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# Prayer MATTERS

**JUNE 2025**



# Dear Prayer Matters readers

Welcome to June and our sixth *Prayer Matters* of 2025.

We're firmly praying for some sunny weather, because our Care for Creation Saturday prayers are all inspired by the jobs you need to be doing in your garden (if you have one) this month ... so if it rains every weekend, just blame us!

It's Refugee Week this month, so our Friday Justice and Reconciliation prayers touch on issues often faced by those who are forced to flee war and persecution. And in our Monday prayers, we're reflecting on our own boldness in witnessing for Jesus.

Our Sunday Sabbath prayers journey from Pentecost to fatherhood (it's Father's Day on 15 June), and we're covering a number of events in prayer this month.

You'll notice two major differences to this edition of *Prayer Matters*: the first week is entirely given over to Thy Kingdom Come, the global ecumenical prayer movement which sees Christians from all over the world setting aside

time to pray between Ascension and Pentecost every year. We're joining in by including some of Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's writing on the Lord's Prayer. And finally there's a rich feast of Scripture in this edition, with each day having its own Bible verse. We won't do this every month, but hope it's a great blessing to you this time around.

Thanks, as always, for your partnership in prayer, and may you know God's closeness as you use this calendar.

Blessings,

Lyndall Bywater  
and the UKI Boiler Room Team

# JUNE



## **SUNDAY 1 JUNE: THY KINGDOM COME** **The Lord's Prayer – God's will**

'Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'  
(Matthew 6:10 *NIV*)

God's will is like the single unifying note played throughout the universe to which everything else and every one of us and all creation must be tuned in order to find the harmony we long for. It is mysterious and beautiful. But when we hear it, it is compelling ... We need our hearts and minds tuned to the will of God. This will not only be good news for our lives, it is the only way of finding lasting joy and peace. It is also very good news for a confused and combative world where the powerful and the vengeful seek their own kingdoms and impose their own will. Only what we see and receive in Jesus can save us. This is why we pray, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.'

(Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, taken from the Novena Prayer Resource at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global))



## **MONDAY 2 JUNE: THY KINGDOM COME** **The Lord's Prayer – Kingdom lives**

'May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.' (Matthew 6:10 *NLT*)

As we pray 'Thy kingdom come', we are praying for earth to be heavenly, for the things of Heaven to be seen on earth, and for the people we are praying for to arrive at that point where they too sing Alleluia and worship the Servant King. All because they glimpse the new creation and long for it to be established in the earth. And we also pray for ourselves: may God's Kingdom be seen in us; may God's light shine through us; may our lives bear witness to an earth which is like Heaven, and be living signposts to God.

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## **TUESDAY 3 JUNE: THY KINGDOM COME**

### **The Lord's Prayer – What we need**

'Give us today our daily bread.' (Matthew 6:11 *NIV*)

Every time we say, 'Give us today our daily bread', we are committing ourselves to inhabiting the world differently: recognising our need, but also acknowledging our interdependence with all our sisters and brothers across the world – and with the earth itself ... For if we could say these words and mean them, life would be changed. So we pray today for those who have no daily bread and for those who have far too much. Help us to change. We ask this for ourselves in all the compromises we live with, and for those for whom we are praying, that they may encounter the radical challenge of the gospel.

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## **WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE: THY KINGDOM COME**

### **The Lord's Prayer – Repentance**

'And forgive us our sins ...' (Matthew 6:12a *NLT*)

Like the thief who cried out to Jesus on the cross, 'Jesus, remember me' (Luke 23:42), the Lord's Prayer teaches us to do the same: 'Forgive us our sins. Help us find the right way. Show us in Jesus the way that leads to life. Help us to follow.' Our penitence is the right response to God's amazing forgiveness. We walk his way with humble and grateful hearts. So we pray for penitent hearts; and because we know it is a stubborn lack of penitence and a hardening of heart that often get in the way of knowing and receiving Christ, we pray for those we are praying for to be able to stop and see where their lives are going in the wrong direction, turn around and seek the way of Christ.

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## **THURSDAY 5 JUNE: THY KINGDOM COME**

### **The Lord's Prayer – Forgiveness**

'...as we have forgiven those who sin against us.' (Matthew 6:12b *NLT*)

It remains true that in Jesus every person is offered the liberating gift of forgiveness, and perhaps our best and most honest response to the challenge of this petition in the Lord's Prayer is to make sure we are ready to offer forgiveness and ready to seek out ways of truth and reconciliation, so that there can be honesty, understanding and penitence ... There is no other way to break the cycle of retribution and revenge that fuels the conflicts and conquests of the world, hardening people against one another and creating only more misery and violence. So go on asking for forgiveness. Go on being ready to give that forgiveness to others.

