

NCF Sunday Prayer Points - 2016

On 20th November we prayed for:

On 13th November we prayed for:

The freedom to meet together, giving thanks to the sacrifices made by so many in the past. We remember them especially this morning;

Guidance, discernment and wisdom to those entrusted with leading our nations. May they look to You for their strength rather than themselves. We pray especially for Theresa May and her government as they seek the way forward with Brexit over the coming months. We pray also for our MP Marcus Jones - guide him as he seeks to work for the benefit of our town;

Your Church as we start to prepare for celebrating Christmas. May we seek opportunities to reach out to those around us;

Our own church here at NCF may we be a beacon to this estate and reach out with Your love to those around us and share the good news of the Gospel as you give us opportunity.

On 6th November we prayed for:

Romans 15: 4-5.

NCF and churches in Nuneaton to be enduring and encouraged by the scriptures and to have a spirit of unity as we all follow Christ Jesus;

The US election;

www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Tom-Wright-voting-for-Hillary-over-Trump-is-a-no-brainer

Just one in three Christian parents want children to share their faith.

www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Just-one-in-three-Christian-parents-want-children-to-share-their-faith

On 30th October we prayed for:

The suffering Church in Aleppo, as well as in wider Syria and Iraq;

The families and victims of terrorist kidnappings;

Americans as they begin the process to elect a new President;

Restore Your Church in the UK, especially our “god in a box” mentality.

On 23rd October we prayed for:

Thankfulness:

Due to our day to day distractions & challenges we may sometimes miss the many things to be thankful for.

Thankfulness for the gift of prayer, the privilege, the freely available "all hours" access. The magnitude of who we pray to - our Father, saviour, friend, Mighty God, creator.

Thankfulness for being able to meet freely and openly - remembrance and prayer for those across the world who face arrest, loss of income/employment, removal from homes, separation from family, even execution for their faith. Prayer for help to truly engage in that thankfulness for this during our service.

Thankfulness for clean drinking water - remembrance for over a billion people world wide who do not have access and the increase in this number during natural disasters or time of conflict/war.

Thankfulness for the "basic" of toilet facilities - remembrance & prayer for up to 3.6 billion people worldwide struggling without this sanitation, dignity & safety. Countries with the lowest number of facilities suffer the highest levels of child mortality, indices of poverty and most concerning, the highest levels of disparity of wealth.

Thankfulness for our health services; our access to dental, optical care, our hospitals and community services and for all those who work and care within them. Prayer for integrity, wise use of funds, wisdom in management & decision making, honesty & care. Prayer for "forgotten" or now less news worthy health crises across the world. Prayer for HIV/AIDS taking a huge toll, affecting 40million across sub-Saharan Africa, leaving 14 million children with the loss of a parent, often without medicine, care, hospitals and procedures.

Thankfulness for our Stability - thanks that we are largely peacefully and quietly governed. Prayed for integrity, honesty and wisdom across this field. Prayer to amend areas of greed/concern BUT thanks for the

stability. Prayer for ongoing refugee crisis and displacement of families who are separated across the world.

17 million children displaced in 2015 WITHIN their own home country, but away from their own home, family, school, etc.

Thankfulness that we are NEVER just a statistic, number or a project in our Father's eyes. Thanks for His knowledge, individual care, plan and that He is always in control. Thanks that He is never overwhelmed etc

Prayer for those who may not feel thankful today. Thanks that we do not have to be in a "news worthy" event for God to know all about it and be in it. Those who struggle or are challenged in their work, school, home, family, health.

Thank You for the Cross.

Amen

[Statistics were from UNRIC and from UNICEF websites.]

On 16th October we prayed for:

On 9th October we prayed for:

Prayer centred around Romans 12 v1-2 for NCF, Nuneaton & Bedworth churches & churches in the UK. 2 Timothy 1:7;

Haiti

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Protect-disabled-in-Haiti-Hurricane-Matthew-relief-effort-urges-Christian-charity>

Aleppo, Syria

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Justin-Welby-describes-Aleppo-deaths-as-evil-and-demonic>

On 2nd October we prayed for:

The children of our world, especially those in Aleppo, in refugee camps around the Middle East and in other parts of the world. The estimated 100,000 children in the UK who will be homeless this Christmas as estimated by Shelter and the 4000 + children who have been fed by Nuneaton food Bank since it started. The children here at NCF. We pray

for the teachers who look after them each week and for their families. We pray for Sunshine Corner and all who help. We pray for the children of this estate that they may come to know you.

