

# Newsletter Update

Friday 28th February 2014



**Neighbourhood**  
PRAYER.NET

**Stats**

2,192 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)  
221,392 Houses on those streets (101 per street)  
526,080 People living there (240 per street)

**\*\*[Click here to see our research sources.](#)**



**Dear Carl,**

This week we mainly want to focus on sharing Jesus with our neighbours. I myself was caught off guard when a neighbour from no-where started asking me about my faith. I am ashamed to admit, I wasn't prepared for, or expecting the questions she asked. I don't think many of us are prepared, so below is a great opportunity not to be caught off guard as I was.



I want to encourage many of us to consider giving out the Father's Love Letter with a Gift Edition of the UCB Word For Today. I share my own testimony of how this publication brought me closer to Jesus. Last year 103,000 Father's Love Letters were distributed through Neighbourhood Prayer Network and we had fantastic testimonies of the impact this had. We share one of those later in this newsletter.

**Word for Today and Father's Love Letter Distribution Over Lent**



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Sharing Jesus With Our Neighbours: My testimony of How the UCB Word For Today impacted me.

*When I was a student at Bristol Medical School between 1996 and 2002, I was not yet a Christian. I had been brought up in a Christian home, but had long turned my back on God after becoming an atheist when I was 14. I had an encounter with God at 19 and was on a long journey back to God before finally becoming a Christian when I was 25. As part of my long and complicated journey towards knowing Jesus as my personal saviour, one thing continually kept happening to me. Every time I went into a Christian's house, whether a friend, a couple from one of the many churches I was sampling, or a patient's home; I seemed to come across a devotional*



*called the Word for Today. Usually placed strategically in a bathroom, opened at the right page, it was always shocking to me how that particular day, the reading would always be relevant to what ever new mess I had managed to get myself into that week...financial, friendships, exam results, family problems or the disappointment of the boy I liked not being interested in me ( and thank God he wasn't, because I would not want to be with anyone other than my husband Carl). There is no doubt that this publication was sewing seeds in me every time I read it and was part of the many tiny steps I needed to take, before my intellectual brain could accept Christianity as being true.*

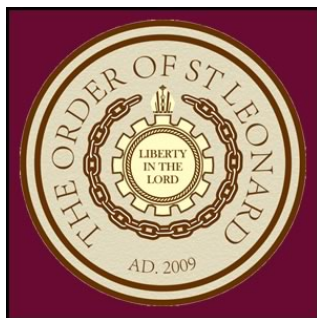


### UCB Word For Today and Father's Love Letter

I want to honour UCB and support this publication, I have agreed to partner with UCB to try to get 50,000 Word For Today's given out to immediate neighbours that you are praying for and getting to know. This sounds like a lot, but actually last year we as a much smaller network of about a 1000 people, were able to deliver 103,000 Father's Love letters. This year we are combining the Father's Love Letter with a Gift Edition of the Word for Today and we want you to help us deliver these to the neighbours you know by name or through your church. You can order them for free.



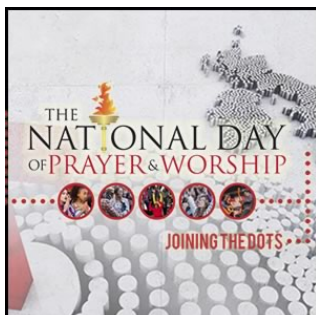
Please help us Share Jesus through The Word for Today and The Fathers Love Letter with your neighbours. I might very well not have become a Christian when I did, had it not been for reading the Word For Today. [Click here to order.](#)



Here is what someone else wrote about reading the Word For Today

*Reading the word for today has really got me back into reading the bible and praying everyday. God has answered prayers. And really getting my relationship back with God.*

And a reminder about someone's experience last year of giving out the Father's Love Letter



*In Sainsbury's the other day as I was being helped by the cashier I heard the words 'You are loved' in my head. I baulked at saying it and just said 'God bless you' but then I thought, no, that was not what God said so I plucked up courage and decided to wait until she had finished serving the next family in the queue. I delved into my handbag and got out the card and after she had finished she noticed I was still standing there and asked if there was anything wrong. I said, 'No, but I believe God wanted you to know you are loved'. I handed her the card and told her it was a love letter from her heavenly father. She really thanked me, twice in fact and the mother said something nice about it too.*



*in our villages,  
towns and cities*



I also want to draw your attention to training days as part of Crossing London and Hope that I will be speaking at on 1st March and the new Sharing Jesus resource produced by HOPE and Crossing London. See later in the newsletter. Our regular Neighbour Friday and some other upcoming events are also listed towards the end of the newsletter. Thanks so much for all the prayers you pray for your neighbours. Keep going and I know that we will, see out nation transformed as more of us take up the challenge to pray for, care for and share faith with neighbours.

