and interactive ways of praying, and ask that God would continue working in those children's and teachers' lives.



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## FRIDAY 9 JUNE

Thank God for all the groups that are hiring CWR's two venues, Pilgrim Hall and Waverley Abbey House, and praise Him for the great feedback staff at the venues receive. Pray for even more new groups to discover the facilities and book places.

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## WEEKEND 10-11 JUNE

European Christian Mission have a vision to plant churches throughout the Balkans. So far, it has sent seven Brazilian evangelists to Varaždin and Zagreb in Croatia. People have found new faith, and churches have been planted. Pray for their expansion plans in Slovenia, Serbia, Hungary and Croatia.

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## MONDAY 12 JUNE

Today is World Day Against Child Labour, and the focus this year is on supply chains. There are a shocking 168 million children still in child labour. Children can be used in supply chains from agriculture to construction and from services to manufacturing. Pray for this to stop worldwide.

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## TUESDAY 13 JUNE

Pray for the various new books that CWR is releasing this month. The list includes three *Manual* books on *Prayer*, *The Bible* and *The Church*. Pray for the people who will read the books to discover more of God's truth, and that His Word will enter their hearts and change their lives.

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## WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

The church programmes Transformed Living and Transformed Life have been taken up by many churches. Pray that the congregations and small groups that are using the CWR resources would experience the transforming love of Christ as they study Ephesians together and put what they are learning into practice.

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## THURSDAY 15 JUNE

Pray today for the Discovering your Spiritual Gifts course. Ask God to speak directly into the hearts of those who are eager to receive the gifts that God promises to all those who love Him. Thank God for the delegates on today's course who are actively seeking more from Him.

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## FRIDAY 16 JUNE

Thank God today for the young readers of CWR's publications such as *Topz* and *YP's*. Pray that their faith will grow as they learn more about God and that they would turn to Him when facing challenges at home with family and at school with friends.



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## WEEKEND 17-18 JUNE

Praise God that He provides for CWR and pray for ongoing provision. Pray that management would make decisions in line with God's will as they listen to Him when making plans with all that God has given to the charity.

**The theme for prayer this week is health and wellbeing.**

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## MONDAY 19 JUNE

There are many different cancer charities working hard to research, refine drugs, produce better therapy and ultimately pursue beating cancer. Pray for strength for nurses working with patients, knowledge for the scientists researching the disease and ultimately for breakthrough for so many people and families who are affected.

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## TUESDAY 20 JUNE

Today is World Refugee Day. Pray for humanitarian organisations to have the facilities, equipment and resources to give good medical care to the hundreds of thousands of people living in refugee camps. Praise God for the medical staff working in these camps, and ask Him to sustain, protect and encourage them.

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## WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

Lift up the staff of Waverley Abbey College in your prayers today. Pray for the tutors to get a good rest over the summer months as they also continue to mark and assess students' work before the end of the academic year.

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## THURSDAY 22 JUNE

At Waverley Abbey House today, women from all walks of life will be attending the Inspiring Women Summer Day: Walking in Unshakable Confidence. Pray for guest speaker Jen Baker and the Inspiring Women team, that they would keep safe and well so that they can share of God's freedom, purpose and joy in a relatable and eye-opening way.

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## FRIDAY 23 JUNE

Praise God that He can, and does, heal people. Think of someone specific in your life who needs God's healing power and commit to praying for them today. Bring them before God and ask Him for full restoration.

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## WEEKEND 24-25 JUNE

A prayer of blessing for the UK's National Health Service: 'Creator God, we thank You for the heritage of medical breakthrough, expertise and welfare we enjoy in our nation. Renew thanksgiving in our hearts for what we have received because of others' work and sacrifice. Amen.'

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## MONDAY 26 JUNE

Pray for everyone who attended The Gathering (a Christian festival for men) at the weekend. Pray for those who encountered God for the first time; those who were inspired to step out in new directions for God's glory; and that all those who were teaching or working at the festival will have been refreshed by the Holy Spirit as they served God.

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## TUESDAY 27 JUNE

Ask God to continue moving CWR forward as the charity seeks to build their resources, training and wider ministry for generations to come. Praise God for the abundant blessings that He pours out on CWR each day and ask Him to continue leading the decision makers in the right direction.

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## WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

The first of four weeks of the Christian youth festival Soul Survivor starts today. Pray for the team to have the energy and strength to sustain them as they carry out God's work this summer. Pray that many more young people will begin a relationship with God.

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## THURSDAY 29 JUNE

Present your own praise and petitions before God today using this prayer of reflection: 'Lord God, creator of light, at the rising of the sun each morning, let the greatest of all lights – Your love – rise like the sun within my heart. Amen.'

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## FRIDAY 30 JUNE

Pray for the course delegates finishing CWR's Introduction to Biblical Care and Counselling course today, that they will take what they have learnt and the experiences they have gained back to their different spheres of life to have a positive and long-lasting effect.

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# JULY

*'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'*

John 16:33

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## WEEKEND 1-2 JULY

As popularity for CWR's counselling courses continues to grow in Singapore and Cambodia, praise God for the joy of being able to share CWR's teaching all over the world. Ask for favour and God's supernatural support for the work to continue.

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## MONDAY 3 JULY

Pray for CWR's titles in *The Manual* range to reach the hands of many more men this year. Ask God to bless those who read them and use the books to strengthen their faith in Him.



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## TUESDAY 4 JULY

Lift up the work of Bible Society, who are translating and distributing the Bible around the world. They believe, just as CWR does, that engaging with the Word of God can change people's lives. Pray specifically for their work in creating digital formats of the Bible.

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## WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

Under the auspices of OMF International, an international football team will be touring central Thailand during 5–26 July. They will visit churches, coach in football clinics, teach English and pray for God's work in Thailand. Pray for a fruitful ministry and that seeds will be sown and lives changed.

