

## NCF Sunday Prayer Points

### 2015:

On 27<sup>th</sup> December we prayed for:

Thanking the Lord for all the different nationalities that come to this church;

Prayer for John and Gill training for leadership of N.C.F. also for Paul and Lynne in stepping back from leadership in due time;

Prayer for Queen and royal family, Prayer for Government and Ministers;

Prayer for the sick in the Church;

Prayer for Sunshine corner;

Prayer for Israel.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December we held a Carol Service both in the morning and the evening. An extended time of Formal Prayer was not held.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December:

We thanked Him for who He is and how He blesses us;

In Advent we prayed for the thousands of refugees around the world;

We remembered the Persecuted Church, especially for the secret believers;

We considered “Concord Community Schools” in Indiana. They have been told to remove all references to Christmas from their forthcoming Christmas Spectacular and also to change the name of the event;

We prayed for healing and freedom for those who are ill and took a few minutes to quietly pray for those only known to ourselves;

Let peace and joy rest on those who enter our building.

On 6<sup>th</sup> December we prayed for:

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/200-churches-attacked-every-day-worldwide-says-European-Parliament>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Christians-back-bill-to-put-families-at-the-heart-of-government-policy>

On 29<sup>th</sup> November we prayed for:

1. seniors: young person find other seniors and express their respect and honour;
2. declaration for the sick people;
3. Any church you know: North Korea, Africa etc.;
4. Christians who are being persecuted by IS,
  - Peace, Shalom for the world around
  - Divine revelation even to IS members

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November we prayed for:

People in Paris: those who lost their families and friends, the injured;  
Paul and Lynne: bless them, help them, keep them safe on the long journey;  
The Church in the UK: grow in numbers and strength;  
Those we know who are ill and their treatments;  
Government (local and national) – stopping prayer in assemblies: NO!

On 15<sup>th</sup> November we prayed for:

The Persecuted Church, specifically for Aasia Bibi (Pakistani Christian)

<https://barnabasfund.org/news/Aasia-Bibi-placed-in-solitary-confinement-over-fears-for-her-life>

Paris, in the aftermath of Friday November 13th

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Dr-Jonathan-Oloyede-We-pray-that-fear-will-not-reign>

On 8<sup>th</sup> November we prayed for:

1. Remembrance
2. Sickness in NCF
3. Middle East
4. Sunshine Corner
5. NCF church and ministers
6. Street Pastors
7. Israel and Jerusalem
8. Food Bank

On 1<sup>st</sup> November we prayed for:

Wisdom and guidance for our politicians;

A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit over our churches both locally, nationally and internationally;

That as Christians we would learn to live according to Jesus' Word.

On 25<sup>th</sup> October we prayed for:

Healing on our nation;

Healing for the sick;

God's hand to be on the world and to be with those who are seeking peaceful solutions to things which are happening;

The refugee situation, that a solution will be found which benefits all.

On 18<sup>th</sup> October we prayed:

For the world situation that God's hand would prevail;

For Israel that those involved would allow God to reign supreme;

For local ministers that they would allow God to lead them;

For ministries in which the churches of the town are involved that they would be blessed;

For Street Pastors particularly as they examine their future;

For those who are sick particularly in NCF but also those in the wider community that they may know God's healing touch on their lives.

On 11<sup>th</sup> October we prayed:

For our church and the churches in the locality.

Themes mentioned included Unity, Forgiveness, Self-centredness, Healing of broken relationships, Caring & Listening. This was based on a talk given by Sister Nancy Keller in 2005.

On 4<sup>th</sup> October we prayed:

A prayer of St Augustine of Hippo;

'Vision' from Nuneaton & Bedworth Prayer Web;

For the Persecuted Church (or people) the Barnabus Fund Prayer Diary entry Sunday October 4th;

For those involved in the Oregon shooting

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Oregon-college-gunman-asked-students-if-they-were-Christians-before-shooting-says-injured-witness>

On 27<sup>th</sup> September we prayed:

We gave thanks for God's creation. For the earth and all the amazing things on it.

We said sorry that we have messed it up so badly and asked for His help in restoring it to what He would want.

We gave thanks for our amazing bodies and for our health. We prayed that He would restore those who are unwell at this time to full health again.

We thanked Him for those who minister His word; that they may be blessed, inspired and anointed for His service

We gave thanks that we can trust God in every circumstance of life, knowing that He wants the very best for us.

On 20<sup>th</sup> September we prayed:

For the world situation, especially for the refugees' plight and for wisdom for the European leaders as they seek a solution.

For those who are sick in our congregation that God's healing hand might touch them.