On 25th September we prayed for:

This week's prayer points were:

Autumn Blessings (a poem by Deborah Ann)

<https://poetrybydeborahann.wordpress.com/2012/10/13/autumn-blessings/>

Praying for NCF & Nuneaton churches around the themes of provision and light;

praying for the NHS (especially good leadership);

praying for the education system in UK

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Government-admits-academy-plans-will-cost-the-Church>

On 18th September it was Prayer Sunday. We were encouraged to pray for:

Those in Authority;

The Persecuted Church (*Open Doors* came the previous Thursday);

Certain Historical events;

Certain Contemporary events;

The poor economic retail state of the town centre;

The probably good economic state of St Nicolas Park Drive;

Our neighbours and the new houses on The Long Shoot;

Those with long-term health issues;

Change – whether welcomed or not;

Personal spiritual growth;

Help us to learn how to pray God.

On 11th September (at the Family Service) many of us read out printed-out prayers:

Father, help us to live our lives being aware of all the other people in the race rather than just focusing on ourselves.

Lord, when the next step is hard to take and we feel like giving up, help us to hear You cheering us on and see all the things around us You've put in place to help us.

Lord, help us to remember that 'sin so easily entangles' when we're making choices every day.

Lord, may we be a people who are seeking You first, with eyes focused ahead rather than being distracted by things to the left or the right.

Help us to make full use of the training facilities You have given us to prepare for the race, like the Bible, church, family, friends, books and the Internet.

Lord, let the way that we run the race encourage other people to join in, and also encourage those who are struggling while running their own race.

Lord, You know how many days have passed in our race and how many there are to come. Help us to run each day with the urgency and enthusiasm we felt at the start.

Lord, help us to welcome challenges in our lives. Please give us the strength to persevere in them.

Lord, thank You that through hard times, You help us grow.

God, when I am feeling weak, tired or discouraged, please help me to remember to depend on You.

God, sometimes it seems easier to be lazy than hard-working. When I am tempted to slack off in my work, please help me to remember that You gave me a spirit of self-discipline.

Father, we bless and thank You for a brand new day and for the fresh opportunities and challenges that this day will bring. Thank You that Your mercies are new every morning and I pray that I will walk worthy of You today and be a faithful witness in thought, word and deed demonstrating a Christ-like attitude to all with whom I come in contact.

On 4th September we prayed for:

We gave thanks for mercy from God and prayers answered;

Syrian Christians being persecuted;

Open Doors – thanks for their spiritual and practical aid to others, may the resources they need continue to be met;

European governments to have wisdom for helping refugees;

Comfort for those who have lost loved ones and possessions in the recent Italian earthquake.

On 28th August we prayed for:

The sick;

The protection of churches in other countries;

The lost in our families.

On 21st August we prayed for:

Giving thanks in all circumstances (1Thessalonians 5:16-18);

Praying for NCF e.g. leadership, music group, children's ministry, prayer group, puppets & those who weren't well & including thanks that Elena's operation went well;

Followed on from Paul Wood's short talk about the Olympics coverage on the BBC - sport appeared to be presented as the ultimate glory and salvation (a false idol as we know) whereas the real Saviour is overlooked;

A general prayer was said for the persecuted church in Syria & Iraq.

On 14th August we prayed for:
The sick;

The Church.

On 7th August we prayed for:
Those gathered in Rio for the Olympics – particularly those Christian groups who have gone specifically to share the Good News with spectators, official and athletes;

Those who are ill, particularly Yvonne who has to await further results before her treatment starts;

Theresa May and her new government as they look to lead the country forward. May they seek God's will as well as their own wisdom. May Mark Carney also have God's wisdom as he guides the fiscal policies of this country;

As we recognise God is sovereign in our own individual lives, may He minister to us as we know He loves us.

On 31st July we prayed for:
God to anoint us anew, that we might live and breathe and have our being in Him;

The young people in our town and nation, who are growing up with much information at their finger tips, but little spiritual guidance;

May church leaders of every denomination help to see Your kingdom come on earth as it in heaven through word and actions;

Bring a great Revival across Europe;

We prayed for those who are sick or broken-hearted in our church;

May the citizens of America elect a new President wisely.

