

SUNDAY 03 January 2016
Lord Jesus Christ, move within us & draw us closer to You, so that the newness of this New Year may be echoed in newness of life springing fresh within us throughout the whole year. *From Nick Fawcett.*

MONDAY 04 January 2016
Many people return to work after Christmas today. We pray that with Your help we find joy & purpose in our work (or duties). Raise us to the fact that service is far, far better than sitting back on the sidelines of life. Lord, grant us all fulfilment whatever our employment status.

TUESDAY 05 January 2016
Gracious God, help us to face the flaws everyone knows about, & those we try to hide even from ourselves, knowing that Your nature is always to have mercy & to help us start again. Take us & make us new, for Christ's sake. Amen.
Nick Fawcett.

WEDNESDAY 06 January 2016
Epiphany: Lord, like the magi at Your birth, our faith journey is incomprehensible in the world's eyes. You become evident when we seek Your agenda rather than our own & when You are found You are wonderful & glorious. Keep us close to You & help us lead others to find You.

THURSDAY 07 January 2016
The magi's study & persistent faith through a long & risky journey were supremely rewarded by their being able to adore & worship You face to face. We pray that You help us to allow nothing to deflect us from our own faith journeys. *Hebrews12:1-3.*

FRIDAY 08 January 2016
Lot chose the easy, fertile valley while Abram had the rough hill country (*Gen13:5-13*). Lot lived among bad company resulting in tragedy & heartache while Abram prospered as the Lord blessed him in his adventurous life of faith in God. Help us all to trust Your sufficiency, Lord.

SATURDAY 09 January 2016
An epiphany can be described as a 'light bulb' moment or experience of transforming realisation or discovery of a great truth. We thank You, Lord, for the many personal epiphanies we each have on our own faith journeys. God the Holy Spirit, we pray You illuminate our lives with many light bulb moments as we read the Bible & seek Your presence & favour.

SUNDAY 10 January 2016
Last year a regular 'Street Service' was incorporated into our Sunday programme. We pray the regular following continues to build & that acquaintances made will result in a desire for people to want to belong. Lord, we pray You bless & nurture these 'green shoots' of Kingdom growth.

MONDAY 11 January 2016
People attending our Drop-in Lunch experience real hardship in this the depth of winter with life becoming a hand to mouth struggle for them. We turn to You, Lord, as the source of 'abundant life' praying that our guests will learn to seek & find You as life's answer.

TUESDAY 12 January 2016
Mary, mother of Jesus, said, "I am the Lord's servant, & I am willing to accept whatever He wants.". *Luke1:38.* We will not be so dramatically called; but time after time the rest of us are called to choose right over wrong. Lord, help us always to choose You & Yours & be blessed for it.

WEDNESDAY 13 January 2016
"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light - a light that will shine on all who live in the land where death casts its shadow." *Isaiah9:2.* Your light reveals our sin & shame - but, Lord, it also gives us hope beyond optimism & light to live by in a dark world. Hallelujah!

THURSDAY 14 January 2016
"... Jesus grew in wisdom & stature, & in favour with God & man." We pray for our YP workers & all who care for children. In their nurture, Lord, may they with Your help lead the children to achieve that wonderful fourfold balance of Jesus' childhood. *Luke2:52.*

FRIDAY 15 January 2016
We're an Army of volunteers freely giving time & talents for God's cause. Lord, we pray You direct our efforts knowing how easily we slip into doing this on our own & even try to wrest control from Yourself. May Yours, Lord, be the priority rather than our view of the work.

SATURDAY 16 January 2016
How precious is Your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of Your wings. You feed us from the abundance of Your own house, letting us drink from Your rivers of delight. For You are the fountain of life by which we see. *Psalm36:7-9.* Lord, strengthen our will to stay in the 'shadow of Your wings' because we know anywhere else is not a good place to be.

SUNDAY 17 January 2016
Peace Sunday: Lord, Your very nature is community. You rejoice when there is harmony (*Psalm133*) & yet how You must grieve when humanity resorts to violence even in the very pursuit of peace. We pray for politicians, & all who have power that they seek Your wisdom.

MONDAY 18 January 2016
Many people in this age of economic austerity are finding that their working environment is becoming a climate of fear as unfair employment practices become more common. We pray for not only good management but good leadership which encourages & inspires the best for all.

TUESDAY 19 January 2016
"Save me, Lord!" *Matt14:30b.* This is one of the shortest prayers in the Bible. Thank You, Lord, because You look after us when we step out in faith even when we get scared. We pray You teach each of us that we are safer 'risking' it in faith rather than 'playing it safe' without faith.

WEDNESDAY 20 January 2016
Father, we thank You that we need never walk in darkness, because You are leading us & showing us the way, step by step. *Corrie Ten Boom.* If we live in the light of God's presence, we are in fellowship with Christ, & the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from every sin " *1John1:7.*

THURSDAY 21 January 2016
Lord, You know only too well the limits of my strength. When I am struggling, I pray You open my eyes to let me see things from Your side so I can see how much You want to help me if only I trusted You more.
Ref 2Kings6:14-17.

