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PrayerTrack

NOVEMBER–JANUARY 2017/18

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.

November

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him'

Romans 15:13

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Thank God today for the hundreds of thousands of churches in the UK. Ask Him to inspire courage and new ideas in the hearts of congregations to make Jesus' name known in their local communities.



THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Pray for the course Reaching the Next Generation, led by Andy Peck and Martin Saunders today at Waverley Abbey House. Ask God to inspire their teaching, and for every delegate to leave motivated to care, teach and equip young people for God's glory.

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Today, CWR's Prayer Partners are meeting at Waverley Abbey House. Pray for God's blessing over this gathering, and that the Holy Spirit will guide their prayers in alignment with God's will as they intercede for local and global issues.

WEEKEND 4–5 NOVEMBER

Australia is currently in the throes of a heated debate around marriage equality, with final votes from the postal survey due by 7 Nov and results to be reported on 15 Nov. Pray for Australian Christians and the whole nation as they address this sensitive issue.

The theme for our prayers this week is the Persecuted Church

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Release International reports that the Pakistani Government have launched a crackdown on online content deemed to be blasphemous against Islam. Pray for Christians in Pakistan, who are concerned that these cyber restrictions could further limit religious freedom.

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Pray for Christians returning to Mosul, Iraq as the city is liberated. Pray for strength and practical help as they return to devastated houses and damaged possessions. Ask God to build their faith as they rebuild their lives.

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Lift up the ministry of Tearfund and its partner groups as they work as peacebuilders in response to inter-religious violence between Muslims and Christians in Northern Nigeria.

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

The World Watch List shows the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted. Their organisation states that 'Islamic extremism continues to squash expression of Christianity – fuelling persecution in 14 out of the top 20 countries'. Pray for Christians in these countries that they will be able to stand firm in their faith.



FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Pray for protection for church leaders, congregations and people guarding churches in Egypt. Thank God for the Egypt State Security Service, which works with leaders of denominations to keep Christians safe. Pray for God's peace to fall on Egypt and that Christians will be able to meet openly and safely.

WEEKEND 11-12 NOVEMBER

Open Doors reports of three Iranian Christians who have received long prison sentences for: 'organising and creating house churches', 'conducting evangelism', and 'Bible printing and distribution'. Pray for Pastor Victor, Amin Afshar Naderi and Hadi Asgari, sentenced in June 2017 – for strength, for health, for their families and ultimately, for their release.

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER

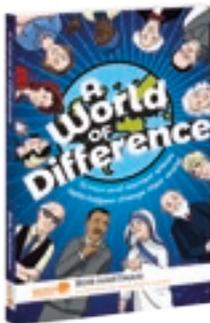
Pray for all the delegates on the Introduction to Biblical Care and Counselling course this week as they invest their time and efforts to learn more about themselves and how they can help others. Pray for also those who attended the People Coming Alongside People seminar over the weekend, and ask that God would bless the pastoral care work within their churches.

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Today is World Diabetes Day. Let's be praying for those who are having to live with this disease. Ask God to comfort them, to reduce frustration of having to live in controlled conditions and to give them relief from difficult symptoms.

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

The book *A World of Difference* was released last month in partnership with Speaking Volumes. Pray for the work of this great organisation who place Christian literature in schools and public libraries. Pray that children would be drawn to this book, so God can speak to them through these amazing stories.



THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Pray for the CWR course, Nurturing the Church for Growth, taking place today. Pray for delegates to be inspired, to learn more of God and for churches to grow as God works through the people who have attended today.



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Pray for the International Miners' Mission as they work to introduce miners across the world to God. Ask God to send more pastors to areas such as: Peru, Chile, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe. Pray for good teaching, and for the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of the mining community to their need for God.

WEEKEND 18-19 NOVEMBER

On Saturday, the course Understanding Yourself, Understanding Others takes place at Waverley Abbey House. Pray for breakthrough and new insight for the people attending. Ask God to use them to help and encourage others with what they learn today.

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Give thanks for the brand new Cover to Cover Study Guides, *Jonah* and *1, 2 & 3 John*, which have recently been released. Pray for readers to discover new things about God and that these resources will help to grow their faith.



TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Today, on World Television Day, pray for Christians in the Media. Pray that they will boldly seek to bring God into their jobs and reflect more of Jesus' love through TV programmes. Pray for God to inspire Christians to apply for jobs in the media and to make a difference for the kingdom.

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Great Chapters of the Bible: Resilient Discipleship in Tough Times is being taught today at Waverley Abbey House. Pray that through the tutors, those in attendance would hear God's voice and receive guidance, inspiration and encouragement to live their lives boldly for Him.