On 24th July we prayed for:

The world and the return of our Lord;

The sick;

For the ministers of this church.

On 17th July we prayed:

Thanking God that He is in control of the world even when we don't understand what is happening and we need to trust Him.

We prayed for the people of Turkey and the city of Nice and particularly for relatives of those killed or injured. We also prayed for those other areas of the world where trouble was happening and especially for God's children for His protection.

We then prayed for specific people in NCF who are ill at the moment, asking for God's healing hand to be on them.

On 10th July we prayed for:

This is a new time of spiritual shaking and spiritual opportunity. We prayed for new leadership and integrity in our politics, for protection on our economy, peace in our towns and cities and for God to move in our nation and for His will to be done.

We are in a new time. A time of mercy, a time of shaking, a time for a deeper understanding of the gospel. It is a historically significant watershed moment – for our nations and for Europe. It is therefore a time for more prayer. It is a time for packed out prayer meetings, for greater time for prayer in our small groups and bible studies and children's meetings and for stronger individual prayer.

Unity in the church: may we accept that people with different opinions from us are welcome and loved in the Body.

The church to become agents of reconciliation in these uncertain times. Give thanks that God is our rock in times of trouble. Pray that we shall live and proclaim the good news of the gospel in our villages, towns and cities across the nation.

On 3rd July we prayed for:

"The Lord reigns. Let the earth rejoice"

- Turkey - airport bombing. The Lord to mobilise the church to witness for His glory to a nation needed comfort;
- Bangladesh- Hostage siege - The Lord to mobilise His Church for His glory to a nation in need of hope;
- Thanks for those who gave their lives in the battle of the Somme
- Ramadan - night of power - That God would reveal Himself to Muslims in many ways as they seek an encounter with Him. That dreams of Jesus will encourage Muslims all over the world to find out more about Him. That the Church would be dream catchers - Christian believers who can understand who the "being of light " is in their (Muslim's) dreams and how He wants them to follow Him;
- Grace an integrity for every Christian MP to hear God's voice and be people of influence;
- Protection from evil intent or greed;
- Integrity to those who manage finances and for God to move in our nation;
- Spirit of reconciliation and healing for the nation and for God to guide our elected leaders to come together with a vision to unite us as a nation;
- For God to inspire European leaders with wise choices;
- For Conservative Party leadership- Stephen Crabbe - who has not been ashamed of the Gospel. For God to direct and inspire all those involved in the election of a new Conservative leader;
- Hope to replace uncertainty in men's hearts and Godly vision to replace political unrest;
- The family of Kayleigh Haywood. Pray against the sexualisation of children. The rise of transgenderism and LGBTI agenda advocating the so called split between the "real you" and the appearance of your body - a new form of Gnosticism and rebellion against the creator God.
- Revival in the church and the nations;
- Sunshine Corner;
- Yvonne and Keith;
- Heather and Malc;
- Sarah & Rob;
- Fiona and her family;
- Margaret, Walter, James & Kerry;
- Phyllis and Adam;
- Elena, Alex, Paul and Angela;
- Jinny and Han (Jinny's interview);
- Tanya

On 26th June we prayed for:

Giving thanks to God for His great gift of love and grace that gives us the hope of salvation;

Our hearts to be opened to love without measure and without cost;

Our country as we set out on a new path and uncharted course and the politicians who will lead us forward;

During Ramadan we remember the secret believers;

Those who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit – “By His stripes we are healed.”

On 19th June there was a Prayer Sunday. A brief report is on our *Podcasts 2016* page. There were areas for Local Issues, International Issues, the Persecuted Church, the EU Referendum and Healing.

On 12th June we prayed for:

"Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness."

Our fellowship:

Fiona and her family as they mourn for the loss of Lily. Comfort and unity for them;

Margaret M and Walter, James, Kerry and the rest of the family in South Africa;

Keith and Yvonne;

Heather, Malc and the family;

Paul and Lynne to have a refreshing holiday;

John and Gill to be blessed;

Elena, Alex, Paul and Angela;

Those seeking direction for the future;

Sam, Jun, Heidi and Soyal;

Tanya;

Those struggling.

National Issues:

Thanks for our Queen and for her father before her and their strong Christian faith;

For there to be a strong Christian faith in the future generations of our monarchy;

European Referendum and Europe;

For Muslims to have a revelation from God during the month of Ramadan;

For Christians in Islamic countries at this time;

Thanks for the Muslims building a church for the Christian community in an area of Punjab in Pakistan and for communities to live peacefully side by side.

