



Newsletter Update

Friday 4th April 2014

Stats

2,250 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 227,250 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 540,000 People living there (240 per street)
 **[Click here to see our research sources.](#)



Dear Carl

We hope that Lent is proving to be a time where you are feeling closer than ever to God. This week we look at three ways to reach out to your neighbours, which are simple, don't cost much time or money and are effective. I will be doing all three in our street. I have given out Easter cards in my street before, and it is always well received, especially when accompanied with a Cadbury's creme Egg! Easter is a time when our neighbours are much more open than at almost any other time of the year, to the Christian faith. We know we all might not be able to manage all three, but can I challenge all of us to collectively pray this prayer of blessing over our street. I believe the impact will surprise all of us!



1. PRAY a prayer of blessing over Your Street

This is a prayer adapted from [Ffald-Y-Brenin](#) where they have seen amazing answers to their prayers. We recommend [Grace Outpouring by Roy Godwin](#) as an inspiration. You can also read a summary of their story in ['Neighbours, Transform Your Street'](#)



A Prayer of Blessing to be prayed over your street each day

We stand in the mighty name of Jesus and bless you (name of your street)

That you might prosper under the mighty hand of God.

We bless you that justice and righteousness might take their proper place within your boundaries.



We bless you that the favour of the Lord might rest upon you and give you peace.

We bless you that the Father's compassion might fall upon your people. We bless your poor that they might be lifted up.

We bless you that the knowledge of Jesus might come in amongst you like a flood.

We bless the people of God in (name of your street) that they might rise up with servant authority and become a people of blessing.

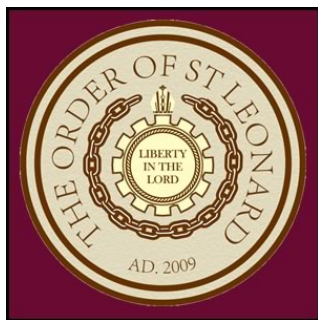
We bless you that the joy of the Lord might be your strength. Amen.

(from [Ffald-y-Brenin](#))

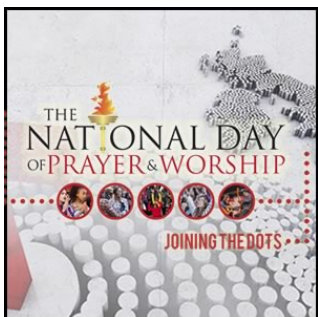


CARE For Your Neighbours

2. Use this Easter as an opportunity to invite an adult neighbour (over 18) around for lunch or dinner on Easter Sunday or out for a cuppa.



Use this opportunity to get to know them better. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in a sensitive way. Don't panic, if God doesn't say anything, he might just want you to build a friendship with them. We recommend you read [Sharing Jesus](#) (a short book) designed to help us all be better at answering people's questions and explaining things in a way that they will understand.



Please do this with friends or relatives or other people from your church.



SHARING Jesus with Your Neighbours



3. Give out an Easter card to your neighbours and a gift appropriate to Easter such as Hot Cross Buns or a Easter Egg.

In the card tell them that you are praying for them this Easter and invite them to a local church service this Easter. If you go to a church a long way away, suggest that they attend a more local church, otherwise invite them to your church. Research quoted by the Alpha Course suggests that most people would consider attending church if invited. Please ensure that you inform your church leader if doing this and that the information is correct

AND/OR

Give Fathers love letter and Word For Today to your neighbours this Easter.



[Carl Brettle](#), Executive Director of Ministry at UCB writes

This year is the 20th Anniversary of the Word For Today and is read by 1.3 million people daily in the UK. There is rarely a day that goes by, when we don't get a testimony in, saying how the Word For Today has impacted someone's life. It is often said that the daily reading for that particular day, seemed to speak directly about the circumstances that someone found themselves in, offering guidance at the right time. UCB in partnership with Neighbourhood Prayer Network is trying to get a Gift Edition of the Word For Today into the hands of as many new people as possible, especially none Christians who would not normally read this. We know that some people have returned to a faith in Jesus after many years outside the Christian faith and we have had stories of people who have read the Word For Today and it has brought them to a place where they have followed Jesus for the first time. If you don't already receive the Word For Today, we can send you a copy four times a year for free. If you already read this, wouldn't it be great if your neighbours could also benefit from it?

Last year through Neighbourhood Prayer Network, UCB was able to distribute 105,000 copies of the Father's Love Letter. If we could give another 50,000 copies of the Father's Love Letter out, together with the Word For Today, to your neighbours, we are believing that many new people will make a first time

commitment to follow Jesus. Will you help us?

To order go to: <http://www.ucb.co.uk/communitydistribution>
or 08456040401

Listed below are some testimonies of the power of the Word for Today when given to non-Christians:



"I gave three Word for Today to three of my staff who are from different nationality and religion background. They are so thirsty to read the word of God every month and day: I saw the different in their lives: Our God is good and great amen." - AJ

A few years ago a friend gave me her old copy of Word for Today because a few notes were very relevant for what I was going through at the time. Since that day I have read the notes and have found them to be a constant encouragement. If it wasn't for Word for Today and the thoughtfulness of a close friend, I may well have walked away from God, church and my faith. - Denise

I never did find out who it was who was responsible for requesting my Word for Today, and I am happy for that to remain a mystery. Some things are better left a secret. But I would certainly tell that person how much Word for Today means to me and my life. About 2 months after first receiving it, I became a Christian (4th August 2002) by which time I had found the church that I still attend, and do the sound at (I've done that for 7 years now). The word for today is really important to me. Reading each days word is literally the first thing I do (without fail). Thanks so much for keeping me going in my journey of faith" - Michael



#do1nicething continues: [A love Your Streets Project](#)

4th April - Give away a book you think is worth reading

#do1nicething

5th April - Pay for the drink of the person behind you in a coffee shop #do1nicething

6th April - Write some inspirational messages on Post-It notes and randomly leave for people to find #do1nicething

7th April - Help someone down the stairs or hold open a door for someone with a pram #do1nicething

8th April - Sit in a coffee shop and chat to some strangers or buy a 'Suspended Coffee' or pay for a strangers drink #do1nicething

9th April - Offer your skills to someone else for free #do1nicething

10th April - Write a letter to the boss of someone who has given excellent customer service to tell them so #do1nicething

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Let me take this opportunity to wish you a restful weekend. Let's also please remember to pray for all those affected by the current high levels of pollution and remember those still recovering from the recent floods.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

P.S. Don't forget to click on the block advert links to some of our great partners (on the left).

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