For revival in our church, in our town and in our country.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September we prayed:

Prayer of St Columban:

*Lord,*

*May everything we do this day begin with Your blessing and continue with Your help.*

*May everything we say this day begin with Your love and continue with Your grace.*

*May everything we plan this day begin with Your inspiration and continue with Your peace.*

*So that throughout our lives all that we begin in You, may by You be happily ended, all that we seek through You may be lovingly attended. Amen*

For the prophecy from the World Prayer Centre - Release for our children & young people;

For the schools in our borough;

For MPs who rejected the Bill which would have allowed assisted dying (giving thanks for answered prayer)

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/MPs-reject-bill-which-would-have-allowed-assisted-dying>

For the Migrant Crisis

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-34190359>

Giving thanks for Her Majesty the Queen's long reign.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September we prayed:

For the world situation and that God is still in control even though we see terrible things happening around us.

For our nation that we may be an effective witness to those around us.

For our town that we may see a revival break out as we become more effective in our witnessing.

For the new ministers just taking their posts that they might bring fresh insights to their churches and join with the other church leaders in the town to become a powerful and effective witness to their congregations and the town.

For NCF and its leaders that they may know God's leading.

For those who are ill that God would touch them with healing hands.

On 30<sup>th</sup> August we prayed:

for those who were poorly, Heather & Yvonne specifically,

for the ministers of Nuneaton & Bedworth as they brought God's word to their congregations,

for the food bank & street pastors ministries

and for Israel.

We gave thanks for answered prayer where after last week's prayer time Paul had written to Marcus Jones and received assurance back that he would be voting against

the Assisted Suicide Bill's second reading and would be in the House on 11th September to do so.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August we prayed:

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

- used this prayer in relation to praying for NCF, its leaders and the wider church in the area;

about Rob Marris' assisted suicide bill - the Second Reading is on 11<sup>th</sup> September. We know that Marcus Jones is opposed to the bill but not if he will attend the vote. We were encouraged to write to him, urging him to attend if possible.

<http://www.care.org.uk/news/blogs/new-assisted-suicide-challenge-house-commons>

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/assisteddyingno2.html>

New tension in Korea

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-34020142>

On 16<sup>th</sup> August we prayed:

For the church and its leadership team,

For the young people's work,

For Margaret Davis and her re-operation to put her wrist right again,

For Heather as she goes through chemo-therapy and for Malc as he deals with the stress of supporting her,

For the town wide ministries and for the events that are going on throughout the world that God may still remain supreme despite man's efforts to destroy each other.

On 9<sup>th</sup> August we prayed:

General prayers for the church - both NCF & churches in Nuneaton.

A scripture was included: 2 Corinthians 4: 16 - 18, which talked about not fixing our eyes on the turmoil around us but rather focusing on God's promises.

For the upcoming by-election in Whitestone and Attleborough

For fulfilling church ministries.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August we prayed:

An open time was held with no specific leader today.

On 26<sup>th</sup> July we prayed:

There wasn't a general prayer time today.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July we prayed:

For the mission group from "Wildfire" who are leaving for Toulouse on Tuesday, for safe journeys and for God to use them in amazing ways whilst they are there and to bless them as well.

For a swift recovery for Hazel.

A blessing on the church and the town asking that God would reveal himself in power to His people and through them the town of Nuneaton itself.

For the young people's ministry.

That God would act in sovereign power in the world to bring about resolution to the many conflicts that are in it.

On 12<sup>th</sup> July we prayed:

A part of Psalm 27 was read as a prayer for our church;

Jesus is the Shepherd who tends his flock (us);

Unity for churches in our borough and for them to keep attentive & prayerful;

Greek debt crisis

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-32332221>

Holiday makers leaving Tunisia & praying for Tunisia

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33473433>

On 5<sup>th</sup> July we prayed:

1. Thanking God for taking care of us this week.
2. Giving thanks for prayers answered for those unwell or who had had surgery and their carers: Heather, Jo, Sian Alley, Yvonne, Margaret M.
3. Children & young people. Children are dear to God's own heart and are a powerful force in the Kingdom when they are freely living and moving in their God-given purpose. God tells us in His word that "From the lips of children and infants [He has] ordained praise because of [His] enemies to silence the foe and the avenger." Prayer for their physical, mental and spiritual lives; that they will grow up knowing and loving the Lord.
4. For families across the generations to be released into God-given potential; that old men may dream the dreams of Heaven, releasing young men to see visions and that the sons and daughters will then prophesy.
5. Prayers for the nation - that God would intervene and protect the nation from Godless laws that affect the sanctity of life and gospel freedoms.
6. That the Church would boldly proclaim the Gospel - with the centrality of the Cross.
7. Prayer for Greece; that the Lord has the casting vote that will bring hope to the nation.
8. Prayer for victims of terrorism across the world. Prayer for Mosul (modern day Nineveh) where God turned the brutal people to repentance. Prayed that the Lord would again move in power. Declared the power of the Cross over ISIS, Boko Haram, Al Qaeda and Hamas. Prayed that in the Name of Jesus demonic strong holds would be broken.
9. That "the earth would be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

