



10 Weeks of prayer (10,10,10)

Welcome to our exciting **10** weeks of prayer where we get to wrestle with God for those in our city who don't know Jesus yet. We want to encourage you each day to set aside **10** minutes to pray for people you know who don't know Jesus yet. As a church, throughout these 10 weeks we believe God has called us to 'storm the heavens' to see **10** new people come into a life changing walk with Jesus and be disciple as part of his church. Here's some guidance as you join us in this faith step:

- Pray in your groups each week for those who don't know Jesus. Don't forget to listen to him, and be open to some 'stepping out'.
- Be less busy. Unclutter your life to pray, where possible, to hear him and to be available to speak to and love those who need to know his love.
- Share your stories in group, in conversation and on Sundays... success and failures... let's share this journey as a community.
- Be expectant, be open... let's see what God does!

Also, altogether at:

- Powerhouse (26th Sept and 1st Nov [TBC] 8pm @st marks)
- 9.45am or 2.45pm on Sundays, before each gathering
- 5.30 every Sunday for 10 weeks for 'revival prayer' (from 3rd Sept onwards).

27th August

Who: People you know; your sphere of influence

How: If you find it hard to pray for longer than a minute or so, try praying through this simple 'hands model' to work through the different people in your life. Thumb- those closest to you; Index- teachers and leaders in your life, Middle- the influencers in society, Ring- the sick, poor, marginalised, small- myself.

3rd September

Who: Those on the margins of society

How: Try getting straight out of bed each morning onto your knees, as a way of starting the day in prayer. For those with kids, get them to try it with you!

10th September Who: The nations in Leeds, and international welcome service (17th)

How: Try praying over a map of the world, or use <http://www.operationworld.org/country-lists> to find out more about a country and pray for people from that country living in Leeds.

17th September

Who: Students living in Leeds

Pray for these young people making Leeds their home, often vulnerable and confused, grappling with life's meaning. Pray that we, the CU and other churches can support them and lead them to Jesus.

How: Try praying through the Lord's prayer (Matt 6:9 -) as a guide. For example, start with God's fatherhood (v9), who he is, what he's done for you, his holiness, (v10)ask him to move in your life, job family etc... and so on.

24th September Who: For personal boldness

Pray that God would use you in your neighbourhood, job, family and amongst friends, to be bold with words, works and wonders. How: Try using the 'ACTS' model to help you keep praying: Adoration- prayer as worship, Confession- confess where you've messed up, Thanksgiving- thank him for all that's good in your life, Supplication- ask him for your heart's desire (including your friends coming to know him).

1st October Who: For people I want to invite to Alpha

Now the rubber hits the road: ask God who to invite to Alpha and step out! How: As a meditation, try putting a chair next to you and imagining Jesus sat next to you as you talk and listen. Be honest about worries and fears.

8th October Children and parents in Leeds (Kids club and Chill Zone)

Pray for the children of our city, including those at Gateway. How: Try fasting food or social media for a day, as you pray this week.

15th October Who: For local leaders and alpha invites

Pray for those in leadership in our schools, local government etc. Also pray for more people you can invite to Alpha. How: As an alternative meditation, try reading very slowly through a short bible passage you've chosen. Really mull it over, trying to imagine parts of it. Talk to God about it. Allow your heart and mind to become quiet and still and use this a place to pray from.

22nd October Who: For those who are saved to become long term disciples

We want to see people's lives permanently transformed. Pray for wisdom and power discipling those we reach.

How: Try stopping several times in your busy day to remember God. Try stopping to recognise his presence. Take a moment to acknowledge gratitude. Take a moment to review where God has been in your day: when was he particularly present? When did you miss his promptings?

29th October Who: To change our hearts that we would continue to reach out

We want these 10 weeks to be a starting point and catalyst as we reach this city and the nations. Pray that God would change you and each of us, giving us an increased heart for the lost. Pray for those who are coming in or have made commitments. How: See if you can find at least one opportunity this week to pray with someone else from church. Corporate prayer is so powerful.