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

On America's Thanksgiving Day, let's remember and pray for those celebrating liberty and independence. May we stir up thankfulness in our own hearts, and eagerly look out for opportunities today to let people around us know that they are loved and valued.



FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

The Inspiring Women Advent Weekend starts today. We rejoice in the miraculous story of Christmas, and pray that as the course participants explore 'The Promise, The Expectation and The Wonder', they would receive fresh revelation and renewed faith throughout Advent.

WEEKEND 25-26 NOVEMBER

The lead-up to Christmas is the busiest time of year for the faithful CWR Customer Services team. Please cover them in prayers for good health, for support from the wider CWR staff, and that they would sense God's tangible presence as they work for His glory.

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Give thanks for our World Leaders and ask Almighty God to grant them wisdom and goodness in the huge decisions they make every day on behalf of us all. Pray for Christians in politics to speak out boldly, unashamed of the gospel; ask God to grant them favour and for their voices to be heard.

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Praise God for providing CWR with a brilliant board of trustees, and for the valuable time, gifts and wisdom that they give to this charity. Pray that He will continue to guide them as they make decisions on the future of CWR's work and ministry.

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Ukraine continues to be a country without any indication of long-term peace. Refugees are still fleeing war zones – many having lost everything – only to find little or no work. Pray for encouragement, strength, and wisdom for those sharing Jesus' love. Pray that the peace of Jesus will impact hearts and minds.

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Today, as Andy Peck teaches Pastoring on the Fringe, pray for people to hear useful ideas for reaching people on the edge of church life that they can carry out in their local situations. Pray for churches to be strengthened, relationships to grow and people to be helped because of the people who attend this course.

December

*'God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.'*

Psalm 46:1

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

Today, on World AIDS Day, pray for organisations tirelessly fighting the life-stealing disease HIV/AIDS, and ask God to give strength to those who are suffering. Pray for a breakthrough in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and in the search for a cure.

WEEKEND 2-3 DECEMBER

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Pray for churches all over the world holding Advent services. Pray that Christians will be inspired to share their faith over the Christmas season. And as excitement builds towards 25 Dec, pray for God's love to shine out in our communities.

We focus this week on praying for the older generation.

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

Pray for elderly people suffering from the effects of poor mental health, that they will receive the support and care that they need to live safely and comfortably. Pray for families and carers who are supporting loved ones who have dementia and Alzheimer's.



TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Age UK reports that '1.4 million older people feel cut off from society'. Pray for elderly people suffering from loneliness and ask God to protect them from its effects such as stress, depression and sleeplessness. Pray that younger generations would be prompted to care for the older generations.

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

Praise God for the brilliant 'befriending service' that Age UK offers. Pray for more volunteers to sign up to either visit an old person in their home or to arrange phone calls to offer friendly conversation, and a listening ear.

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Pray that the older folk in our local churches would be appreciated and sought out for their wisdom, help and experience. Pray for God-inspired connections between old and young, and for cross-generational participation on outreach projects such as foodbanks and coffee mornings.

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

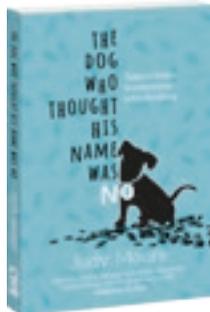
Father God, we intercede for elderly people who are abused, mistreated and neglected. Please protect them. Surround them with people who will care for them properly and who will look out for their health, protect their rights and treat them with the dignity they deserve.

WEEKEND 9–10 DECEMBER

This Sunday is Human Rights Day. Thank God that He loves everyone equally, and pray that He will give us opportunities to show His love to elderly people in our neighbourhoods, families and churches.

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

One of CWR's recent book releases is *The Dog Who Thought His Name Was No* by Judy Moore. Pray that this book will be read by people who need to hear that God loves them and wants to affirm them. May readers tune into God's voice and let Him transform their thinking.



TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Pray for the counselling courses being taught in Cambodia and Singapore. Praise God for the incredible opportunities that CWR Asia has to equip people with counselling techniques, and pray that He will multiply the work taking place and that CWR can continue to serve the Asian Church.

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Pray for CWR's brilliant *Insight* series, which covers difficult issues – such as self-esteem and anxiety – that people face in life. Ask God that people who need to hear this teaching will find guidance from the courses and the *Insight* books.

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

Praise God for the hardworking housekeeping, maintenance and catering staff at CWR's two venues; Waverley Abbey House and Pilgrim Hall. Pray that He will bless them as they serve Him, working hard behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly for the charity.

