

Newsletter Update

Friday 3rd January 2013

Stats

2,072 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 209,272 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 497,280 People living there (240 per street)

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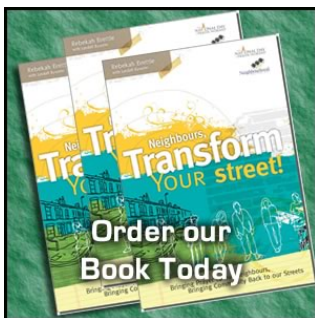
Dear Carl,

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year from the Neighbourhood Prayer Network Team.

New Years, usually mean people making new Years resolutions and my personal commitment is to re-double my own efforts on my own street to pray for, care for and share faith with my immediate neighbours.



This year begins the year of mission as part of HOPE 2014. Many denominations, organisations are already committed to working towards united mission during this year and Neighbourhood Prayer Network is committed to supporting HOPE as much as we can. Please visit the [HOPE](#) website for updates and we will bring you updates at the end of our newsletter from time to time. We bring you a lovely testimony of how a simple invitation lead to two people responding to the Gospel message over the Christmas period. Can you imagine if this happened on all 2000 streets being prayed for, that would be 4000 new Christians! Prayer is key to all transformation, lets see our nations changed as we pray and resound to what God is telling us in prayer!



Testimony

Sam Stephen wrote on 20th December

By way of quick encouragement, we had a Christmas Street party in our flat on Sunday. It was a brilliantly diverse collection of people and everyone brought a little gift to play a version of Secret Santa - so that people didn't have to go to the shops we said that the gift had to be "preloved" ie an old book or dvd or toy.

Two of my neighbours came on to Church after the party. We were really fortunate to have J John speaking and one of them went forward at the altar call and came to faith.

All to say, it seemed at every step that God was at work. I had been repairing my bike outside my house in the morning. They live on the other side of the road and I hadn't really taken them in before. Anyway, I called across the street that we were having a party and they would be welcome. Then later in the day as the party got started I





saw them returning as I was answering the door and I again I called out - come and join us. To my surprise, they said they'd be along in ten minutes. Sure enough they were. The party went on later than I expected and they were the last to leave - I said why not come to carols? To be honest I was flagging so I didn't expect them to say yes but they came. J John invited anyone who wanted to, to stand. Both of them did. And at the end anyone who had stood could go up for prayer. One went forward.

Neighbour Friday



PRAYER

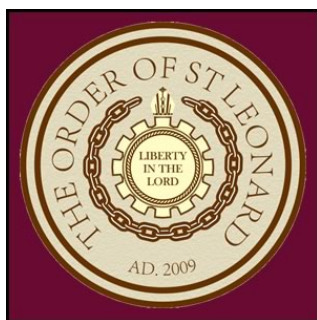
FRIDAY 3RD JAN ISA 45:22
HOPE FOR NATIONAL LEADERS

Father, we thank You for all those in authority - for Her Majesty the Queen and all who serve in our national and regional governments. Bless them with wisdom and understanding, and give them hearts of compassion to honour every part of our society, without prejudice. May they seek You and listen to You.



Neighbourhood Prayer Network is joining many ministries and denominations to pray with HOPE 2014 between 18th October to 31st January. These prayers are taken from the HOPE prayer guide. You can download the whole guide from www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray. The whole of this weeks prayers are at the bottom of this newsletter. To obtain a free copy from UCB, [click here](#) or order more at the same address.

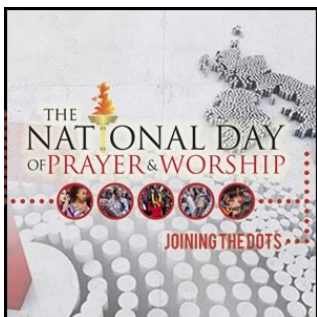
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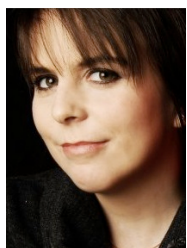
Can you offer to take some of your neighbours' wrapping paper, boxes and anything that could be recycled to be recycled?

SHARE

Choose three houses on your street to pray for each Friday this year, pray a blessing over your street each time you leave the house. (Keep Praying and Bless Prayer guide www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray, may be helpful for this.



Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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**HOPE 2014- A Year of Mission
Source: World Prayer Centre**

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*in our villages,
towns and cities*

SATURDAY 4TH JAN NUM 6:24-26
BLESSINGS OF HOPE

'Blessing' means the favour of God: that God will help, protect and provide. It implies God's goodwill: that we will receive only the best from God. Use these verses from Numbers 6 to bless a close friend, a family member and someone you meet today. If appropriate, tell them you've prayed for them.

SUNDAY 5TH JAN EPH 1:17-19
HOPE OF OUR CALLING

Father, please give Your Church in the UK the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that we may know You better. May we know the hope of our calling, and Your incredibly great power. May we see each other as You see us - as the riches of Your glorious inheritance. (Source: Bible Society)

MONDAY 6TH JAN MATT 2:11
HOPE AT EPIPHANY

The word 'Epiphany' means 'revelation' and is linked with the visit of the wise men to the Christ-child. We pray for those of all faiths and nationalities living in our communities, that the witness of the Church during HOPE 2014 will help them to discover that Jesus is Lord of every nation, tribe and people-group.

TUESDAY 7TH JAN 2 COR 5:18-19
HOPE THROUGH RECONCILIATION

Loving Father, as we meet people today, please show us why You have brought them into contact with us - perhaps because they need Your touch, because they need to know Your forgiveness, or because they need reconciliation with You or with others. May we

communicate Your love both in our conversations and in our actions.

WEDNESDAY 8TH JAN COL 1:9-12
HOPE FOR OURSELVES

Let us take time today to pray for ourselves, sharing with our Father our hopes and fears for this new year. Let us ask Him to help us bear fruit in every good work, and be strengthened with all power, so that we can be people of hope in our communities.

THURSDAY 9TH JAN MATT 19:26
HOPE FOR OUR NATIONS

"The Church transforms society when it takes the risks of renewal in prayer, of reconciliation, and of confident declaration of the good news of Jesus Christ" (Archbishop Justin Welby). Let us pray for a fresh and mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit throughout the Church and across our nation.

PRAYER CHALLENGE:
Consider taking up a new leisure activity in your local area this year, to have fun and get to know people.

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