HOPE & Crossing London have produced a resource called Sharing Jesus which I am currently reading myself. So far, I am very impressed. This resource helps us all to explain the Gospel in straight forward language and practical ways. The cost is £3 plus postage, but anyone ordering a copy of Neighbours, Transform Your Street will receive one free. [Click here](#), to order a copy [www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/book](http://www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/book) (scroll down to the bottom of the page if you only want the sharing Jesus Resource, otherwise order our book and we'll send you Sharing Jesus Free).

### **Our Next Speaking Engagement**



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**CROSSING  
LONDON**

I am Speaking on 1st March at Heart of Community Days in London

I am looking forward to speaking at three seminars in one day, about Neighbourhood Prayer Network, as part of Crossing London's Heart of Community Events, run by [Fusion](#) in partnership with many others. For those of you attending, I look forward to seeing you there...there are lots of other great seminars to go to as well! [www.crossinglondon.co.uk/church-heart-of-community](http://www.crossinglondon.co.uk/church-heart-of-community) Please book here for event on 1st, 15th and 29th March.

Marty Woods from Fusion Youth and Fusion community Europe, Lucy Moore from Messy Church, Roy Crowne from HOPE, Andy Frost, Crossing London, Rebekah Brettle, Neighbourhood Prayer Network and many others will be part of this day on 1st March 2014. *(Other members of our team will represent Rebekah Brettle on 15th and 29th March).*

## **Neighbour Friday**

### **PRAYER**

Psalm 91:1

Are there areas of your life where you need to know God's protection? Bring your fears to Him today.  
Lord, I pray for families living in my neighbourhood who feel threatened by anxiety, fear or depression. May they find You and find peace in the shadow of Your love and protection.

### **CARE**

Look out for a house where new neighbours have just moved in over the next few weeks and months. If you have the confidence knock on the door and say hello or send them a "Welcome to your new home card." Pray for any new neighbours that move into your street or nearby, praying a blessing on them.

OR

Attend one of the Church at the Heart of Community Events as part of Crossing London.

### **SHARE**

Order the Father's Love Letter & Gift Edition of the Word For Today to give out to your neighbours. Ordering copies is free of charge and an excellent way of blessing your neighbours. <http://www.ucb.co.uk/communitydistribution>

And/Or Order a copy of a Sharing Jesus book, that will teach you how to share your faith naturally with your neighbour when an opportunity presents. [www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/book](http://www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/book)

### **Sponsored Swim**

My sponsored swim at the end of May I have made very little progress so far, but I intend to swim 72 lengths on this date. Right now I can swim 16 lengths only. I will be having a small operation in March which will interfere with my training... pray for me as I train as it really will be with the help of God that I achieve my goal!

### **Upcoming Events**

Prayer for the Night time Economy 12th March, Paul Blakey, MBE, Founder/CEO Steet Angels/CNI writes:

*Street Angels - CNI Network is encouraging people to pray for the night-time economy of our towns and cities as part of an International Day of Prayer.*

*The day, on Wednesday 12th March, will encourage people to celebrate all that is achieved within the night-time economy including significant reductions in violent crime, community transformation and the investment made into local areas through volunteer initiatives such as Street Angels, Street Chaplains, Town Pastors, Youth Angels and Club Angels.*

*Prayer needs include an end to trends such as 'neknominate'; situations around human trafficking, binge drinking and depression; young people around alcohol and safety; and for the night-time industry and its workers.*

Founder of Street Angels - CNI Network, Paul Blakey MBE, comments,  
*"CNI Network's Bible verse for 2014 is Isaiah 58:12 which says, 'You will be called the one who makes city streets like new again'. Through the amazing work of volunteers across the world we are seeing this become a reality as crime is reduced and 'no-go' areas are made safe. God's Kingdom of city streets becoming like new again is exciting when partner agencies such as the Police share crime statistics that prove when Street Angels patrol an area crime is reduced. This International Day of Prayer aims to mobilise people to pray for our communities at night so that more and more streets, and people, are made like new again!"*

More information and a prayer guide can be found at:  
[www.cninetwork.org.uk](http://www.cninetwork.org.uk)

You may also be interested in the CNI Network Day Conference on Saturday 12th April in York. The day includes Jarrod Cooper, Philippa Hanna and a wide range of workshops to help you impact your community. [Details and booking here.](#)

### **Standing in the Gap Conference 2014**

Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 March, WPC shall be at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick for our annual WPC conference. What a time to stand in the gap for our nation and nations. Please pray for us as the team lead the sessions, Malcolm Duncan (from Goldhill Baptist Church) and Celia Bowring (from CARE) speak into the call and shape of standing in the gap and as we pray into some of the serious issues facing both church and nation at this time.

On line bookings are available until Wednesday 05/03/14, after that it will be by phone only on 0121 633 7393.

[YOU CAN STILL BOOK YOUR PLACE!](#)

## Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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