

Newsletter Update

Friday 6th December 2013



Neighbourhood
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Stats

2,042 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
206,242 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
490,080 People living there (240 per street)

****Click here to see our research sources.**

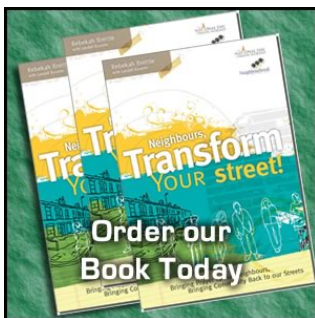


Dear Carl,

In support of HOPE 2014 year of mission, we provide below month by month suggestions of how to reach out to your immediate neighbours. These ideas have been chosen because they require minimal preparation, little or no cost and take little time to accomplish. We are calling this collection of ideas, "Bite size mission - Hope to your Neighbours." We believe if even a few of them are done, the effects will be far reaching, as long as they are all accompanied with prayer!



Rather than wait until next year, we decided to publish these suggestions now, in the hope that if we are missing some great ideas, you might make some suggestions to us, that we can pass on to others. Please email us with more ideas of how to reach out to our immediate neighbours, that can be used nationally. Ideas not used next year, may be used in the years after HOPE 2014 or passed onto other organisations, who might be able to use them more effectively. More detail on these ideas will be available in our newsletter throughout next year.



Our regular Neighbour Friday, prayer and outreach guide and this weeks HOPE prayer guide can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Bite Size Mission- Hope For Your Neighbours!

Throughout the year, try to get as many people in your church to register their street on our website, to pray for, care for and share faith with neighbours living on their street. If you plan to carry out any of these suggestions, please discuss them with your church leader first.



January 2014:

Prayer

- The HOPE season of prayer guide until the 31st January. Available week by week on our newsletter or order from UCB. This guide began on October 18th 2013.

Care

- Check on your elderly neighbours during bad weather this month, offer to go shopping for them/visit them.



Share

- Ask God to show you three houses to pray for, every Friday of this year. Pray that the people living in them, will become hungry to know God for themselves or draw closer to Him.

February 2014:

Prayer

- Neighbourhood Prayer Diary, available from our website. A seven day guide with a list of people to pray for each day.
- Pray for three houses on your street every Friday and pray a blessing over your street every time you go out.

Care

- Guidance will follow nearer the time, closely linked to national news headlines.



Share

- Give Your neighbours a copy of the "gift edition" of the Word or Today (available free from UCB).

March 2014:

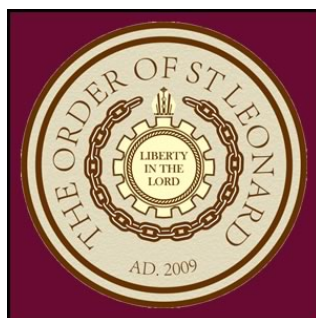
Prayer

- Forty days of prayer guide for Lent, a 2014 new edition, will be available on our website.
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Care

- #do1nicething: A "LoveYour Streets" initiative. Each day spread the word on twitter about one nice nice thing you could do for someone in your neighbourhood and try to do it yourself. There is one for every day over lent.



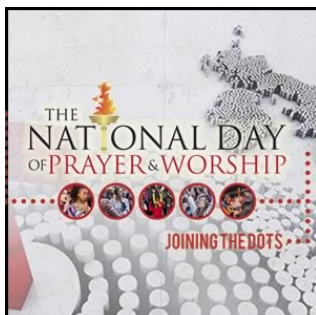
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- Give your neighbours the Father's Love Letter (available free from UCB) & an invitation to your church at Easter.

May 2014:

Prayer

- Pray for three houses on your street every Friday and pray a blessing over your street every time you go out.

Care

- Invite your neighbours to a street party, a church party or a bigger festival as part of the Big Lunch/ HOPE. Working with Fusion, we will provide resources for this.

Share

- Send a thank you letter to your GP, Neighbourhood Police officer, MP, a teacher of your Children/Grandchildren, your local councillor or someone else working in the public sector. Give them a "gift edition of the word for Today, available from UCB for free.

June 2014:

Prayer

- Pray for three houses on your street every Friday and pray a blessing over your street every time you go out.

Care

- Organise a Street party, a church party or a church festival as part of the BIG LUNCH. Resources on how to do this in a church context will be provided via Fusion in partnership with HOPE.

Share

- Give out prayer request cards to your neighbours, asking them to return the cards to your church where you will pray over the requests over a two week period. Card design available from Neighbourhood Prayer Network, to be printed locally.

July 2014:

Prayer

- Pray for three houses on your street every Friday and pray a blessing over your street every time you go out.

