Prayer MATTERS

November 2026

A daily prayer resource for The Salvation Army's UKI Prayer Rhythm

Welcome to November's Prayer Matters. You may wonder why this edition falls two days short, and the answer is that the last two days of November are also the first two days of Advent. We are excited to be bringing you a slightly different Prayer Matters, which will run from the first Sunday in Advent (29 November) to the end of the year, but we will tell you more about that next time.

For now, back to November; and we are journeying through the Season of Remembrance in our Sunday Sabbath Prayers, reflecting on All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday and Christ the King Sunday.

Our Care for Creation Prayers come from our Territorial Environmental Officer, Major Heather Poxon. They help us to pray along with COP 31, the climate change conference happening in Turkey this month.

We visit the Yorkshire and Humber Division and the East of England Division, as well as lending our prayer support to the Army's homelessness strategy work, the International Commission on Membership, Covenant and Belonging, and a wellbeing retreat for couples in ministry.

Our Wednesday Justice and Reconciliation prayers come from the Finance Inclusion and Debt Advice Service. It's a privilege to hear their requests for prayer as they handle an ever-increasing workload in the current financial climate.

It's a vibrant and varied edition of Prayer Matters and we are truly grateful for your partnership as we journey through it together.

Blessings,

Lyndall Bywater
and the UKI Boiler Room Team

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The Salvation UKI Prayer Rhythm

Five out of our seven daily themes form the priorities for The Salvation Army's Mission Statement here in the UK and Ireland. We also join The Salvation Army International on a Thursday to pray for other territories; and on Sunday we have a Sabbath Prayer focus.



Sunday: Sabbath Prayer

Our sabbath prayer invites us to rest and be transformed by God's presence.



Monday: Sharing the Good News

On Monday we focus prayer on the heart of our mission - sharing the good news of Jesus and inviting others into a life-changing relationship with God.



Tuesday: Serving and Caring

On Tuesday we focus on prayer for our Salvation Army communities - how they serve and care for people and live out the call from Jesus to love God and love others.



Wednesday: Justice and Reconciliation

On Wednesday we pray for The Salvation Army speaking out against justice and seeking reconciliation, breathing into life 'Our Vision' of 'fullness of life for all with Jesus'.



Thursday: International Salvation Army

On Thursday we join with our global Salvation Army community in 134 countries as we unite to pray for a territory or region of The Salvation Army.



Friday: Growing in faith

On Friday we focus on prayer that enriches our lives as disciples of Jesus, seeking holy living and 'fullness of life' in God.



Saturday: Care for Creation

On Saturday we focus on God's creation praying for the responsbility we have for our planet and the affects damage has for people and the environment.

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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER: SABBATH PRAYERS

Season of Remembrance – All Souls Day

Loving God, as we step into this Season of Remembrance, we pause on this All Souls Day to give thanks for those who have blessed and influenced our lives in the past, but who are no longer with us. We acknowledge the pain of loss and the weight of grief; we welcome your comfort in our tender places and your healing for our wounds. As we turn towards Remembrance Sunday next week, we acknowledge too the pain of conflict in our world, and we notice the ways it touches our lives, even from lands far away. Prince of Peace, keep us honest about the darkness in our world, and keep us hopeful for brighter days.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Yorkshire and Humber Division – Children and youth

Thank you for praying for our children and youth across Yorkshire and Humber Division. We give thanks for all that has happened over the past few months to engage and encourage them; and as we continue our work with them, we pray for their life and faith journey. May God anoint them, protect them and journey with them. May they 'grow in wisdom and stature' as Jesus did (Luke 2:52).

Major Lucy Mann, Divisional Mission Officer

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER: SERVING AND CARING

Homelessness Services - Salvation Army Homelessness Strategy

We give thanks for the ongoing development of The Salvation Army's homelessness work, and take some time today to pray for it. Below is a quote to inspire your prayers.

