

## Life Week Prayer Guide 18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

We hope that you find this a useful prompt for your daily prayers as we run this week of events seeking to reach out and spread a passion for Jesus together in our local community. We long for God's gracious favour and to see fruit as we step out in mission together – that it might be all for His glory.

For each day this month you'll find a short prayer to join with us as we prayerfully consider the different aspects of mission. These prayers fall under each of the following headings:

- ❖ **Compassion:** Compassionate hearts (for us), that we'd be moved to mission!
- ❖ **Gospel fuel:** that we'd be reminded afresh of God's glorious gospel of grace and be encouraged anew by our own salvation
- ❖ **Fruit:** Soft hearts for those we invite, that they would say yes and come along
- ❖ **Life:** that we would remember ourselves the life that Jesus offers us in His name
- ❖ **God's glory:** that this would always be our chief aim as we step out in mission (and indeed do our every day)



| Monday 18th   | Tuesday 19th  | Wednesday 20th   | Thursday 21st  | Friday 22nd  | Saturday 23rd  | Sunday 24th   |
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| <i>Compassion</i>   | <i>Gospel fuel</i>  | <i>Fruit</i>   | <i>Life</i>  | <i>God's glory</i>   | <i>Compassion</i>  | <i>Gospel fuel</i>  |
| <b>Matthew 5:3</b>   Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven  | <b>John 3:16</b>   God loved us so much that He paid the ultimate price to save us  | <b>Luke 8:1-15</b>   The seed which falls on good soil...  | <b>John 10:10</b>   Life in all it's fullness  | <b>Psalms 115:1</b>   Not to us, but to Your name be all the glory   | <b>Matthew 5:4</b>   Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted   | <b>1 John 3:1</b>   How great is the love that the Father has lavished upon us  |
| Thank you Father in heaven that we have the hope of heaven. Thank you that Jesus has made a way for us. He has removed the barrier between us and You and given us right standing once more in your presence. Please flood our hearts with thankfulness at your gospel of grace. Please move our hearts to yearn that those in our lives who don't yet know you for themselves would soon be saved. Please increase the measure of our compassion, that it would be a joy to work out how we can better live and speak for you and better be bright witnesses in a weary world. Please may we long to see your salvation. Amen. | Loving Heavenly Father, we are so unworthy to come before You. You are so Holy and we are so broken. We are in awe at the depths of your love for us. Thank you that you were willing to part with your only Son, so that He could take on our punishment and receive the judgement that was due to us. Thank you that eternal life is ours, not through any work of our own but solely through faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Thank you for the gift of life that is ours through Him. Thank you for your gospel of grace! Encourage our hearts afresh with this precious truth today. Amen. | Merciful Lord, please prepare the way by Your Holy Spirit to be at work in the hearts and minds of all those being invited to next week's events. Please soften their hearts, open their eyes and unstop their ears. Please can the gospel seed sown during each event fall not on rocky soil, nor into thorns, nor be snatched by the birds but please may it fall on good soil. Please might it give you glory for many souls to be saved. Please can the seeds of Your Word be kept safe, grow and produce much fruit. Please may we have the joy of seeing men, women and whole families coming into your kingdom. For your glory, Amen! | Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we might have the gift of life in His name. Thank you for this precious gift of grace. Not earned, not deserved, but lavished upon us. Thank you that we can enjoy life in all it's fullness right now. Please lift our eyes afresh to our King in heaven and help us to live in a way that shows a watching world the difference that knowing You makes. Amen. | Sovereign Lord, we long that in all things we would yearn to give you glory. Merciful Lord, we are unworthy to come into your presence and yet through Jesus we can come and not just bow at your feet but take a place at your table. Oh King of glory, how we magnify your name. Please take our lives as a thank offering to You. Please might you be glorified in this week of mission. Please might your name be praised and lifted high. Be glorified in our every thought, word and deed we pray. Amen! | Father God, thank you that you are the God of all comfort. We praise you and worship you today for taking away our sorrow and giving us hope in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Please draw near to you over the coming days those who are hurting, those who are lonely, those who are losing hope. Please place in our hearts a desire to hold out to our needy neighbours the only comfort that lasts. Enlighten our hearts so that we may see who you have placed in our lives that we can testify to all that You have done in ours. Please may we be a compassionate people, eager to sing of your name. Amen. | Everlasting Lord, You are beginning and end. Thank you that you love us with a steadfast love. Thank you that you welcome us into your family with open arms. Thank you that we can be called your children, adopted into your family and belong to you forever. May this be a very real truth to us today. Forgive us when we grow lukewarm and forget of your saving grace and tender love and mercy. Might we encourage one another today with your precious promises to us. Amen. |

| Monday 25th   | Tuesday 26th  | Wednesday 27th   | Thursday 28th   | Friday 29th   | Saturday 30th  | Sunday 31st  |
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| <i>Fruit</i>  | <i>Life</i>   | <i>God's glory</i>   | <i>Compassion</i>   | <i>Gospel fuel</i>  | <i>Fruit</i>   | <i>Life</i>  |
| <b>Ezekiel 34:11-16</b>   As a shepherd looks for his scattered sheep when he is with them so will I look after my sheep  | <b>John 14:6</b>   True life is only found in Jesus   | <b>Isaiah 6</b>   Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory  | <b>Matthew 5:5</b>   Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth  | <b>Psalms 121</b>   Where does my help come from?   | <b>Luke 15</b>   For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.   | <b>Jeremiah 31:34</b>   For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more   |
| Generous Lord, thank you that Your love for us knows no limit, knows no end. Thank you that You search for us with the determination of a good shepherd. We praise you that you pursue us. We fall at your feet for bringing us safely home. Today we cry out to you for those who are far from you and in danger of being lost. Please save their souls. Please have mercy. Might it give you glory for this mission week to produce much fruit in the lives of those around us. Be exalted O God we pray. Amen. | Almighty Father, thank you that in Jesus we can know where we are going, who to put our hope in and just how merciful You are; that in deserving judgement you gave us pardon, that in deserving wrath you gave us grace; that in deserving death you gave us life. We will never be worthy of your love for us. Thank you Lord Jesus for showing the full extent of your love for us on the cross. Thank you that we can never be separated from you now. Please help us to live lives that honour you, bless you and hold out the life that can be found in Your precious name. Amen. | Glorious One, we adore You. Please increase our passion for your name. Please heighten the desires of our hearts to be concerned with Your glory and not our own. Guard and protect our hearts from selfish ambition or self promotion. You do not give your glory to another. We do not want to be glory thieves. We want to fall at your feet in humble submission, fervent adoration and constant praise. Forgive us when we let other earthly things take first place in our hearts. Please resume your rightful place today and always. Please be glorified in all that we think, say and do. Amen. | Abba Father, thank you that because of Jesus we have a delightful inheritance. Thank you for the hope of heaven. Please stir our hearts afresh for those who have not come to know you and who do not have this hope. Please show us who we can speak to today who you long to bring into your kingdom. Please increase our compassion for those friends, family, neighbours, workers and others that you have put in our lives. Please deepen our urgency to spread your glorious gospel of grace. Amen. | Almighty God, thank you for saving us. We praise and worship you afresh for your amazing grace. Thank you that the gospel tells us a different story. Where we don't need to try and be the hero but instead, have the offer held out to us by the one true hero, our only Saviour and Lord, King Jesus. Thank you that He is the better hope, the better home, the truest happiness, the truest help. Please help us not to grow immune to your saving grace but to preach the gospel to ourselves daily, that we might gaze again on the One who has set us free and given us new life. Amen. | Loving Heavenly Father, thank you that you run to meet us where we are at. You do not recoil at our filthy and unclean selves but you fully embrace us and welcome us into your family, even your kingdom. Today we pray for all of the lost sons and daughters out there. Please may this be the year that they become prodigal ones. Please restore their relationships with you. Please bring fruit in all kinds of wonderful and unexpected ways from this mission week. Please help us to be faithful stewards and prayerful in all things; as we acknowledge that we can do nothing without You. Amen. | Lord of life, we worship you for your life-giving declaration to choose to forget our iniquities. We thank you for the gift of eternal life given in the name of your precious Son, Jesus. Thank you that we can put our hope in Him, knowing that He will never let us down. Thank you that when you could have held our sins against us, You have chosen to forget because Jesus took our place on the cross so that we can take His place before you on the final day. How unworthy we are and yet how loved we are because of His sacrifice. Thank you for life in His name. Amen. |
| The Sports Quiz   | Tapas & Tunes   | Past Lives: Film & Discussion  | Quiz Night  | Good Friday   | Easter Saturday  | Easter Sunday  |