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## **FRIDAY 6 JUNE: THY KINGDOM COME**

### **The Lord's Prayer – Temptation**

'And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.'  
(Matthew 6:13 *NLT*)

Maybe the greatest temptation of all is to imagine that we don't need God, that we can manage on our own so that we end up putting our trust in ourselves ... The Lord's Prayer continually invites us to be ruthlessly and scrupulously honest before God. So it really means, Lord help me when I'm tempted. Because that will be often. Steadfast God, amid all the snares and temptations of life, lead me on the path of life eternal, save me from evil, and when I stray from the path, find me and lead me home. O Good Shepherd, protect me. And not just me, all those I love, and those for whom I pray today.

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## **SATURDAY 7 JUNE: THY KINGDOM COME**

### **The Lord's Prayer – Action**

'For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen.' (Romans 11:36 *NIV*)

When we say the Lord's Prayer, we nearly always finish with the formula, 'For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.' ... It is based upon a whole number of biblical texts [like the above passage from Romans] which ascribe to God power and glory, and always end with the word 'Amen'. Amen means 'I agree'. It is, therefore, probably the most challenging word in the whole prayer. We are, as it were, signing our name at the bottom of this prayer, and, by pledging our agreement, committing ourselves to doing something about it. ... God, teach me to pray. Help me to live in peace with you and with my neighbour, and to know your will for my life. ... Help me to say 'Amen' and mean it.

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## **SUNDAY 8 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYER**

### **Pentecost**

'Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.' (2 Corinthians 3:17 *NIV*)

Lord, fill our hearts with hope as we wait for your transforming and renewing presence. On this day, we rejoice in the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Ignite our hearts, that we may witness boldly to your transforming power. Empower your people to receive and then share your precious gift. Unite your people across every boundary and division. May we constantly reflect your Spirit's gifts in our lives.

(Lieut-Colonel Jayne Roberts, Officer in Retirement)

You can find lots of resources to help you celebrate the gift of Pentecost at <https://www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/key-dates/pentecost-sunday>



## **MONDAY 9 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

### **Boldness in God's presence**

'Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.' (Hebrews 4:16 NKJV)

Loving Father, as I approach you in prayer, I come with confidence for I know you are waiting and listening to hear my voice. As I come with my personal need of you, I am seeking your help and your grace to see me through the things that are trying to block the light of your presence.

Challenge: As you pray, ask God to fill you with the certainty that he is right beside you. As you realise his presence, allow the light of his glory to shine on you. Allow this confidence of being with the Lord to give you boldness in your faith.

(Major Jill Miller, Officer in Retirement)



## **TUESDAY 10 JUNE: SERVING AND CARING**

### **Riverbank Women's Conference follow-up (6-8 June)**

'Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts.' (Psalm 145:4 MSG)

Father, we give you thanks for the Riverbank Conference which happened over the weekend: for your amazing presence which enveloped the whole event, and for the wonders you did. We pray for refreshment for the Family Ministries Team, and for delegates as they settle back into their everyday lives. We pray that your peace will rest on them, and that they will have confidence to be bold in the name of Jesus. We pray that The Salvation Army's mission will be enhanced through all that has happened this weekend.

(Major Gary Lacey, Territorial Prayer Coordinator)



## **WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE: GROWING IN FAITH** **Brengle Institute (10-18 June)**

'For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.'  
(1 Corinthians 4:20 *NIV*)

Thank you for the rich history of the Brengle Institute, which has met annually for many years. Thank you for the blessings and the victories in people's lives. We pray for this year's event: for those who will teach and for those who will attend as delegates, that all will hear the words you have for them. Father, we pray for a strengthening in the lives of those who attend as delegates, and ask you to help them to sharpen their missional focus as they meet with you.

(Major Gary Lacey, Territorial Prayer Coordinator)



## **THURSDAY 12 JUNE: INTERNATIONAL** **SALVATION ARMY – Kenya West Territory**

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'  
(Romans 15:13 *NIV*)

Take some time to ponder this beautiful blessing in Paul's letter to the Romans. You're invited to pray it over the Kenya West Territory: over its officers and soldiers, its corps and outreach centres, the places where people are housed and cared for, and over its territorial leadership team. Pray for the leaders by name: Colonels Geoff and Kalie Webb, and Lieut-Colonels Harun and Beatrice Chepsiri.

(Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team)



## **FRIDAY 13 JUNE: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION** **Refugee Week (16-22 June)**

'For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!' (Romans 5:10 *NIV*)



Father God, we thank you for your heart for justice and reconciliation. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us your commitment to restore humanity's relationship with you. Thank you for all those who reflect your heart in their work for justice and reconciliation in our world: for those who advocate for newcomers to the UK who are trapped in systems they don't understand; for those who engage tirelessly with policy makers to help create fairer and more just policies. Thank you for those who work to build understanding and empathy between members of their communities.