On 28<sup>th</sup> June we prayed:

Church family:

Seungjin & family comfort at the time of loss of his father;

Those unwell or facing surgery:

Heather; Jo; Yvonne; Margaret M & Walter; Pauline

Those on mission:

Ivette, Jonathon, Yungju, Davit, Dasol and Rhua - Wildfire event locally today;

Team in Philippines;

Laurence as he is part of the leadership for a team in Ukraine - bringing "love to the unloved";

Wider world:

Remembering the families of those caught up in the attacks this week in Tunisia; France & Kuwait.

Prayer for armed forces

The Arab nations during Ramadan;

USA endorsement of same sex marriage - for the church to stand strong on Biblical principles;

### Challenges facing the Church

A just ruling for Biblical principles in the equality related Employment Tribunal case brought by the C of E Canon.

Church leadership to stand firmly on the Word of God.

NCF leadership and for the transition in time to new leadership to recognise the one who is a man after God's own heart and who is anointed and appointed by Him

The Church to understand her role of being set apart for God and not to compromise with the world.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June we prayed:

Prayer vigil after US church shooting

<http://www.premierchristianradio.com/News/World/Prayer-vigil-after-US-church-shooting>

New immigrant crisis on the way

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33286393>

Unfortunately (a few days after) the pray-er on 14<sup>th</sup> June couldn't remember the points that had been raised.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June we prayed:

Thanking God for answered prayer and for all the fiery darts He has deflected.

The family of the young man in Nuneaton who it is believed died of a drugs overdose.

Children and young people.

Internet and social media influences to not be harmful and to be balanced by access to the gospel message.

Recent media story highlighting the attempt to obliterate gender in the West and the confused thinking this brings. The Church to take a stand for biblical view of men and women and for them to find identity in Christ.

Iraqi Christians.

Muslims as Ramadan commences later this month.

Christians in Islamic countries during Ramadan.

All displaced people to find a place of safe refuge.

G7 Summit.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May we prayed:

We read The Nicene Creed as it was Trinity Sunday;  
<https://www.ccel.org/creeds/nicene.creed.html>

Young Christians (and young people) struggling with mental health issues  
<http://www.premierchristianradio.com/News/UK/Young-Christians-struggling-with-mental-health>

Prayer call for heat wave in India  
<http://www.premierchristianradio.com/News/World/Call-for-prayer-during-India-heat-wave>

Also prayed for migrants in Mediterranean crisis & Earthquakes in Nepal.

On 24<sup>th</sup> May we prayed:

Using a verse in Habakkuk we prayed for a nation of our choice.

Unfortunately (a few days after) the pray-er on 17<sup>th</sup> May couldn't remember the points that had been raised.

On 10<sup>th</sup> May we prayed:

Introduced prayer with John 14: 1, 27 - not letting our hearts be troubled;

For a Christian brother called Sayid (TKL) who tragically passed away following a canoeing accident;

For the incoming government, that they will govern with wisdom & courage and that they will speak up for the Christians in our country;

Prayers were said for persecuted Christians in countries where radical Islam is practised. Information was provided regarding the meaning of 'jihad' in order to try & understand why Muslims accept violence & aggression as part of their faith. It was intended that this knowledge would help us pray more effectively for our Muslim friends & neighbours - this information came from the 'Barnabas Aid' paper issue May/June 2015.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May we prayed:

1. Thanking God for those who had led us in worship;
2. Thanking God for answered prayer particularly for those who were unwell - Margaret D being restored to fellowship; the recovery in health for Jo Squires' dad;
3. Remembering those in the fellowship who were unwell- in prayer;
4. Remembering Fiona and Ken and acknowledging that God will bring good out of all things for those who love Him;
5. An important week for the nation because of the General Election. The state is a means of God's "common grace" Roman's 13:1 "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established."

