

HOME RESOURCES
Week of Global Prayer 1st - 7th September 2025

Monday

A Call to Pray for the Nations

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Listen to Habakkuk's Prayer by the Scottish Psalmist:

<https://tinyurl.com/SJB-WGP-1>

Pray - Heavenly Father, I join with my brothers and sisters around the globe to pray for the nations of the world. Hear us as we turn to seek your face, as we lay down our selfish, sinful ways, and pray for your forgiveness and restoration. May Your Kingdom come and your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen

- Look at a map of the world or a continent and notice the nations that live there, or look at the attached list of nations
- Select one and think about what you know - maybe glance at Google for information (*but don't go down a rabbit hole*)
- Wait in silence for a moment - maybe think about what it would be like to live there, for the young, middle aged & old, rich and poor, powerless and powerful.
- *Pray about the things you thought about.*
- Pray for God's people living and witnessing in that nation
- Pray for the authorities governing the people there
- Pray for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done in that place

Praying for Burscough - Mercy and Refuge

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. Psalm 57:1 (NIV)

Pray - Heavenly Father, I join with my brothers and sisters to pray for our local mission in Burscough and beyond. May we learn to follow you closely into the service of your kingdom where we live. Unite our hearts in love and service to our neighbours, showing them your love, mercy and refuge in times of trouble.

- Pray for God's vision for our nation and region
- Ask God how we can invite the community to discover the refuge of the Father's love under the shadow of His wings
- Ask God to show you how you can play your part
- Wait in silence and see if God is drawing your attention to talents or gifts that you can use in His service

Action - Make a note of anything that came to mind as you prayed, so that you can return to it and continue to pray for the Lord's guidance.

Closing Prayer

Psalm 24 says: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all who live in it." (NIV) We lift all our prayers together today and declare your sovereign power over all nations and kingdoms. Lord, we long to see your Kingdom come. Amen

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Tuesday

Praying for the Nations - A Call to Persistence

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7 (NIV)

Pray - Heavenly Father, I join with my brothers and sisters around the globe to pray for the nations of the world. Teach us to pray with persistence and faith. Teach us how to pray for your salvation to reach all nations of the world. May Your Kingdom come and your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen

In Thessalonians 5:17 Paul encourages us to pray continually. It is one of the mysteries of prayer that Jesus teaches us that sometimes we must persevere in praying. We sometimes find that this act of repeated prayer can do a work in us as well as the situation we pray for. God may give us a deeper love toward the person or situation we pray for. He may give us a better understanding how to pray, as we keep on asking and seeking Him in prayer. Prayer changes things.

There are many issues in the world that require our persistent prayer. Some examples may be:

Food poverty	Mental and physical illness
Addiction	Conflicts and wars
Prejudice and discrimination	Family breakdown
Injustice and persecution	Homelessness etc.

Take some time to pray for those affected by these issues across the globe and for those called to bring relief, healing and reconciliation. Pray for evangelists and fellow Christians as we seek to love this broken world into the Kingdom of God. Name the nations that come to mind as needing His intervention.

Praying for Burscough - Reliance on God's Power and Protection

*I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.
He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me—God sends
forth his love and his faithfulness. Psalm 57:2-3 (NIV)*

Look again at the list of issues above and think how these may affect the people living in our community. Pray for those known and unknown to you who need to experience God's salvation, love and faithfulness.

Pray - Heavenly Father, I join with my brothers and sisters to pray for our local mission in Burscough and beyond. Lord, you came to seek and save the lost. Guide us in our vision and our actions as we seek to bring the lost into the knowledge of your salvation.

Action - Notice how you felt as you prayed and make a note of any issue or nation that God lays on your heart. How can you pray persistently for this? Make a note and place it somewhere where it will remind you to keep praying. Maybe put a reminder in your phone, diary or calendar, or a note on the fridge.

Listen again to Habakkuk's Prayer by the Scottish Psalmist:

<https://tinyurl.com/SJB-WGP-2>

Wednesday

Praying for the Nations - The Power of Prayer

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
James 5:16 (NIV)*

You may not feel righteous and therefore feel that your prayers are ineffective, but if we take time at the start of praying to confess our sins, we know that God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and make us clean and righteous in His sight.

Pray - Heavenly Father, I join with my brothers and sisters around the globe to pray for the nations of the world. I confess my sins and failures and ask for your forgiveness and cleansing from all unrighteousness. Guide me in my praying as I meditate on this fallen world. Your love reaches out to all mankind through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Teach me to pray, knowing that nothing in this world escapes your eyes. Bring mercy and salvation. May Your Kingdom come and your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Yours is the Power and the Glory. Amen

Take time to sit quietly and pray for the nations of this world.
Look again at the list of nations and name some of them before God as needing His mercy and justice. Perhaps name the leaders of countries, if you know who they are, and pray that God will move them to lead with justice and humility.