(Taken from the 'thank you' prayer for refugees by Ben Still, Refugee Response Manager)

You can find the full prayers for refugees at <https://www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/worship/praying-for-refugees>



## **SATURDAY 14 JUNE: CARE FOR CREATION** **God and Gardening – Netting soft fruits**

'As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.' (Matthew 13:4 *NIV*)

In this season, when so much is growing in the garden, it's easy to forget to protect what is most vulnerable. That's why this is the time for putting netting over your soft fruits, so they stand a chance of ripening before the birds eat them. As you tend your garden, pray for those vulnerable situations you know of where the enemy might be seeking to 'steal the seed' in your life or that of someone else.

(Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team)



## **SUNDAY 15 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYER** **God – the compassionate Father**

'The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.' (Psalm 103:13 *NLT*)

Father God, sometimes we fall into thinking that you are a remote God who doesn't understand us, yet your word reminds us that you are a compassionate Father. We thank you, Lord, for those men in our lives who radiate your compassion, those who protect, care for and nurture us. This Father's Day, we pray that they will be aware of your compassion for them right now.

(Karen Findlay, Wellingborough Corps)

You can find resources to support Father's Day at <https://www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/key-dates/fathersday>



## **MONDAY 16 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

### **Boldness in talking faith**

'For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.' (2 Timothy 1:7 *NKJV*)

Lord God, thank you for exchanging my fear for boldness through your Spirit. Help me to live boldly every day. Protect me as I lay down my fears and take up the challenge of going beyond my comfort zone.

Challenge: Think of something you find difficult when it comes to sharing your faith. It may be praying out loud, testifying, or praying with a friend. Pray that, as you lay down your fear, God will fill you with boldness. Know you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Now make plans to do it!

(Major Jill Miller, Officer in Retirement)



## **TUESDAY 17 JUNE: SERVING AND CARING**

### **Together 2025 (11-13 July)**

'Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.'  
(Hebrews 4:16 *NIV*)

Jesus, as people prepare for the Together 2025 event in Birmingham, would you bless all those planning and preparing, especially the Events Team as they work hard to make things run smoothly. We ask you to put your hand of blessing on all the components of the event, which will include the commissioning of the Champions of the Mission Session. We also pray for territorial leadership as they prepare to minister throughout the event.

(Major Gary Lacey, Territorial Prayer Coordinator)



## **WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE: GROWING IN FAITH** **Intercultural Weekend (20-22 June)**

‘After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language ...’  
(Revelation 7:9a *NIV*)

Being ‘intercultural’ is a willingness to enter another person’s culture as much as you want them to enter your own. As so many towns, cities and suburban areas become far more culturally rich, we need to learn how we can live together and journey together in a way that celebrates diversity and unity. Pray for the Intercultural Weekend, that it will be a time of deep connection, open-hearted learning and joyful worship together.

(Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team)



## **THURSDAY 19 JUNE: INTERNATIONAL** **SALVATION ARMY – USA Western Territory**

‘Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly ...’ (Colossians 3:16a *NIV*)

The USA Western Territory covers the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, as well as Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas. It operates in 14 different languages and serves a huge variety of communities. As you pray for the territory, speak these words from Colossians as a blessing over the ministry and mission of the USA West today. Pray too for the territorial leadership team of Commissioners Douglas and Colleen Riley and Colonels Eddie and Genevera Vincent.

(Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team)



## **FRIDAY 20 JUNE: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION** **Refugee Week (16-22 June)**

'Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrews 12:14 *NIV*)

We ask for peace. We recognise that violence of language and of action drives conflict. We see the millions of people displaced because of war and persecution. We ask that you help us to grow into people of peace in our communities. We ask that you empower us to be beacons of your light and love in dark places, and give us the boldness to challenge injustice and the will to seek justice.

(Taken from the 'please' prayer for refugees by Ben Still, Refugee Response Manager)



## **SATURDAY 21 JUNE: CARE FOR CREATION** **God and Gardening - Lifting bulbs**

'There is a time for everything ... a time to plant and a time to uproot.' (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 *NIV*)

It's time to lift some of the bulbs which have finished flowering for the year, such as your tulips, so that they can be stored and replanted. As you tend your garden, pray for people you know who are coming to the end of a particular season in their lives, or are needing to take a break and have a rest from something they've been doing. Pray that God will wrap them around in love, and restore them for what is to come next.

(Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team)



## **SUNDAY 22 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYER** **God - the faithful Father**

'So [the son] returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.' (Luke 15:20 *NLT*)

Father God, we bring to you all those situations where human relationships have broken down. We pray that your love will break through and heal broken hearts. We thank you for standing with arms open wide when we run to you. We praise you because there is always a way back if we have wandered away. You are our faithful Father.

(Karen Findlay, Wellingborough Corps)



## **MONDAY 23 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS** **Boldness in sharing Jesus**

'When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.' (Acts 4:13 *NIV*)

Loving Lord, often I offer my lack of education or my inadequacies as reasons for holding back when it comes to testifying to your love for me and your power at work in my life. I ask that, through spending time in prayer with you, Jesus, you will enable me to be bold in my witnessing. Fill me with that power today, in your name I pray.

Challenge: Pray this prayer and be determined to share with someone close to you how much you value having Jesus in your life.

(Major Jill Miller, Officer in Retirement)



## **TUESDAY 24 JUNE: SERVING AND CARING** **Creativity**

'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.' (Proverbs 1:7 *NRSV*)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, triune God, thank you for your creativity that shines through in the lives of your people. We thank you for ways your creativity is shown in the vocations of all those who say 'yes' to you and who follow your directions. Give us the wisdom and courage to stand still, waiting for you to direct our next step. Surprise us again with your creativity in our lives.

(Captain Cor van der Woude, Bury Corps)



## **WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE: GROWING IN FAITH** **Design for Life (27-29 June)**

'I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.' (John 10:10b *NKJV*)

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for the Design for Life weekend, and for all the people who have attended over the years and listen to your directions. We pray that those who are coming to this weekend will make space to listen and to hear you, and that they will follow your instructions. We pray that they will experience the overflowing abundance which you promise.

(Captain Cor can der Woude, Bury Corps)



## **THURSDAY 26 JUNE: INTERNATIONAL** **SALVATION ARMY – Sweden and Latvia Territory**

'Your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.' (Isaiah 58:10 *NIV*)

As Sweden and Latvia mark Midsummer, when the most northerly parts see midnight sun, we pray this blessing from Isaiah over everyone connected with The Salvation Army in the territory, that as they spend themselves on behalf of those in need, God's glory will shine through them, and the darkness will become as light as day. We pray for the territorial leadership team, Colonels Bo and Christina Jeppsson and Lieut-Colonels Robert and Anna Tuftström.

(Lydall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team)



## **FRIDAY 27 JUNE: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION** **Oppression and intolerance**

'A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.' (Psalm 68:5 *NIV*)

O Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his resurrection he restores life and peace in all creation. Comfort, we pray,

all victims of intolerance and those oppressed by their fellow humans. Remember in your Kingdom those who have died. Lead the oppressors towards compassion, and give hope to the suffering. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Prayer published by the Church of England)



## **SATURDAY 28 JUNE: CARE FOR CREATION** **God and Gardening – Mulch**

'The Lord will guard you; he is by your side to protect you. The sun will not hurt you during the day, nor the moon during the night.' (Psalm 121:5-6 *GNT*)

Mulch has many useful functions, including helping to keep weeds down and helping to store water through the driest parts of the year, so that the plants stay hydrated. As you tend your garden, ponder what helps you to stay refreshed and weed-free in your Christian life. Are there rhythms or routines, resources or relationships which are particularly helpful when life feels dry?

(Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team)



## **SUNDAY 29 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYER** **God – the Father who provides**

'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!' (Matthew 7:9-11 *NIV*)

Father God, we thank you for all the good gifts that you give. You don't always give us what we want, but you do always give us what we need. We pray for wisdom in the things that we give to those in our lives. Help us to learn from you. Father God, thank you for giving us all that we need.

(Karen Findlay, Wellingborough Corps)



## **MONDAY 30 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

### **Boldness in prayer**

'After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.' (Acts 4:31 *NLT*)

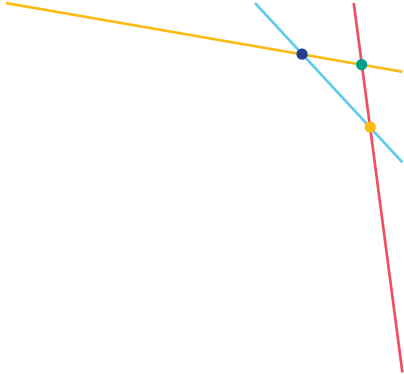
Lord, I thank you that prayer brings me into your presence through your Holy Spirit. I often come to you in weakness, and yet you fill me, empower me and encourage me to be bold, and to speak of your love and power.

Challenge: Who are the people you're praying for today to come to know Jesus? If you don't have anyone you're praying for specifically, I invite you to choose a few names and commit to praying for them in the days to come.

(Major Jill Miller, Officer in Retirement)



# NOTES



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