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

As Jews across the world celebrate the festival of Hanukkah, we are reminded of Jesus' everlasting light by the lit menorah. Spend some time praising God today for sending light into darkness and ask Him to speak during Hanukkah to those who do not yet know Him.

WEEKEND 16–17 DECEMBER

Ask God to increase the number of people who book onto CWR courses. Pray that in 2018 all of the courses will receive record numbers of bookings, and that many more people will be equipped and encouraged to live their lives to the fullness God intended through the teaching they receive.

MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

Today is International Migrants Day. Pray for people who are displaced, living in dangerous places and are vulnerable to attacks because they have been forced to leave their homes. Ask God to grant wisdom to those who are fighting for their rights, for safety and for long-term solutions.



TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

Join CWR in thanking God for all the Partners and supporters of the charity. Praise God for their generosity, for provision and for the continued support of people who value and appreciate the work God is using CWR to perform.

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

The political situation in Burundi continues to be difficult, particularly in the capital Bujumbura. Simon Guillebaud of Great Lakes Outreach reports that the negotiation process to see Burundi's political situation improve is tragically slow. Pray for the Christians in Burundi to be will be led by the Lord to make a difference.

THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

Pray for children, young adults and teachers over the Christmas holidays, that they would rest well and enjoy time with friends and family. Pray that the lessons they have heard about Christmas would lead to their further investigation and discovery of Jesus.

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER

Praise God for the positive responses CWR have received from churches and small groups using the Transformed Living church programme. Pray that the resources will help Christians learn more about the identity, belonging and purpose they have in God – to confidently live out their lives for His glory.

WEEKEND 23–24 DECEMBER

This Saturday the Christmas holiday event starts at Pilgrim Hall. Ask God to give everyone attending a brilliant time. Pray that they will learn more about Him and draw closer to Him, while having lots of fun, enjoying great food, entertainment and fellowship together.

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

Happy Christmas to all of you, from CWR! Praise God for this precious day when Christians celebrate the most incredible gift ever given. Spend time thanking God for sending Jesus to save us all. This Christmas, pray that God would reveal Himself to any of your friends or family members who do not yet know Him.



TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER

Ask God to comfort and draw alongside people who are alone during the Christmas period. Pray that God would open our eyes to people around us who need a friend, and prompt us to love and care for neighbours, friends and family who are lonely.

WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER

CWR have the privilege of sending resources into prisons and receiving letters from inmates who have experienced the freedom that comes from a relationship with Jesus. Pray for increased opportunities and resources for CWR to send even more daily Bible reading notes into prisons.

THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER

Pray for the NHS over the Christmas period; for people working hard when the majority of the UK is enjoying time off. Ask God to give doctors, nurses, paramedics and other medical staff energy and strength to continue the amazing jobs they do.



FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER

It is so easy to become overwhelmed trying to balance careers, families, social life, our health and faith. Take a moment to pause and surrender your life again before God and ask Him to help you in aligning your priorities with His wise and eternal perspective.

WEEKEND 30 – 31 DECEMBER

Lord, You make all things new. Thank You for this coming new year and for all the potential it holds. Come and ignite a flame in us so that we will shine Your light brightly, and so that many will see wonders this year. Amen.

January

‘Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.’

Hebrews 13:15

MONDAY 1 JANUARY

Happy New Year! Praise God today for His constant love and ask Him to be close to you as you enter 2018. Join CWR in thanking Him for His provision and guidance for the work of the charity and ask Him to continue to lead and bless CWR throughout the next year.

TUESDAY 2 JANUARY

Pray for all the people committing to read the Bible in one year. Pray that those who are choosing CWR resources to equip them to read the Bible will learn so much about God as they take on this challenge. Praise God for His Word that teaches, supports, encourages and leads us every day.

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

Pray for the Police and public services who have been protecting our neighbourhoods, communities and towns during the Christmas period. Pray for more Christians to join the police force and be placed in situations and roles where they can really help and make a difference for God’s glory.

THURSDAY 4 JANUARY

Lift up all the children and teachers who are heading back to school and starting new terms. Ask God to keep Christian teachers motivated and focused on Him as they work with their classes, and to not be discouraged when curriculum prevents them from sharing the truth about Jesus.

FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

Pray for the work of the organisation Healing on the Streets – that as they step out onto high streets and into city centres all over the UK, God would give them courage and boldness to offer prayer to those in need. Pray for people to be intrigued enough to approach the healing teams.



WEEKEND 6–7 JANUARY

Thank God today for CWR’s authors of books, daily Bible reading notes and church programme materials. Pray that they would be encouraged to draw ever nearer to Him so that their writing is inspired by His Word and His character.