Burscough - Prayer for the Abused and Misused & Courage for the Challenges around us

*I am in the midst of lions; I am forced to dwell among ravenous beasts— men whose teeth are
spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.
Psalm 57:4 (NIV)*

This verse reminds us that there are people in the grip of difficult situations in our community who can find no relief.

- Pray for them, and the traps that exist in our society.
- Pray for our mission to bring release to the captives in the name of Jesus.
- Pray for protection for our young people facing so many pressures and temptations.

As you pray and think about these situations

- Ask God to show you how you can make a difference.
- Sit quietly and let God soften your heart towards issues and problems that are sometimes easy to be angry about and more difficult to bring compassion to.

Pray - Heavenly Father, I join with my brothers and sisters to pray for our local mission in Burscough and beyond. I pray for those people who feel trapped in difficult, harmful and abusive situations. Bring your light and life into this community. Guide us into serving these people in your love, armed with the truth of your good news.

Action - Resolve to keep praying for the aspect/s of local life that particularly capture your attention. Pray that we may introduce people to Jesus who will rescue and protect them. Remember he came that they may have life and have it in abundance.

Listen to "There Is A Name" by Sean Feucht, Pat Barrett and Benjamin Hastings:

<https://tinyurl.com/SJB-WGP-3>

Thursday

Praying for the Nations - Praying for New Life

*Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them,
'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones:
I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you
and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will
come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"* Ezekiel 37:4-6 (NIV)

Ezekiel's prophecy shows us that God takes each situation as it is and brings His life and transformation. In this case dry bones can't live, or can they? He clothes them with tendons, flesh and skin, then breathes life into them. The result is a mighty army of the Lord.

As we look at the news and the scenes of war, devastation, hunger, poverty and injustice, do we see situations that are too difficult and painful for us? Are they too difficult for God? No! He came to seek and save the lost and God's love continues to reach out to mankind.

Today let us join with our fellow Christians around the world and pray some difficult prayers. Think about which country or countries you want to pray for today.

Pray - Sovereign Lord, we pray for our world and in particular the situation in
We pray for the people of this land whom you love. You see their pain and trouble. We pray for your new life to spread across the land bringing an end to greed, violence, hatred and sin that breaks communities apart. We pray that your abundant eternal life will break out across the nations, reconciling people to each other and to you. May your Kingdom come on earth. Amen

Praying for Burscough - New Life for the Distressed, Indebted and Discontent

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.
They spread a net for my feet - I was bowed down in distress. They dug a pit in my path
- but they have fallen into it themselves. Psalm 57:5-6 (NIV)*

As we seek to bring your rescue and new life to our neighbours, let us pray this prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

Action - Sit quietly for a few minutes and meditate on the words we have prayed. How may God use you in answer to this prayer?

Listen to "Breathe" by Andy Smith:

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Friday

Praying for the Nations - God's Presence Goes With Us

*Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."
Exodus 33:15-17 (NIV)*

Moses understood that he could not complete the mission God was calling him to under his own strength.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV) We who believe and trust in Jesus now have the promised Holy Spirit, God's presence, with us. Let us pray for our fellow Christians that the Holy Spirit will go with them.

Pray - Heavenly Father, I join with my brothers and sisters around the globe to pray for those who are taking your presence into dark and difficult places. For those speaking with powerful leaders; may your presence accompany holy advice and wise counsel. For those leading churches; may your Holy Spirit's presence anoint their discipleship of your people. For the evangelists; may the Holy Spirit embolden them to speak with conviction to the hearts of men, women and children. For all Christians going about their daily lives; may we have holy encounters with individuals that you are calling to follow you.

Praying for Burscough - The Call to Steadfast Service

*My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.
Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.
Psalm 57:7-8 (NIV)*

The dictionary defines the word steadfast - firm, not changing, unyielding.

It is good to check our hearts as we begin to move in to number 57 to serve our local community. We need hearts that are steadfastly seeking God and following His call. Like Moses, we mustn't trust in our own strength and the things we think we can do. We must seek God's vision for the way we steward the place and the time God gives us, or He will not bless the work.