'Looking ahead, a major focus is homelessness prevention. Too often, help arrives only after someone has reached crisis point. To help change that, we are developing a proposal for a network of homelessness prevention coordinators across the United Kingdom and Ireland. These colleagues will work alongside corps, divisions and community partners to identify housing issues earlier, strengthen local responses and help people access the support they need before homelessness occurs.'

Quote by Nathan Slinn, Deputy Director, Homelessness Services, taken from Salvationist 2 October 2026

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WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Financial Uncertainty

Pray for those people carrying the burden of debt, rising living costs and financial uncertainty. May they know they are not alone and feel able to reach out for the help and support they need. We pray that people will have renewed hope, and that they will feel valued, listened to and supported.

Lorraine Cook, Financial Inclusion Development Manager

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER: INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY

Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands Territory

'Our vision is to actively rebuild, restore and renew where a broken world needs it most.'

We pray for Salvationists in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, giving thanks for their commitment to be builders and restorers for God's Kingdom. We pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen their hands for the work, and give them a clear vision of what healing and wholeness might look like in their local communities. We pray for the territorial leadership team of Colonels Chris and Tilitah Goa and Lieut-Colonels Garth and Suzanne Stevenson.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER: GROWING IN FAITH

International Commission on Membership, Covenant and Belonging

'Following discussions at the Salvation Army International Conference of Leaders in March, General Lyndon Buckingham has appointed a Commission on Membership, Covenant and Belonging .... Its vision is to help The Salvation Army become more welcoming without becoming less covenantal, more contextual without becoming fragmented, more accessible without becoming vague and more missionally effective without becoming less holy.'

We pray for the Commission, that its gatherings will be soaked in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and that that same Holy Spirit will help its members to navigate complex issues with wisdom and revelation.

Quote taken from www.salvationist.org.uk/articles/general-appoints-commission-membership-covenant-and-belonging

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SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER: CARE FOR CREATION

COP 31 Climate Change Conference – National agreements

Lord, we pray for the 31st annual conference of the parties to the UN climate change framework, taking place in Turkey this month. As we feel the effects of a warming world in our own land, with five consecutive heatwaves and with wildfires and floods, we sense a greater urgency and a frustration that world leaders still cannot agree on action to save and protect millions of the most vulnerable. Lord, we pray for a breakthrough, and for a bold, united act of conviction and compassion. May there be a rising up of your people to tell the truth, to be the voice of strength and action, joy and hope – not a superficial hope that says that everything will be OK, but hope that comes of working with you for a future that's worth fighting for; a hope that believes in your goodness, mercy and love.

Major Heather Poxon, Territorial Environmental Officer

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER: SABBATH PRAYERS

Remembrance Sunday

Church bells ring out, our heads are bowed,
Soft rain provides a gentle shroud;
Familiar words sound crisp and clear,
And all the people gathered here
Respond with their remembrance,
In spoken, solemn reverence …

So many names engraved in stone,
Yet, scanning them, I feel alone,
Silent among the shuffling crowd,
Grief stricken, but immensely proud
Of such brave men, who, freed from pain
In Heaven's light, we'll meet again …

'We'll Meet Again' by Stephen Pearson, published in Salvationist 7 November 2020

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

East of England – New mission initiatives

We are sincerely thankful for all that God is doing in established corps, and we wonder whether God is showing us other ways where we can reach people for him. Join us in praying as a division for new initiatives and opportunities. Pray that we will each discern whether God is leading us to do something different and something new, alongside and together with established corps. Please pray for new prayer initiatives that will help to connect this widespread division even further.

Major Lynley Oliver, Divisional Leader

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TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER: SERVING AND CARING

Pre-retirement Seminar (10-12 November)

Father God, bless the delegates attending their Pre-Retirement Seminar this week. As retirement looms, bringing delight or dread, may their fellowship with others bring gentle reassurance of your love. May their learning of all that The Salvation Army will provide bring clarity and understanding regarding the actions they need to take. May they hear fresh comfort from your 'still small voice of calm' that you remain with them, so all will be well. May they return with inspired resolve, confidence and hope for their future.