This week the focus of our prayers is the next generation

MONDAY 8 JANUARY

Pray that churches will invest in building up and encouraging the faith of children in their congregations. Ask God for youth and children's workers who are dedicated to equipping children to grow in their own personal relationships with God.

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

Ask God to bless the work that goes into producing CWR's daily Bible reading notes – *Pens* and *Topz* – for young readers. Ask Him to use the notes to open the eyes of children and gently challenge them to live God-centred lives at school, at home and while doing activities.

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY

Pray for children whose childhood has been stolen from them – who have had to grow up too quickly as a result of not being cared for properly. Ask God to speak to their hearts and let them know they are loved, secure and have a purpose, and pray that they may find their joy in Him.



THURSDAY 11 JANUARY

Ask God to use CWR in the work of developing digital resources to reach younger people with God's Word. Pray that the resources will be relevant, fruitful and enable many children and young people to connect with God and develop lifelong relationships with Him.

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY

Pray for the work of the charity Home for Good, whose vision is 'a home for every child who needs one – a stable, loving home where they can thrive.' Pray that they would see many children welcomed into loving, safe, restorative homes and families.

WEEKEND 13–14 JANUARY

Pray for Christian young adults in apprenticeships, internships and work experience placements. Ask God to guide them in the decisions they make about their careers and to use them for His glory on whatever path they choose.



MONDAY 15 JANUARY

CWR has recently released the devotional journal *Unstoppable*, written by Jen Baker. Praise God for the strong message for women that this book contains. Pray that God will speak through Jen's words to readers as they build an unshakable faith in Him.

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY

Pray for CWR's partnership with CVM (Christian Vision for Men) – that it will continue to be a strong and supportive working relationship as CWR publish the *Manual* devotionals and other resources. Pray for CVM's work to be fruitful as they reach out to men all over the UK.

WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY

Andy Peck is running the course *Overwhelmed: Finding Balance in a Fast-Paced World* today at Waverley Abbey House. Pray for Andy as he teaches, and for the delegates to feel God's peace as they learn to apply new rhythms to their lives.

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY

Pray for the small groups in your church today. Pray that God will use them to form deep relationships where people can be honest and open with one another as they grow closer to God. Ask Him to give them opportunities to reach out and make an impact for God's glory in their local communities.

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY

Give thanks for the generous donations CWR has received in response to the Christmas appeal. Ask that God would use these gifts for His purposes.

WEEKEND 20–21 JANUARY

Our daily Bible reading notes continue to be a priority and focus for CWR. Please pray for the writing, editing and publishing of each issue, and that the content will speak God's truth into many people's lives.

MONDAY 22 JANUARY

After oil, mining for precious stones is believed to be the second most corrupt industry on our planet. Please pray for agencies trying to eradicate bribery, smuggling and tax avoidance. Pray for Christians working in the industry to bear witness to God through their honesty, integrity and strength.

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

Lift up the people of Nepal who are still rebuilding their lives after the devastating earthquakes in April 2015. Pray for wisdom for the Nepalese government as it tries to work with international and national organisations and local communities to rebuild the physical and emotional lives of those in need.

WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY

Pray for the mini-book for children, *The Miracle of Easter*, which CWR has recently released. Pray that it will reach the hands of children and families who will be inspired by the Easter story. Pray that children will come to know Jesus through this publication.

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY

Lift up the brilliant work of The Bible Society. Give thanks for this charity and their vision to bring the Bible to life for every single person in the world. Thank God for their heart and ambition and pray that He will continue to encourage and provide for them.



FRIDAY 26 JANUARY

Pray for the students of Waverley Abbey College. Praise God for the increasing numbers of students studying Christian counselling through the college, and pray that graduates will be able to use their qualifications to help others for God's glory.

WEEKEND 27–28 JANUARY

Saturday is the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. Pray for families who are still dealing with painful memories. God to give guidance to world leaders to protect the people in their countries.

MONDAY 29 JANUARY

Pray for the staff of CWR to remain healthy, motivated and able to work hard to help more and more people connect with God's Word every day. Pray for a safe and happy work environment where staff can work to the best of their abilities.

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

Join CWR in thanking God for the many organisations they get to work and partner with. Pray for good working relationships, for clear communication and a supportive environment where charities that could be competitors are instead united, working as one through the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

Pray that when Christian religious studies teachers have to teach about other faiths that conflict with Christianity, the stunning and great truth about Jesus will shine through. Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt students to be curious and ask questions about Jesus.

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