Pray - "Be thou my vision, Oh Lord of my heart". Lord show us your vision for number 57. Direct our steps and hold us back from running ahead of you in our excitement to serve you. "If your presence doesn't go with us..." -Lord, we long to serve you, for your glory and your fame. Keep our hearts humble as we break new ground in Burscough. May we rejoice in seeing your hand at work in our community and take no acclaim for ourselves.

Listen to "May Your Presence Go With Us" by Don Moen:

<https://tinyurl.com/SJB-WGP-5>

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Saturday

Praying for the Nations - Justice and Prayer

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Injustice can take many forms. It can happen at a domestic level, in legal systems, in society generally, and on national and international stages.

Take a moment to think of situations today where innocent victims are suffering injustice.

Jesus experienced life in an occupied land. He was a refugee in Egypt and was persecuted and treated unjustly by religious and political leaders. He understands.

In Psalm 94 David wrote "How long, Oh Lord will the wicked prosper?" (NIV)
This may resonate with you as you consider the injustices in the world today.
We are in good company in praying this honest prayer, crying out to God to intervene.

Pray for justice- Almighty God, I join with my brothers and sisters around the globe to pray for justice and mercy in the nations of the world. How long, Oh Lord, will the wicked prevail? Raise up leaders who will serve their people with humility. Nation is rising up against nation in war and conflict. Lord, we pray for peace and we pray for the peacemakers. We pray for the victims of injustice, particularly the dispossessed, hungry, homeless and persecuted people of the world. Have mercy Lord, and may your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Pray for mercy - Lord Jesus, you said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matt 5:7 NIV) Thank you that you have shown us mercy. Teach us to be merciful. The culture we live in is often cruel, proud and unforgiving. May we humbly remember that we need your mercy each day and be ready to act in compassion towards others in your name. Amen

Praying for Burscough - God's Love and Faithfulness to our Community

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.
For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Psalm 57:9-10 (NIV)

The Psalmist is so filled up with God's love and faithfulness that he is overflowing with praise. He senses God's overflowing love and faithfulness that reaches everywhere. It is as if he is bursting to shout it out among the nations and among the people. He can't contain himself.

Pray - Loving Heavenly Father, fill us up with the knowledge and security of your love. The love that welcomed us before we knew you. The love that forgave us our sins. The love that makes your Holy Spirit dwell within us. The love that promises us eternal life. The love that promises us that you will never leave us or forsake us. The love that adopted us into Your family and made us a child of God. The love that never fails.

Lord, I want to carry your love with me into the streets and community of Burscough. As I pray, I ask you to fill me each day with your Holy Spirit and fill me with your love for the people I meet. My love is weak, but your love never fails.

Listen to - "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" by Pat Barrett:

<https://tinyurl.com/SJB-WGP-6>

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Sunday

Praying for the Nations - Empowered for Mission

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (NIV)

Let us pray for the witness of all Christians to this troubled world, remembering that “God so loved **the world** that He gave His one and only Son, that **whoever** believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

Listen to “God of the Poor” by Graham Kendrick: <https://tinyurl.com/SJB-WGP-7>

Pray - Lord we pray for boldness for ourselves and our brothers and sisters as we witness to your amazing grace and salvation. Help us to pray with faith for those people you send us to, so that they may also come to know and follow you. Empower our words and actions by Your Holy Spirit to glorify you and to bring many into your kingdom.

The following is a list of the 13 countries where Christians face extreme persecution, as defined by the Open Doors charity. Take a few minutes to bring these countries before God in prayer.

North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Libya, Sudan, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, India, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar.

Sadly, the list continues with many nations where persecution levels are very high.

See <https://www.opendoors.org> for further information.

Praying for Burscough - Glorifying God in our Community

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.
Psalms 57:11 (NIV)

Pray - Lord God, Creator of all things we exalt you and praise you for the wonder and beauty of Your creation. Fill us with awe and wonder and we consider your generous love and forgiveness. Hear our prayers for the community in which we live. May your light and life break out as you lead us into mission. Grant us vision and equip us to be effective witnesses to you. Thank you for the opportunities that will arise as we move onto the high street. May Your Kingdom come to Burscough. Amen

Action - As this week of global prayer comes to an end, consider how you might continue to pray for the Kingdom of God to come on earth as it is in heaven. Will you resolve to pray a little more? Be encouraged to persevere in prayer even when results don't appear immediately. Pray as you can and don't worry about what you can't do. Be encouraged that “God enjoys your company and will take all he can get when it comes to spending time with Him.” (RT Kendall)

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Africa

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Republic of the), Congo (Democratic Republic of the), Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Asia

Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine (State of), Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen

Europe

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom

North America

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United States

South America

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela

Oceania

Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu