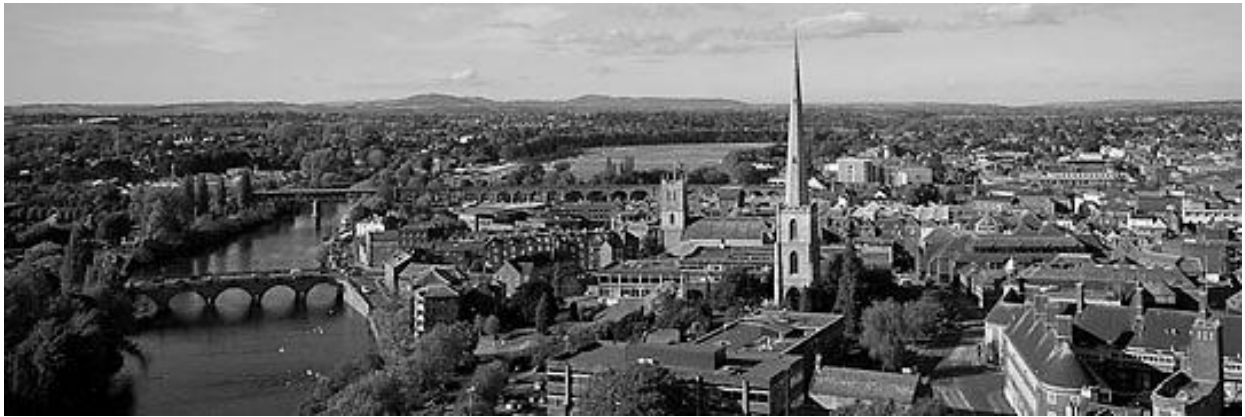


ST PAUL'S WORCESTER



JOY IN THE CITY

October 2013

MONTH OF PRAYER

The essential power of prayer

Life Group Study and Ideas

Each person to read a chapter of the book of Acts and discover anything they can about the early church and prayer.

What is prayed?

Was there a direct answer to prayer?

(Not every chapter will have something but many will!)

Look at key points in the life of the early church

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| 1. Appointing leaders | Acts 1:24, Acts 6:6 |
| 2. In need of power | Acts 4:31 |
| 3. The role of leaders | Acts 6:4 |
| 4. The gospel going to the Gentile (non-Jewish world) | Acts 10:9, 10:30,31 |
| 5. Sending people | Acts 14:23 |

St Paul's vision is that we are committed to surrounding everything we do with prayer:-

How can every Life Group contribute to this vision?

IDEA:- Every time you meet pray for one group in the church – eg Fusion, Kingdom Kids, Silverliners.

Ways to pray

Take a passage of the Bible and use it as a basis for prayer....

Philippians 1:9-11

Start by giving thanks

Then pray that love would abound in various situations

Then that you will be able to discern (know what is right before God)

Then for purity – that we would live like Jesus

Zechariah 8:1-8

A passage prophetically speaking about the church

That we would know His presence amongst us

That we would live truthfully (pray for the preaching of the Word)

Men and women, boys and girls – all ages together – we would experience
community and family

When you pray for people or things then it is good to pray with the bible very close to you as you then pray according to the word of God which is His will. If in a place of danger pray like the early church!

EXERCISE (you might need a concordance to help) to do in Life Groups

Listed below are a number of 'life challenges' which we face. Try to find a verse or passage in the Bible that links to this life challenge and use it to pray when these challenges come along.

Feeling far from God Passage _____

Illness Passage _____

Feeling afraid Passage _____

Feeling worried Passage _____

Your future is unclear Passage _____

Family struggles Passage _____

Worried about children Passage _____

Am I really a Christian? Passage _____

I am not sure I am forgiven Passage _____

You might like to think of others and find passages. If you can't think of a passage then during the week the Life Group can try to discover one and bring it next time you meet or text it to everyone.

Prayer Needs in Our City of Worcester

For Churches

- People to become Christians
- Pastors & Leaders
- Church needs (physical & financial)
- Community outreach
- For a big revival
- For Churches to have good relationships

For Families

- To be saved
- Broken families to be rebuilt & that divorce would be reduced
- Single Parents
- Peace
- To have better understanding & to maintain good relationships in the family
- Family needs to be met

For Young People and Children

- To be saved
- Free from Smoke, Alcohol & Drugs
- Teenage marriage / Pregnancy
- To concentrate on education & to have a sense of purpose and destiny
- Protection against abuse

For Senior Citizen's

- To be saved before they die
- Not to let their faith fade and to continue to attend the Church
- To have their needs met and health

For Unemployment

- To reduce unemployment rate and people find jobs
- To use available sources to improve business in UK

For Prisoners to be saved

- Gospel to reach prisoners
- For their repentance and to be saved
- For them not to repeat the sin again

Public Sectors

- Schools, colleges, university
- Courts, police
- NHS

Media

- For greater Christian influence in TV, films, news and internet.

Deliverance from addictions of all kinds

Deliverance from Prostitution and people trafficking

- They are to be saved and to be blessed with other jobs with good income.
- People trafficking - often very young women being forced into sex trade.

For Nation to be blessed

- For nation to have revival to rebuild spiritual life and have fear of GOD
- For people needs to be met
- To improve economic status
- To protect from any natural disasters & to have good harvest
- For peace of Nation
- For protection from terrorism



DAY OF WORSHIP

Sunday October 20th

10.15am to 8.00pm

Services as usual

Worship team leading the day

Come along all day or drop in for as long as you like!



Pray & gift day - Bless the City

Saturday 12th October

From 8.00am

PRAYER WALKING – meet at the church at 8.00am

BREAKFAST and coffee from 9.00am in Costa opposite Guildhall

GIVE AWAY AND PRAY from 10.00am outside Guildhall

We will give gifts to folk with prayer cards and have some fun!

COME ALONG FOR ALL OR PART OF OUR TIME - Finish at 12noon

Bharath's life group is organising this event but they will ask for help!

BRINGING JOY TO THE CITY



Power House

**12 noon – 1pm & 7.30pm –
8.30pm At the church**

TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER – pray4 Silverliners & CityCare

TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER – pray4 build2reach – building & overseas mission

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER – pray4 Kingdom Kids, Fusion & Pulse

If your Life Group meets on a Tuesday each group choose what they do!

ALL LIFE GROUPS

adopt
A Block
Reaching our community
one block at a time

**EACH LIFE GROUP WILL
ADOPT A PARISH TO
PRAY FOR – DOT
BURNETT WILL CO-
ORDINATE. PERHAPS
GOD WILL OPEN A
DOOR OR SHOW A
GROUP WHAT THEY CAN
DO TO BLESS THE
PARISH**