



**We seek to invite, encourage
and enable all ages to be
disciples of Jesus Christ.**

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Each Sunday at 7pm, Christians in every part of the UK join in prayer. Here are some prayer thoughts from Community Outreach Team that you may wish to focus on.

Reaching out to our local community – showing faith in action

Community Outreach Team is tasked with supporting the missional life of Brightons Parish Church. This could be by showing Christian care in response to the hurting and marginalised or the direct sharing of the gospel to all in the community.

Ephesians 2:6-10 *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works...”* and also **1 Corinthians 3:5-11** *“the Lord has assigned each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.”*

Foodbank – Pray for those who donate/volunteers/families in need. Lord this has been more and more a life saver to many families suffering from unemployment, debt and reduced income during lockdown. Pray for continued contributions and volunteers to maintain the service.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – helping families with financial difficulties. Pray for our church as we enter a partnership with CAP. This involves supporting them financially and with volunteers to assist in the transforming of lives in the Braes community.

By partnering with CAP, our church has the opportunity to demonstrate God’s love in action. Whether we choose to help people become debt free, find employment, break free from life controlling habits or gain vital life skills, our church could bring hope and good news to some of the most marginalised people in our community.

Pray for CAP founder and CEO, John Kirkby, who after 25 years is leaving CAP. He is not retiring but is taking time to allow Jesus to lead him to new

opportunities in the service of his Lord. He leaves behind an organisation made up of people who are strong in mission and faith, ablaze with passion and overflowing with compassion for those they help.

Give thanks for what he has achieved. Pray for the new CEO, Paula Stringer as she leads CAP forward with the mission.

Pre-fives (Tuesday morning and afternoon). – pray for all those leading this amazing service, reaching out to the mums and carers of young children. With the bad weather and lockdown these carers have been deprived of social interaction and respite from childcare. Through meeting with caring Christians Lord, we look to reach out in Your name. Give strength and courage to the pre-five team as they set up and run the tented outdoor play area. Pray for a sharing of faith and the building of relationships with families still to know You.

Prison – Lord with a prison in the centre of our community we ask for Your oversight on all prisoners, their families and prison staff. Pray that they will come to repent the error of their ways and the stress they inflict on their families. Keep them safe from harm and give prison staff the wisdom and concern for those in their charge.

Community – pray for our community, its people, parks and amenities. Lord we give thanks for our beautiful surroundings and pray that people will be inspired to look after it.

We pray for our neighbours, those known and unknown to us who are experiencing loneliness, depression, anxiety, addiction and bereavement. We seek to be disciples of Jesus showing love and compassion showing support to the vulnerable through prayer.

Charities – pray for all charities at this time and especially those such as Christian Aid, working in the poorest areas of the world, suffering even more now due to the Covid pandemic. Give thanks for the generosity of our members for their support of Christian Aid week 2021.

Pray for **Friends of Jesus** and the charity **Prospects**. How its members have suffered during lockdown. Pray for a speedy return to familiar faces.

Pray for **Crossreach** and all their service users, those in homes, those suffering mental illness and those with addiction.