The duty of the Christian is to obey the governing authorities, the exception being where they forbid what God requires, or requires what God forbids- Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than human beings"; we are urged to pray for those in authority over us 1 Timothy 2: 1-4;

6. Christians are living in a culture today where God's laws are openly flouted. This country has a rich Christian heritage - the first Clause of Magna Carta sought to protect the legal freedom of the English Church. Christians in Britain have enjoyed remarkable freedom for centuries which many Christians around the world do not have. Yet here in the UK religious liberty is being increasingly challenged;
7. Without God we are not immune from the troubles of the world - be it the Russian bear or the troubles of the Islamic world; no government can insulate us from any of that; duty of the Christian to vote but do so without cynicism- seek God's wisdom;
8. But we do not put our trust in princes Psalm 146 (or politicians) at the end of the day they are only human beings - we put our trust in God - the creator of the Heavens and the Earth - the only one on whom we can depend- the one who stands at our side and gives us strength; blessed are those who's hope is in the God of Jacob. God is faithful and just and intervenes on behalf of the oppressed; the suffering; the vulnerable;

9. Ultimate hope for the nation is for the Lord to have mercy on us and bring revival. We know that God is sovereign and can use any govt. for His glory - however unlikely - King Cyrus; King Nebuchadnezzar; the King of Nineveh led the nation to repentance;

10. Prayer for the suffering church;

11. Prayer for the nation of Nepal.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April we prayed:

Giving thanks to God for our patron saint & what an inspiration he can be to us.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/stgeorge.html>

The introduction of 'fuelbanks' in the country

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Christian-charity-launches-fuelbanks>

Continuing prayer for the refugees fleeing Libya.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-32435230>

On 19<sup>th</sup> April we prayed:

Praying for *NCF*: giving thanks for more children & adults attending church - growing together in wisdom, experience & love as believers.

Praying for the Nuneaton churches: for those without a minister and for those with new ministers.

Praying for the refugees fleeing African countries mainly via Libya & risking their lives on boats in the Mediterranean Sea. For social justice & help for the people. For the Italian (& European authorities) & praying for the Christian victims thrown overboard.

On 12<sup>th</sup> April we prayed:

Praise for a week of sunshine that has lifted our spirits and hearts. Plants!

That other churches in the town will be blessed through hearing a Word in season and then for the congregation to receive it.

Election Hustings this Friday at URC.

For the wider world – let Your people know peace even in the worst of circumstances. Give them assurance that You are with them.

Thanks for the power and privilege of prayer.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April (Easter) we prayed:

Thanks that Christ had died and risen again to restore our relationship with God.

For the families of those killed in Kenya this week.

For those who are homeless, hungry and mistreated at this time.

On 29<sup>th</sup> March we prayed:

For people with mental health issues including depression.

For people with special needs.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March we had a Weekend Away.

On 15<sup>th</sup> March we prayed:

Thank You for the sound of children and babies – You make beautiful things.

Thank You for the high role of Motherhood.

A few have health needs – carers can be debilitated too.

Many have exchanged truth for a lie – as wrong ideas are promoted so there is less respect for God.

Help Aid Workers in Vanuatu – let relief be appropriate and quick.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March we prayed:

Those unwell in our Fellowship

Children.

Those working in the Public Sector.

Truthfulness in the forthcoming election debates.

Christians in parliament and for more to stand/speak up in the public square.

Iraq/Syria/Nigeria/ Africa - peaceful resolution to conflict.

Boko Haram/IS alliance to be stayed - prevented from doing harm- salvation.

The Suffering Church.

Servant hearted leadership in church and Christian organisations.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March we prayed:

Thanks that God reigns over all situations and that He provides redemption as He is faithful and just.

For many to experience a season of hope and victory.

Some trust in chariots and horses, but we will trust in the name of the LORD. (Ps 20:7)

For those who are ill at the moment and for their carers.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February we prayed:

For the period of Lent

For the General Election

For the Middle East / North Africa.

On 15<sup>th</sup> February we prayed:

Praise that even within conflict we can experience a calm and peaceful heart.

For all those we know who are struggling with illness at the moment.

Let Christian children be salt and light to their friends, peer group and adults around them.

May righteous people be raised up during the run up to the General Election in May.  
May Church leaders speak as You speak Lord.

Let the Church be a voice of peace around the world, though especially in  
Copenhagen, Iraq, Jordan, Cameroon and Nigeria. May the funding streams for  
terrorist organisations be cut off.

Let the Christian witness be so positive that people will want to know God.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February we prayed:

For the Ukraine Conflict - why is violence surging?  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-28969784>

On 1<sup>st</sup> February we prayed:

The Church warns Parliament over three-parent embryos  
[www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-warns-Parliament-over-three-parent-embryos](http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-warns-Parliament-over-three-parent-embryos)

UK Coptic bishop denounces Egypt killings  
[www.premier.org.uk/News/World/UK-Coptic-bishop-denounces-Egypt-killings](http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/UK-Coptic-bishop-denounces-Egypt-killings)

On 25<sup>th</sup> January we held a Family Service for Woovin's Dedication.

