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# Newsletter Update

Friday 22nd March 2013



## Neighbourhood P R A Y E R . N E T

### Stats

1,246 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)  
125,846 Houses on those streets (101 per street)  
299,040 People living there (240 per street)

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



### Dear Carl,

This week we had a great trustees meeting, followed by a significant time of prayer. God has given us ten places to focus on, strategic to our vision and we will be continuing to pray into this and seek God over the coming few weeks and months more about this will follow.



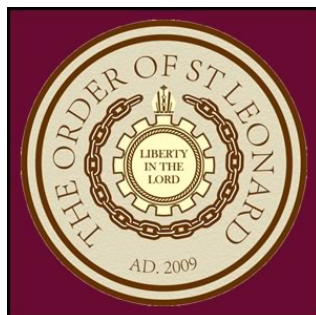
We also talked about the backlog of work that has been created while I haven't been so well in early pregnancy. I am much much better now, but I am still struggling to catch up emails. We have a plan in place to get up to date shortly after Easter as one or two of the trustees are going to help me. Thank you for your patience and your grace.

Longer term, I will be working on Neighbourhood Prayer Network full time and we will be looking to raise funds for a full time administrator as well. Thank you to all who have sent messages of encouragement and prayers.



### Gather

This week I attended, "We Gather" [www.wegather.co.uk](http://www.wegather.co.uk) a consultation on how the church can engage with civic authorities. This meeting was inspiring and showed how much work the wider church is doing to address problems locally. There were several presentations showing how difficult it is by 2020 for councils to fund many social projects as our population ages and money declines. This meeting served to remind me, just how important the role of the church is going to become in meeting our nations needs. Please consider visiting their website over the coming weeks to find out more and to hear encouraging stories from around the UK.



### Thank you

Each one of us can make a difference where we live, through praying for and getting to know our neighbours! We should not underestimate our significant this could be for people living on our streets. Thank you for all that you already do!

Many people have ordered the "Father's love letter" and some have already given this out. Over 40,000 were ordered through [UCB](#) - Praise God for such a great partner. Carl and I will be



giving a hundred out on our street just before Easter. Thank you to everyone who has already given them out.

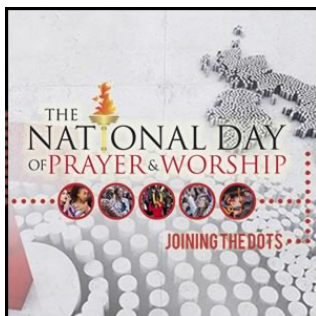
### Testimony

Jenny Hall sent us this testimony, which we hope is an encouragement to you too!

*Thank you for your wonderful book. I re-started praying for my street by walking up one side and down the other every Saturday morning and blessing each house in Jesus' Name. If I know the names of the people there I say them.*

*Also, I ordered a 100 copies of Heavenly Father's love letter and keep one in my handbag in case I get an opportunity to give it away.*

*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 balked 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.*



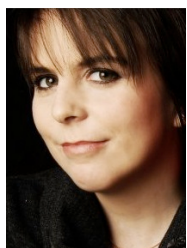
By next week we should have broken through the 300,000 milestone. That means enough streets are being prayed for that 300,000 people are being covered by your prayer. It's incredible to think that just two years ago this was a dream.

Please keep praying, please keep caring and please keep sharing when you have the God led opportunity. God is doing something amongst us that only Heaven will be able to quantify.

If you would like to share a story of what happened to you this week, which might encourage someone else, as Jenny Hall has done, please [email me](#).



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).

## Today is Neighbour Friday

### PRAYER

Genesis 25:22-23

Lord, I pray a blessing on my Jewish and Muslim neighbours. Help me not to let differences in belief divide me from people. May there be acceptance of friendship between Jews and Muslims in my neighbourhood.

Can you make an effort to get to know an adult from another faith living on your street?

### CARE

[#do1nicething](#), in partnership with Love Your Streets. Please tweet the daily #do1nicething each day over lent.

**Friday 22nd:** Clear out unwanted items and give to a charity shop #do1nicething

**Saturday 23rd:** Organise a free car wash for your community #do1nicething

**Sunday 24th:** Take time to discover some new tourist attraction in your area (eg wildlife park, play area, etc) #do1nicething

**Monday 25th:** If you can - Send flowers to a friend as a thank you for your friendship #do1nicething

**Tuesday 26th:** Give a New Testament or inspirational book to someone you don't know #do1nicething

**Wednesday 27th:** Take a box of chocolates to work and say thank you to your colleagues #do1nicething

**Thursday 28th:** Offer to wash people's feet #do1nicething

### SHARE

Could you consider ordering copies of the Father's love letter from [UCB](#) (our partner), to give out to your neighbours on Valentine's day, Father's day or over the Lent/Easter period? See pages 218-220 in "[Neighbour's, Transform Your Street](#)" for more details. Phone 0845 6040401, to order your free copies from UCB, you will have to pay postage costs only.

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