

Newsletter Update

Friday 5th July 2013

Stats

1,684 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 170,084 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 404,160 People living there (240 per street)

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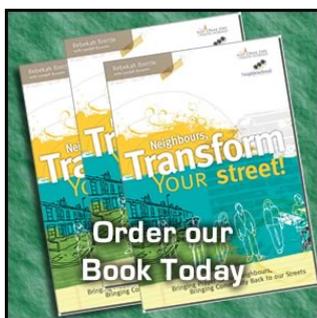


Dear Carl,

This week we share a testimony from a New Testament Church of God church in Crewe. Pastor David Edwards attended the National Day of Prayer and Worship at Wembley on 29th September and decided to encourage his congregation to pray for their immediate neighbours on returning home. Here is his testimony of what has been happening in church since.

Testimony:

As a local church, we have been able to use the 'Neighbour, Transform Your street!' book as an invaluable resource tool. We have been able to adapt and use the prayer guides practically as part of our evangelism strategy in engaging with our local community. We have also used it to inform our prayer strategy for impacting our neighbourhood.



In particular we have used the Neighbourhood Prayer Diary to help us to focus on people we should pray for within our church, community and nation as a whole. This was also combined with a weekly challenge where individuals were given the opportunity to feedback to the church their testimonies and/or challenges. One individual said that when they approached their Polish neighbours to invite them round for a meal (one of the prayer challenges), the husband of the family asked "Why would you want to do that? Are you wanting to poison us because you don't like us?". After laughing, he said that since they've been in England for the past five years no one has ever invited them to their home. The following week both families did enjoy dinner together and it was a great experience for all. We have also found that completing the lists of 'People to Pray for' has greatly increased our knowledge of who's who within our community, from those in authority to our next door neighbours. This has helped us to be more strategic in our prayer and ministry.

We have adapted and used the Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting daily prayer guide for our church's annual Twenty One Days: Fasting and Prayer Chain; and also used the Prayer Walk guide. Through these strategies of Prayer in Action we have seen individuals take more responsibility for the spiritual life of their streets and neighbourhood.



The testimonies and guides in this book we have truly been an encouragement & help in our mission to transform our world - from our neighbourhood, to our town and cities, our nation and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Pastor David Edwards, [NTCG, Crewe](#)

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

LUKE 10:2

Lord show me how I can help my neighbours to come to know You. Show me who You want me to serve in practical ways, and who You want me to share my story with. Ask God how He wants you to share His love with your neighbours this week.

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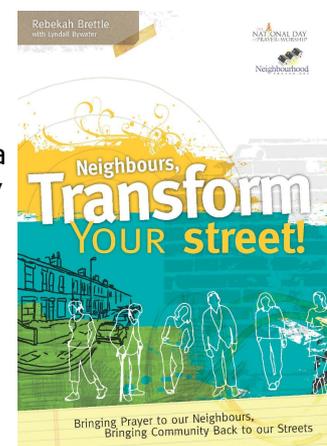
Are there any neighbours who are sick or disabled who your home group or church could help with their gardening?

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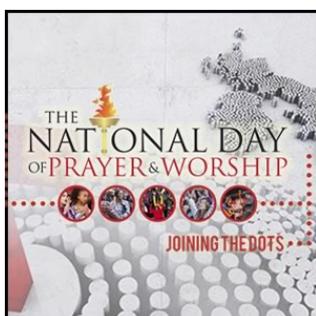
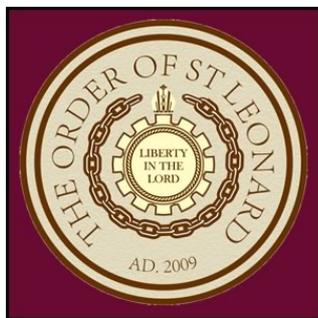
Could you give out prayer request cards, to your neighbours as a wider home group or church activity? Over the coming weeks pray confidentially for any prayer requests. See page 169 of Neighbours, Transform Your Street.

Special Book Offer

In our book, Neighbour's Transform Your Street, we detail many more testimonies like this, as well as prayer guides and contributions from Jonathan Oloyede, Les Isaacs, Matt Wilson, Debra Green, J. John, Lloyd Cooke, Paul Blakey and many more. Please, if you haven't already, buy our book. We have a [special offer](#) on for the next three weeks where you can buy our book and City Changing Prayer together £14 plus postage of £2.49 instead of £18 + £3 postage if you buy separately.



Below is a book review of City Changing prayer. Our charity relies on money from the book to keep going. We also believe this is an invaluable resource for you and your church.

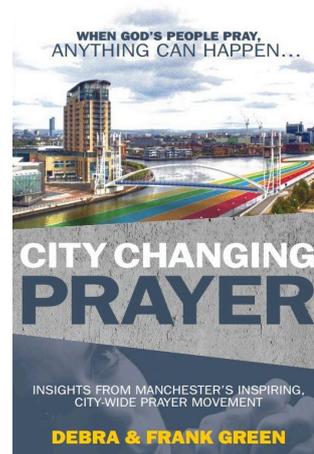




City Changing Prayer

There are many challenges facing this nation and indeed the church. Many of us have been given a vision from God for our own communities, but don't always know how to proceed.

Recently, I have re-read a book called *City Changing Prayer*, by Frank and Debra Green. I first read this book not long after becoming a Christian on Alpha in 2003. This book made me believe in prayer and set me off on a journey that led me to seeing Neighbourhood Prayer Network realised.



Debra has been a spiritual Mother to me over the last ten years and NPN strongly supports her work at [Redeeming Our Communities](#).

In *City Changing prayer*, she details how to pray with Christians from other denominations and shares the journey of city wide prayer meetings in Manchester that led to Message 2000, Festival Manchester and crime rates falling. I believe if you are hoping to pray with other Christians or work on projects with other Christians, this is an essential read. This is not just for people who live in cities, it has principals which are universal.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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