On 5th June we prayed for:

The NCF family (this was broken down according to ministry) that they would receive wisdom & faith to become 'true worshippers' (John 4:23);

The needs of those in the NCF family who are currently ill (this was left open for the congregation to pray out aloud);

A general prayer was said for the Persecuted Church i.e. to remember those who are persecuted and to enable a 'Chain of Hope' to link the children of God all around the world (Barnabas prayer diary entry May 22nd 2016 - <https://barnabafund.org/Get-Involved/pray/prayer-diary>).

On 29th May we prayed:

We want to give you thanks that Margaret Davies is now back in our family having successfully undergone hip surgery. That Malc is now starting to feel better and his work situation has been resolved. For Yvonne's continuing treatment that you will be close to both her and Keith as they go through this together. That Lily is starting to settle into

her new surroundings and for Fiona and the rest of the family as they get used to the new situation.

We ask that you will guide our thoughts as the referendum draws nearer and help us to sift through the plethora of information to find your truth.

We pray for your world and the mess we seem to be getting it into. Please through your Holy Spirit guide the thoughts and actions of those with influence in areas of conflict that we may see your mighty hand at work.

On 22nd May we prayed for:

“Arise, shine, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. “

Thanks for our daily bread, home, loving family and friends;

Thanks that one of the Chibok Girls has been released;

Wisdom and guidance in the upcoming EU Referendum;

The families of the victims of the EgyptAir disaster and the investigators;

Our town needs Revival – both spiritually and commercially;

Those who are sick and suffering – You are the great Healer.

On 15th May we prayed for:

All the churches in the Nuneaton;

The good work going on at The King’s Lodge;

The growth of *NCF* in all departments;

Those physically, mentally and spiritually sick.

On 8th May we prayed for:

God's sovereignty 'Thy will be done' - Isaiah 40:10-11;

Local Elections and for our Government;

EU Referendum [www.care.org.uk/eureferendum];

NCF & all Nuneaton churches in relation to God's sovereignty.

On 1st May we prayed for:
Our Queen and the Royal Family;

Our Prime Minister and members of his Government;

Marcus Jones, our MP, and members of our local Councils;

The coming EU Referendum;

Those who have suffered earthquakes recently;

Those who are sick in our church.

On 24th April we prayed:
Giving thanks to our Abba Father for His grace, mercy and loving
kindness towards us;

Wisdom to follow in Your footsteps and to stand on Your unshakeable
truths;

Pour out Your Spirit to refresh and anoint us anew;

Those who are ill, especially Yvonne, Malcom, Hazel and Margaret H;

The younger ones and those who care for them;

Those who are suffering persecution around the world;

May governments around the world work together to stop the genocidal
attacks on Christians and other minorities by Isis.

On 17th April we prayed for:
The Worship Team;

John and Gill in their training;

All those that are sick;

Thanks for the caring praying people of NCF.

On 10th April we prayed:

A Healing Prayer of Surrender for ourselves and others –

Dear Lord Jesus, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be. I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me.

I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, spirit, all my hopes, plans and dreams. I surrender to you my past, present and future problems, habits, character defects, attitudes, livelihood, resources, finances, medical coverage, occupation and all my relationships.

I give you my health, physical appearance, disabilities, family, marriage, children and friendships. I ask you to take Lordship over every aspect of my life. I surrender to you all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear and anxiety, and I ask you to wash me clean.

I release everything into your compassionate care. Please speak to me clearly, Lord. Open my ears to hear your voice. Open my heart to commune with you more deeply. I want to feel your loving embrace. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life. Amen.

On 3rd April we prayed:

Thanking God that despite everything going on around us He was still Lord of all, Creator and the Alpha & Omega and in control of all things.

We then had a time of open prayer where members of the congregation prayed for various people who are ill at this time. They also thanked God for the hope that we have in Him and that the refugee situation could be resolved.

We closed by thanking God that we could be confident that He had heard our prayers and that in His time and His way He would answer them.

On 27th March we prayed:

Thanking God that He loved us so much that He sent Jesus to take away our sin by dying on the cross on Good Friday and then gloriously rising again on Easter Sunday so we have a relationship with a living God

through Jesus who is sitting at Gods right hand constantly interceding for us rather than worshipping a dead idol.

