

LIFEWORDS

Lifeworlds Prayer, January 2025

Nothing is impossible for God!
Luke 1:37 (CEV)

Prayer is vital to everything we do. We want to follow Jesus' example and connect with God; to ask for peace, transformation, salvation; and to pray for the impact of Lifeworlds work around the world. Please join us as we pray this month.

29 December – 4 January

Thank you!

At the end of last year, we asked for your help to continue resourcing Christians like Joy, who is using our Little Brick of Little Books with visitors to the café at Gateway Church, York, UK. Thank you for your support! "Many people who come to the café have been showing a growing interest in faith," says Joy. "*Little Book of Joy* and the other resources are great conversation starters and are the kind of booklets that people will keep."

In times like these, the need has never been greater. Every day, individuals and communities across the globe are reaching out, hungry for the Bible's life words to inspire their lives and strengthen their faith. Your giving and prayer ensure this mission keeps on opening doors, creating access, and ensuring that cost is never a barrier for those seeking the Bible. By supporting Lifeworlds, you are joining a global community committed to sharing the Bible's life-giving message and to making a lasting difference in people's lives. For Joy and countless others, Lifeworlds is a vital piece of their ministry, outreach and witness.

>> Visit www.lifeworlds.global/projects to read more about how our resources are helping Joy and others like her, and to find out how you can make a gift to support our work.

Pray with us

Give thanks for the generous gifts and prayer support that Lifeworlds receives. Praise God for the huge difference this makes to the work we do.

Pray for the ongoing work as Lifeworlds seeks to help more and more people discover God's Word.

5–11 January

24 years of Pavement Project

To date, over 100,000 Pavement Project counselling sessions have been completed with children-at-risk. There are over 600 active trained workers working with nearly 300 partner organisations in 25 countries. Pavement Project has 35 active certified volunteer trainers and 18 trainee volunteer trainers. Joanna Wakia, former Pavement Project Coordinator for East Africa, explains the impact Pavement Project has in the lives of vulnerable children and their families:

“Maybe you are wondering how 45 minutes of pictures and familiar stories can really help a child who’s been raped, or who is HIV-positive, or whose parents have disowned them. But I have come to know that because God is in these stories and pictures, and at the centre of the whole process, Pavement Project has created an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to come in and touch that child’s life, right where it hurts. God can change how that child feels about what happened, which ripples out to affect how they behave and interact with others, and so each ripple continues.”

Thank you to the churches and individuals all over the world who support and celebrate Pavement Project, enabling it to train more workers, partner with many more organisations, work in more countries, and innovate and improve the technology it uses to deliver the project.

Pray with us

Give thanks for 24 years of Pavement Project and for the many lives that have been impacted. Praise God for the workers, trainers, and partners who are committed to bringing God’s light and healing to vulnerable children. Pray for the work to continue and grow.

12–18 January

A supportive space

Kintsugi Hope – its name inspired by the Japanese technique for repairing pottery with seams of gold – is a charity with a vision to grow a movement of wellbeing groups where people who struggle or who have felt overwhelmed can experience a safe and supportive space. Kintsugi Hope groups work in communities through the local church with an attitude of humility, not seeking to judge, fix, or rescue, but to come alongside and love one another. Many churches across the UK are reaching out to their community through holding a Kintsugi Hope group, and one such church is C3 UnitedLife Sutton Central.

The group at C3 UnitedLife was recently gifted a Little Brick of Little Books. “Kintsugi Hope explores depression, anxiety, forgiveness, and loss along with other themes, so the *Little Book of Joy*, *Little Book of Chaos* and *Little Book of Help* have been particularly popular in this context,” says Katherine from C3 UnitedLife. “The Little Books are made available at each of the sessions, with time given for everyone to look through the various resources available.”

Pray with us

Pray for C3 UnitedLife Sutton Central as they seek to support members of their community through the Kintsugi Hope group.

Give thanks for Kintsugi Hope and for the welcome and support it offers to its community. Praise God for how through relationships and reading the Bible, people are experiencing love and finding help.

19–25 January

Little Book of Advent

Thank you for all your prayers and support for *Little Book of Advent* which was used by churches, ministries, and organisations across the country to help others engage with the Bible during Advent and Christmas.

“I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for sending out your new *Little Book of Advent*. It had a profound impact on me, confirming things I felt God has already been speaking to me

about. I'd even go so far as to say that the book changed the course of my life, allowing God to reveal more clearly where he is leading me. So, thank you – not just for the book, but for all that your ministry does. You have a remarkable way of making the gospel accessible to people from all walks of life and circumstances, and I have had the privilege to see the blessing your literature has been to so many." Sharon Lee, Area Manager, Junction 42, Newcastle, UK

"Christmas is one of those times where people feel a myriad of emotions. Lifeworlds material, like *Little Book of Advent*, helps to call us back to the reason for why we stop, celebrate, and remember this special moment. For people in hospital this can be an exceptionally lonely and emotional time, these booklets help people join in with celebrations around the world." Melissa, hospital chaplain, UK

Pray with us

Give thanks for the success and impact of *Little Book of Advent* and for how it was used by many during Advent and Christmas. Pray that the words of the Bible would continue to bring light and transformation, and have a lasting impact in the lives of those who read them.

26 January – 1 February

Creative faith

Ann, a Lifeworlds supporter, enjoys creating art using our resources as inspiration. "As I reflect on God's Word, God leads and guides me through the creative process, and I like to encourage others to do the same," says Ann. "I create journals based on Bible themes which I fill with verses in the hope that the recipient will feel inspired to read, write, reflect, and pray over those verses, making their own notes as they do so. These are effectively snapshots of the Bible, a gentle and personalised way for others to deepen their relationship with Jesus or perhaps take their first tentative steps towards him."

"I recently made some videos based on the inspiration that I was blessed with when I received a set of publications from Lifeworlds. I particularly love the variation of graphics used for each booklet – they are gorgeous to look at as well as to read. ... The Lifeworlds booklets are also tremendous resources to use in reaching out to others, so that they may also enjoy the freedom, hope, and peace which we, as believers, have in our own hearts."

>> This is an excerpt from a blog post written by Ann. Visit www.lifeworlds.global/blog/creative-faith to read the full post.

Pray with us

Give thanks for the different ways we are able to connect with and worship God. Praise God for how the Bible helps us to do this. Pray for Ann and her creative ministry, and pray for ourselves, that we would be encouraged to reflect on and respond to the Bible in different ways.

Thank you for praying with us! Your partnership in prayer is vital to all that we do as we share the Bible's life words around the world. You can make a donation to our work online at www.lifeworlds.global/donate, by post, or by calling 020 7730 2155.