

Newsletter Update

Friday 19th July 2013

Stats

1,705 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 173,013 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 411,120 People living there (240 per street)

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Dear Carl,

We are in the midst of a heat wave and while this is welcome for some, it can be a health risk for those who have chronic medical conditions, the very young and the elderly. Please take this week as an opportunity to check on those who might be struggling in the heat.

Many children and teachers break up for the summer holidays this week. Please pray for their safety and protection over summer.



We are delighted to be able to share a prayer guide "Keep praying and Bless" that was originally developed for the Olympic Torch relay. We have had kind permission from the authors to adapt this prayer guide for use in your postcode area or neighbourhood. Last year it proved very popular across the country. We hope that people will use it to prayer walk their streets or if you are unable to do prayer walks as a prayer guide to use at home.



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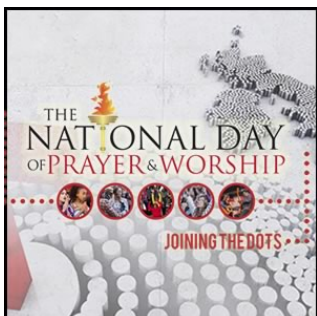
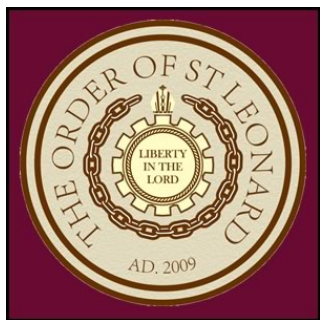
An alternative prayer walking guide is available in Neighbours, Transform Your Street.

The History of Keep Praying and Bless, by Caroline Anderson



Keep Praying and Bless was 'birthed' on 10 April 2012 in a fairly isolated Suffolk village a few weeks before the Olympic Torch was due to start its journey on 18th May.

We, Jill Gower, Robbie Bain and Caroline Anderson, got together as Jill had been asked to put together a prayer guide for Norwich to be used during the Olympic Torch Relay and the Games. None of our existing prayer material seemed right to try and adapt, so there we were with a few weeks to go with a blank sheet of paper! When one is in that situation, the only thing to do is to ask God what He wants to write! We sensed that there needed to be a name of God declared over the towns where the Torch would rest over night so we set about randomly writing down 70 names of God (with a little help from some books!), we divided the list into three and each took



away our lists. Two weeks later we came back together with our material and with the help of the administrative team at Call2Prayer the booklet was compiled. We gave task of coming up with a suitable title and front cover to Melissa Wiggins who has a marketing company and within 30 minutes she has emailed back her first draft! The booklet was in the printers hands by the beginning of May - they turned it round in 5 days! Initially, 2000 were printed, these went like hot cakes and then another 2000 and much to our surprise we asked the printers for another 2000. To us this was incredibly more than we could ever ask or think, we thought having 2000 printed was probably pushing it but God birthed this project, sent the breath of His Spirit to send it around the British Isles. The testimonies have been amazing - although we compiled the book 'in a hurry' knowing time was short, the Holy Spirit obviously ordered what we thought was a random list of the names of God as we received testimony after testimony of how the prayers were just the right ones for the places! People emailed in to say how grateful they were for a guide of how to pray - it seemed many people wanted to pray for the Olympics but didn't know how to. We know that the booklet is still being used.

'Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father'. Philippians 2:9-11

As you lift the name of Jesus over your community on a regular basis, expect to see change, expect to see relationships restored, marriages healed, physical and emotional headings take place, expect the local community shops to thrive, expect to see the crime rate reduced, expect people to come to know Jesus as their Saviour, expect God the Father to pour out his love on the community and expect to see the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts and lives of your neighbours.

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

MATT 19:1-12

Lord, as our society wrestles with what marriage means, teach us how You really intended it to be. We pray for all those who are struggling with divorce; bring reconciliation where possible. If a neighbour has confided in you about difficulties in their marriage, commit to pray for resolution, and tell them you're praying.

Consider prayer walking your street using our prayer guides at www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray

CARE



AS the heat wave continues, please check on elderly neighbours, that they are coping with the heat. Offer to go shopping for them especially if they have significant health problems.

SHARE

Could you give out prayer request cards, to your neighbours as a wider home group or church activity? Over the coming weeks pray confidentially for any prayer requests. See page 169 of Neighbours, Transform Your Street.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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