We prayed for those who are ill at this time especially Yvonne and Lily and for their families as they look after them.

We prayed for our world acknowledging that we don't understand everything that is going on but knowing that we can trust God who knows the end from the beginning and has won the final victory despite everything we see around us.

We prayed for all those who are in the midst of conflict that they may know God's peace and love surrounding them and upholding them.

On 20th March there was a Family Service where lots of short prayers were read out.

On 13th March Teen Challenge led our Service.

On 6th March we prayed for:
Gave thanks for Mothers;

The parents of the Chibok girls (from Nigeria) who were stolen two years ago;



Those who are refugees in Europe – let solutions and help be found. May weapons be beaten into ploughshares and peace restored;

Bless the ministers and musicians of this church – let them be filled anew with Your Holy Spirit;

The many who are sick.

We then prayed silently and ended with The Lord's Prayer.

On 28th February we prayed for:

Thanks to our Father for the giftings He has given us all;

Those suffering with sickness in the church;

Those in the Middle East suffering war and starvation;

Those countries electing new governments around the world at this time.
Let there be wisdom and guidance from You;

Help us in the next few weeks with regard to the EU Referendum – help us have discernment when we vote.

On 21st February we prayed for:

Paul and Lynne as they lead the church, as well as John and Gill and everyone else who lead different ministries;

Those who are sick;

The Worship Team;

The Monday and Wednesday Prayer Teams;

Children, especially who are taking important exams over the next few weeks.

On 14th February we prayed for:

NCF using 1 Peter 1:3-5;

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/topical-prayers/prayers-for-peace.aspx>

'A prayer for peace in our communities' to prayer for our town;

'For the peace of the world' in relation to prayer for Syria & Northern Iraq.

On 7th February we prayed for:

The people of South Korea - especially our Christian brothers and sisters as North Korea continues to make threatening moves against them and the world;

The Syrian people as war rages around them - that a solution may be found;

All areas of the world where conflict is occurring - that God's hand of peace may be seen;

The rescuers in Taiwan that they may find more people alive in the collapsed buildings there;

For the governments of the world - that they may hear God's voice and act accordingly;

For our own political leaders at both national and local level - that they may hear God and act with justice, wisdom and respect for all;

Our town - that those who minister God's Word will speak out His truths and be heard;

The Alpha meal on Wednesday - that those who God wants there will have the boldness to come.

We then said the Lord's Prayer together.

On 31st January we prayed for:

We first of all thanked and praised God for who He is;

The Refugees fleeing from Syria and North Africa, that our Governments may act wisely;

The many that have died trying to cross the seas to Europe;

That the little children may not be confused by politically correct or multi-faith teaching – let parents and educators be guided;

Let the leaders of all denominations have wisdom and courage to stand firmly on Your truth and leading their flocks in the way of righteousness;

Let our church be in unity and a house of prayer and healing, so that we may carry the light of Christ to others in our daily tasks.

On 24th January we prayed for:

All the members of *NCF* to receive an increase in their gifting from the Lord, giving thanks for those He has already given us;

Those in the church who are suffering with sickness;

Those going through a struggle in their Walk of Faith.

Those in the Middle East who suffer through war and starvation;

The success of the coming Alpha course.

On 17th January we prayed for:

The *NCF* Worship Team;

John and Gill in their training for Leadership at *NCF*;

Those who are sick and thanks for answered prayer concerning this;

Archbishop of Canterbury;

All the ministers of *NCF*.

On 10th January we prayed for:

Ourselves as individuals & praying for the church, both for *NCF* and other Nuneaton churches;

Christian charity urges peace talks as Syrians starve

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Christian-charity-urges-peace-talks-as-Syrians-starve>

On 3rd January we prayed:

Dear Father as we start 2016 we firstly thank You for the prayers that You have faithfully answered in 2015 - in respect of health, work and ministry.

As we go into 2016 we pray for our world that we may see Your hand

touching all of those places where we see conflict and persecution. We pray for our nation in particular and those with authority over us that they may have Your wisdom and discernment governing their decisions and that we may see the UK returning to Christian values. We pray for our town that those who have influence and authority may apply it with honesty and integrity.

Finally, we pray for the ministers and congregations of our local churches that they may be reinvigorating in their faith and in their desire to serve You in 2016. Amen