Care

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Share

- Arrange a High Tea at your church, (traditional British tea, with cakes, sandwiches, served at your church). Neighbourhood Prayer Network are hoping you will invite your neighbours from your street and that any voluntary donations to this event after costs of putting on the event, might be donated towards Neighbourhood Prayer Network. A toolkit for this will be available from Neighbourhood Prayer Network nearer the time.

August 2014:

Prayer

- Picking Up Prayer: An initiative of Church Plus. Pray a blessing over your local street, while picking up litter. Wear a T-Shirt with the name of your local church on the back and be ready to answer why you are picking up litter.
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September 2014:

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Share

- Invite some of your neighbours to a local Alpha Course or Christianity Explored or Emmaus Course. Alternatively, with the backing of your church leader, run a course on

your street.

- Back to Church Sundays, invite your neighbours to Back to Church Sunday.

October 2014:

Prayer

- Pray for three houses on your street every Friday and pray a blessing over your street every time you go out.

Care

- Organise an alternative Halloween party at your church.

Share

- Give out the Bag of HOPE at Halloween to children who come trick or treating. This is available from UCB and is a free resource (except for Postal costs).

November 2014:

Prayer

- Pray for three houses on your street every Friday and pray a blessing over your street every time you go out.

Care

- Organise an Operation Christmas Child, shoe packing party on your street. This is a Samaritan's Purse project. The aim is to get as many shoe boxes filled with presents to be sent to children in underprivileged areas of the World who would otherwise not receive any gifts. Getting your neighbours involved is a great way to meet your neighbours. Deadline for collection November 18th.

Share

- Give out the HOPE edition of the Word for Today to Your Neighbours, living on your street.

December 2014:

Prayer

- Pray for three houses on your street every Friday and pray a blessing over your street every time you go out.

Care

- Organise a Christmas party for some of your neighbours
- Is there someone on your street who will be spending Christmas alone? Could you invite them to share Christmas with your family?

Share

- Give out Christmas cards and the Father's Love Letter to your neighbours, with a small gift to those you know best. Invite them to your local Carol service.

NEIGHBOUR FRIDAY

PRAYER

FRIDAY 6TH DEC PROV 16:11

BUSINESSES

Lord, I pray for Your blessing on the businesses and employers in my local area (pray for some by name). May those who own and run businesses be people of integrity, doing what is right for their employees, for their customers, for the local community and for the environment.

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.

CARE

Could you organise a Christmas party for your neighbours, working with some friends from church?

AND/OR:

Is there someone who is facing spending Christmas on their own this year? Could you consider inviting them into your home at Christmas?

SHARE

Consider giving Christmas cards and a small present to some of your neighbours, with an invitation to a local Carol service.

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).

**HOPE IN MY VILLAGE,
TOWN OR CITY**
SOURCE: World Prayer Centre

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*in our villages,
towns and cities*

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SATURDAY 7TH DEC ROM 13:1

EMERGENCY SERVICES

How can your church support those who work for the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services? Pray for protection as they handle every request for help, particularly where there may be violence or disorder. Pray that each team will work harmoniously together, and that they will know the gratitude of the communities they serve.

SUNDAY 8TH DEC MATT 6:9-10

YOUR KINGDOM COME

Father, I pray for the place where I live. May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done here in my community. Please come in Your power and set the captives free; bring freedom for those imprisoned in sickness and addiction, and release those oppressed by their circumstances. (Source: Bible Society)

MONDAY 9TH DEC PRO 21:1

COUNCILS

In this time of austerity, the Church could help to ease the burden for our councils and local authorities if we worked together more. Give thanks for those elected to your council, and pray that God will give them wisdom. Pray for greater cooperation between the churches in your area and your local authority.

TUESDAY 10TH DEC PS 97:2

THE LEGAL SYSTEM

We expect our courts to give a fair trial. Yet sometimes errors of judgement can occur, or lack of evidence can make it hard for juries and magistrates to reach a verdict. Pray for those who work at your local law courts, that God will guide them to discern truth, and to judge fairly.

WEDNESDAY 11TH DEC MATT 4:23

HEALTH SERVICES

Jesus the Healer, I thank you for my local GP practice, dentist and hospital. I pray for all those working to keep my local community healthy. (Think of those you know who work in this field, and pray for them by name). May they be skilled, compassionate, full of integrity and available when needed.

THURSDAY 12TH DEC 2 COR 3:17

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

I pray for the schools and colleges in my local area, that they will be safe, peace-filled, fun places to learn, as well as championing academic excellence. I pray there will be many open doors for people to go into schools and colleges in my area to share the good news of Jesus.

PRAYER CHALLENGE:
Take Christmas gifts to
some of the small businesses

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