On 18<sup>th</sup> January we prayed:

For David Cameron who "profoundly disagrees" with the Archbishop of Canterbury  
on the Poor  
<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/David-Cameron-profoundly-disagrees-with-Archbishop-on-poor>

Justin Welby: the Assisted Dying Bill is 'mistaken and dangerous.'  
<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/Society/Justin-Welby-Assisted-Dying-Bill-mistaken-and-dangerous>

On 11<sup>th</sup> January we prayed:

For our Health Service locally (our Borough & the West Midlands region) which has  
faced 'unprecedented demand' over the last week.  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-30711442>

For the awareness of persecuted Christians worldwide. (The following link is politically motivated but in my view contains some useful points.)  
[http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/labour/11306028/Douglas-Alexander-The-Government-is-stepping-back-from-the-issue-of-religious-freedom.html?utm\\_source=Christian+Concern+List&utm\\_campaign=c781bc5524-WN-2015-01-10&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_9e164371ca-c781bc5524-127288309](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/labour/11306028/Douglas-Alexander-The-Government-is-stepping-back-from-the-issue-of-religious-freedom.html?utm_source=Christian+Concern+List&utm_campaign=c781bc5524-WN-2015-01-10&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9e164371ca-c781bc5524-127288309)

On 4<sup>th</sup> January we prayed:

For the possible revoking of YWAM England's visa sponsorship license.

## **2014:**

On 28<sup>th</sup> December we prayed mainly:

For thankfulness that we can meet together and that our Saviour came for the whole world.

Thankful that the Christmas message has gone out through different technologies. An impact will be made.

Thankful that the hands of kindness shown through the Food Bank and for the medical help given for those in need.

For believers in Pakistan – the message continues to go out despite threats.

On 21<sup>st</sup> December we prayed:

For our local Social Services, Children & Social.  
[www.nuneatonprayerweb.btck.co.uk/](http://www.nuneatonprayerweb.btck.co.uk/)

For the account of a blogger on how she plans to take care of her mental health during the festive season.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-ouch-30433361](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-ouch-30433361)

On 14<sup>th</sup> December we spent more time in prayer. There were five areas of the church where people could pray, often with lots of information to help us. These were the Prayer Stations:

Local church & town leaders

The Nations

The Persecuted Church

Trees in Senegal

Children & Young People

On 7th December we prayed:

For families of God; Christian Families. [www.nuneatonprayerweb.btck.co.uk/](http://www.nuneatonprayerweb.btck.co.uk/)

For integrity in Politics. [www.care.org.uk/](http://www.care.org.uk/)

For radicalisation of young Muslims.

<http://theconversation.com/uk/topics/radicalisation-of-muslims>

On 30th November we prayed:

For our schools locally: children with special needs/NEETS.

For our local health services: our local hospice; palliative care.

For the G20 Summit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-30082404>

On 16th November we prayed:

For the schools initiative (November 15th) (NUNEATON PRAYER GUIDELIST).

For our teachers (NUNEATON PRAYER GUIDELIST).

For our local health service e.g. our local hospice, for those receiving palliative care; Macmillan nurses (NUNEATON PRAYER GUIDELIST).

For Colchester Hospital (major incident) (BBC NEWS website) - related to the system (NHS) being unable to adequately cope.

For World leaders e.g. for the G20 Summit (BBC NEWS website), the Queen, the United Nations (CARE PRAYER DIARY).

On 9th November we prayed:

Remembering those who sacrificed their lives in wars.

For our local schools, including the *Pray for schools* initiative, praying for the children and young people in our schools where there is pressure to achieve more and more, as well as the pressures outside of school with social media.

Praying for our local health service including for those who experience pain and regret following an abortion; praying for the work of the *Acorn Pregnancy Counselling* service.

For the situation in Syria & Iraq (ISIS).

For the Christian community in Pakistan.

On 2nd November we prayed:

For our local health service e.g. increase & recognition of Christian healing ministries; for those with mental health problems.

For our schools e.g. 'Pray for schools' initiative (November 15th); the work of Youth 180.

UK - a call for decriminalisation of drugs.

World - The Persecuted Church (in general).

On 26th October we prayed:

For the churches in our Borough - that the unity that has been built up between us will continue to deepen and grow.

For the Muslim communities in our town.

For the institutions that affect our communities, especially our schools.

For our UK Parliaments.

For Syria/Northern Iraq (Islamic State).

For Margaret D with a badly broken wrist.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October we held a Family Service.