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## THURSDAY 6 JULY

Pray for your local church leaders as they lead congregations and make a difference in their communities. Ask God that churches would grow as the truth is preached and shared. Pray for churches to be at the centre of communities, welcoming the marginalised and loving the unloved.

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## FRIDAY 7 JULY

This weekend, Latin Link take a team out to northern Nicaragua for three weeks. They will work with a local mission called Evangelismo Comunitario de Salud in rural communities, building toilets, working with children, supporting the local church and much more.

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## WEEKEND 8-9 JULY

Pray for all the women who are currently attending the Inspiring Women Summer Weekend: The Beauty Within at Waverley Abbey House. Ask God to give them fresh insight into their relationship with Him, and that they would have a safe and enjoyable time.

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## MONDAY 10 JULY

CWR's Summer Holiday begins today at Pilgrim Hall. Praise God for the families, groups and individuals attending this week. Pray that everyone would have so much fun, and that they would draw closer to God and leave the week feeling refreshed – both physically and spiritually.

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## TUESDAY 11 JULY

Praise God for the success of the Alpha course, which is used and shared all over the world. Give thanks for the many people who have become Christians because of this amazing programme and ask for even more people to invite friends and family members to an Alpha course this year.

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## WEDNESDAY 12 JULY

Much of the work of CWR relies heavily on computers and IT systems. Pray for the daily working of computers, equipment and systems that are in place and ask for them to continue to run smoothly. Praise God for the wonder of technology and ask Him to guide us to use it for His glory.

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## THURSDAY 13 JULY

This evening, Rosemary Conley CBE will be at Waverley Abbey House, leading the Inspiring Women event: Faith, Food and Fitness! This is an ideal opportunity for women to bring their friends and family to hear, perhaps for the very first time, how God has changed a life. Pray for Rosemary as she shares her story of faith.

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## FRIDAY 14 JULY

CWR releases two books in the *Topz* range this month. Pray that every child who reads *Benny and Paul's Topz 10 Heroes of the Bible* and *Sarah and Josie's Topz 10 Heroes of the Bible* would learn more about God's goodness through the stories and characters of the Bible.

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## WEEKEND 15–16 JULY

Pray for the organisation London City Mission, who work with the 'least reached of London'. Ask God to guide them as they seek to help those living in poverty, on the margins of society and people from other cultures. Pray that they will be able to share the gospel and help many people.

**The theme for prayer this week is family.**

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## MONDAY 17 JULY

As the first week of the summer holidays starts for the majority of schools in the UK today, lift up children and families to God. Ask Him for protection for people travelling, for families to have fun together and make happy memories, and for relationships to strengthen as people spend quality time together.



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## TUESDAY 18 JULY

Pray for the work of Care for the Family. Ask God to specifically bless the work of the parenting courses that the charity run and the Parentalk events taking place this summer. Pray that parents attending these courses will feel encouraged and confident that God is with them in raising their children.

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## WEDNESDAY 19 JULY

Statistics continue to show that there is an increase in the number of children being adopted out of dangerous situations and into permanent homes. Pray for laws and legislations to make adoption a fair and safe process, and thank God for the open and loving hearts of families who are adopting children. Pray for lasting, sustainable relationships to be built between children and their adoptive families.

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## THURSDAY 20 JULY

Pray for the charity Family Fund, who help families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people by providing grants for their needs. Ask God to bless their work as they seek to help these families have the same opportunities as other families.

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## FRIDAY 21 JULY

Pray for the thousands of different summer camps and holiday clubs being hosted by churches, Christian charities and organisations all over the UK this month. Pray for new families to get connected with their local church this summer through these events and clubs.

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## WEEKEND 22–23 JULY

Week one of the Christian festival New Wine starts today. Pray for the many families who attend the events, seminars and celebrations. Pray that parents will get time to focus on their faith as their children have fun drawing closer to God in a range of different fun activities.

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## MONDAY 24 JULY

Earlier in June, EnGage! (an international ministry) sent a team to work with unreached people groups in Siberia. As they recently returned, please pray that they will be encouraged as they share their experience with their friends and family – and pray that the work they did would continue to bless the people of Siberia.

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## TUESDAY 25 JULY

Pray for the international readers of CWR's resources. Praise God for the many requests CWR receive for their products from other countries and pray that the international distributors can meet those requests. Pray that many more people will be able to encounter God in their own language through ongoing translation work.

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## WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

Ten Missions International currently have a team serving in Mongolia (17 June – 11 August). The team are involved in building projects, puppet shows, music, drama, education, and befriending people. They aim to demonstrate and share the gospel, and to see people won for Christ in Mongolia.

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## THURSDAY 27 JULY

Pray for Christian bookshops in the UK that face challenging times. Ask God to increase trade and give them hope as people encounter Jesus as a result of the resources that they are selling. Thank God for the hardworking staff who keep these shops running.



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## FRIDAY 28 JULY

With just two months to go until the National Prayer Weekend, ask God to prompt churches, small groups and individuals to get involved. Pray for people who are trying to find the courage to ask their neighbours, friends and colleagues if they want prayer, and ask God to move in communities all over the world during the National Prayer Weekend 2017 (29 September – 1 October).



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## WEEKEND 29–30 JULY

This Sunday is the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Ask God to protect vulnerable people who live in danger of being trafficked. Ask Him for education and knowledge for those who do not understand the threats, and for the families who do not know where loved ones are to be helped in their searches.

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## MONDAY 31 JULY

Take time today to remember the villages, towns and cities that have suffered from natural disasters. Pray for the people who are rebuilding their homes and lives in the wake of hurricanes, floods and earthquakes.

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