

For the house of prayer Sat 25th February, we'll be joining together in homes in groups of 3–5 people to pray for:

- The world
- Our nation
- Our Church
- Our communities
- Each other

**Hosting:**

The amount of time you decide to pray for is up to you, if you want to commit to a specific time before hand, please let people know what time you'll finish. Or you may want to keep going until you feel it draws to a natural close.

- If you are hosting, you may want to provide drinks and snacks and have a catch up before or after.
- If you have small children, you could invite others with small children and the children can play or join in, while you pray (Loudly!)
- If you are going to be away and want to be involved, you could organise a zoom meeting and write prayer points in the chat.

It's helpful to begin with thanking God for who He is and acknowledging his power and praying for his kingdom to come, praying as you feel led to. It would be handy to have a notepad with you to write down any words, pictures or scriptures that you feel God gives you while praying. You can follow the points for prayer below if you think they will be helpful to you.

**Our world:** For example, it could be for countries facing crises, or countries where Christians are being persecuted. You may also want to pray for the country you're from or countries you have links to. You could see the latest world issues for prayer points on the [Open Doors](#), [Tear Fund](#) and [World Vision](#) websites.

**Our nation:** Pray for integrity, truth and compassion throughout Government. Pray for the positive influence of God's people for the good of all throughout all Government departments. Pray that the UK Government would be a strong force for good in foreign policy and bringing relief to those suffering throughout the world. For the churches and church leaders in our nation and for all the new churches to be planted over the coming years.

**Our town and villages:** local people who feel marginalized, families, youth, local issues, schools, business, your neighbours, people who have influence.

**Our church:** That many more people would come to know and follow Jesus and join our church family. Pray for the youth and children. Pray for those who are feeling isolated or those in need of healing. Pray that we'd be open and ready to be led by the Holy Spirit into all God has for us as his people.

**Each other:** please share a bit about how people can pray for you, and what they can pray for.

*Here's a quote regarding intercession from Tearfund*

**A marathon not a sprint**

“Intercession changes us. When we bring others before God our attitudes begin to shift as our hearts become more aligned with God’s plan for the world. We get to see how God sees the world – how much he loves individuals and creation – and our relationship with God and others can become deeper as a result.

You may not see answers to prayer immediately or see the effect your prayers are having on people’s lives, but you can be assured that God is at work. Your prayers will be making a difference and changing lives.

There will be times when situations seem impossible, but we are praying to a God who can do even more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). We are praying to a God who healed the blind, parted the seas, and who created the entire Earth. So feel free to pray your biggest and boldest prayers.

And when we are tired, or unsure of what to say – when the situation feels too big – remember that ‘the spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans’ (Romans 8:26). Our prayers can take the form of silence, sobs or even shaking our fists and stamping our feet at the injustice in the world. God listens. God understands. God cares”.

God bless you all as we come together to pray for God’s kingdom to come.

George Stannard