FRIDAY 22 January 2016
Lord, all too often we are so rigidly channelled into our own agenda that we do not even notice or think to pause to help someone else in their time of need. Teach us to have eyes of compassion & hearts that are willing to suspend our own plans.

SATURDAY 23 January 2016
Thank You, Lord, for being with us in *our* darkness, Your light continuing to shine through trouble & tragedy, turmoil & tears. Break through where shadows linger, into our doubt & unbelief, our disobedience, our flawed commitment & weakness of will. Illuminate all through the radiance of Your love. *Nick Fawcett.*

SUNDAY

24 January 2016

"This is what He (the Lord) requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, & to walk humbly with your God." *Micah6:8b*. Lord, this is a simple instruction but we do not find it easy. Help us in Your love to make it easier for us to want to do Your will & then in Your mercy empower us to do it.

MONDAY

25 January 2016

The Church calendar marks today as the conversion of St Paul. *Acts9:4* This 'light bulb moment' was so intense that he was thrown to the ground & temporarily blinded. We pray You challenge all (including ourselves) when heading off in the wrong direction & doing wrong.

TUESDAY

26 January 2016

To spread the Gospel we realise that we must live out our Christian faith authentically (walk the talk), humbly & without self-righteousness or pomposity. Anything less than this will stop the Church growing so we pray You help us get serious & real on this.

WEDNESDAY

27 January 2016

Lord, we realise that caring for others also means caring for future generations by being environmentally conscious. We love the natural beauty & diversity of Your creation so help us as Your people to cherish & care for it. *Genesis 2:15*.

THURSDAY

28 January 2016

Lord, save us from the fear of:- the unknown future, failure, poverty, bereavement, loneliness, illness, growing old & feeble, & death itself. Help us, Father, by Your grace to love & fear You only; fill our hearts with Your joy, cheerful courage & loving trust in You. *From Akanu Ibaim*.

FRIDAY

29 January 2016

Many fellow Christians throughout the world are persecuted & even martyred with impunity. Lord, You warned us it would be so & so it has been since Your time on earth. May we respond with Your tears & in Your way.

SATURDAY

30 January 2016

"When they (shepherds) had seen Him (Baby Jesus), they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child." *Luke2:17*. To have witnessed the angels' 1st proclamation then to see Jesus Himself is no less significant than those times for each of us when we have epiphanies. Lord, may we each obediently communicate the Gospel as Your Holy Spirit directs

SUNDAY

31 January 2016

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You. So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, here I am to say You're my God. ... *SASB114*.

MONDAY

01 February 2016

Living God, from the unpromising material of our lives, fashion Your new creation; take what we can never change ourselves &, by Your grace, make it new & right. Yes, & teach us, Lord, that the new life does not begin in the distant future but right here & right now.

TUESDAY

02 February 2016

Candlemas, The presentation of Jesus at the Temple: A candle's light is feeble by today's standards & is easily snuffed or blown out. Jesus, Your light, though ignored by many, will not go out & it even burns brighter in the darkness. Hallelujah! May Your Light spread to all people.

WEDNESDAY

03 February 2016

When I look into Your holiness, when I gaze into Your loveliness, when all things that surround become shadows in the light of You; ... I worship You, I worship You, the reason I live is to worship You. *From SASB402*.

THURSDAY

04 February 2016

Lord, we pray You model Your Kingdom in our Corps. May we be a fairer & more caring society where no-one whatever their circumstances can feel left out. Bring us closer to You & to each other & in Your love & power may we all respect & value each other. *From Nick Fawcett*.

FRIDAY:

05 February 2016

Lord, so many people endure hardship & poverty beyond what we can even imagine. They live many, many miles away but also on our own city's streets. We pray You help us to make that matter as much to us as it does to You.

SATURDAY

06 February 2016

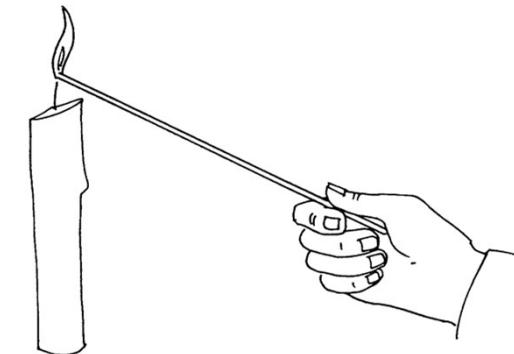
Lord, children carry knives to school for 'defence'. Governments are gassing & bombing their own people to 'maintain law & order'. Too often deadly weapons fall into the hands of the inadequate or criminals. Governments raise their 'defence' budgets year on year. "Come, Lord Jesus, pour out Your Spirit we pray" *SASB220*.



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PRAYER CALENDAR

JANUARY 2016



THIS MONTH'S CORPS FOLK TO PRAY FOR:-

Irene Thomas
Joy Severn
George Hunt
Kath Robinson
Rosemary Curle
Frank Fidler
Len Walker
Chris Simmonds
Sheron Gill
Michael Webb
Luke Wallis
Connie Gyfford-Scott