Major Elizabeth Turner, Assistant Retired Officers Secretary

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Financial Inclusion Service

Pray that God will grant wisdom, patience and resilience to the Financial Inclusion staff and volunteers as they offer accurate advice, support people in vulnerable circumstances and respond to each person with compassion and sensitivity. May God strengthen and encourage them through the challenges of their work, especially when the difficult stories shared with them feel too heavy to carry alone.

Lorraine Cook, Financial Inclusion Development Manager

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER: INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY

Kenya East Territory

We pray for the work and worship of The Salvation Army in the Kenya East Territory today. May the love of God renew the lives of all who call the Army their home, and may that love shine through them to bring light into the darkest places. We pray for the territorial leadership team, for Commissioners Samuel and Theresa Baah and Lieut-Colonels Mario and Celeste Nhacumba.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER: GROWING IN FAITH

SA Worship Conference (14-15 November)

Father, we welcome you into our SA Worship Conference. Holy Spirit, move freely among us and awaken our hearts to your presence. Draw us deeper into worship, surrender and love for Jesus. Let every person encounter the living God they love and serve. Break down every barrier, renew weary hearts and ignite fresh faith. May our worship glorify you, transform lives and overflow beyond these moments into every community we serve.

Nik King, Assistant Director for Music and Creative Arts

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SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER: CARE FOR CREATION

COP 31 Climate Change Conference –Cry of the earth, cry of the poor

Lord, as we remember Nepal, where thousands were caught up in the horrendous catastrophe of a glacier collapsing and triggering a flood and landslide, we pray that the voices of those who are often least listened to will be heard; that they will have an opportunity to be centre stage; that their voices will ring out and that their words will hit hard and hit home.

Major Heather Poxon, Territorial Environmental Officer

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER: SABBATH PRAYERS

Season of Remembrance – Peace-making

Lord God, we reflect on the season of Remembrance which we have marked this past week, and give thanks that the work of peace-making goes on. Send us out into the world, we pray – not as those who carry the weight of past conflicts, but as beacons of hope in a world still grappling with turmoil. May we be instruments of compassion and justice, building bridges of understanding and seeking God's perfect peace for all people, in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Adapted from a Remembrance Sunday Sermon Starter:
www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/key-dates/remembrance-sunday

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

'Be a star!' Christmas Campaign

As Salvation Army centres all over the UK and Ireland begin their Christmas activities over the next few weeks, we pray for all the outreach and practical support which will happen. Christmas is a time when we celebrate God's light shining amid the darkness of the world – and, as we prepare to celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth, we are called to reflect the everlasting light of Jesus to others. How we shine and share that light will look different for each of us, depending on the local needs in our community: operating a food bank, carolling in the high street, leading school assemblies, hosting a community meal or distributing Christmas presents. Whatever we're doing, let's pray that the light of God's love will shine through us and point the way to Jesus.

Adapted from www.salvationist.org.uk/articles/be-star-resources-christmas

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TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER: SERVING AND CARING

Homelessness Services

We continue to pray for the ongoing development of The Salvation Army's Homelessness strategy. Below is a quote to inspire your prayers today:

'One of the great strengths of The Salvation Army is the difference we can make when we work together. Across the territory, corps, Homelessness Services, divisions, chaplaincy and community programmes are supporting people experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness in a variety of ways. Our reach and impact grow when we combine our gifts, resources and expertise. This includes the work the Public Affairs Unit does to campaign against injustice and to lobby for systemic change, for example the repealing of the Vagrancy Act in June 2026. Whether through practical support, pastoral care, community building, advocacy or creating opportunities for belonging, every expression of The Salvation Army contributes to this shared mission. By listening, working in partnership and focusing on prevention as well as support, we hope to help create communities where people can experience compassion, dignity, belonging, restoration and fullness of life with Jesus.'

Quote by Nathan Slinn, Deputy Director, Homelessness Services, taken from Salvationist 2 October 2026

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Financial Inclusion Best Practice Conference (17 November)

Pray that God will guide the Financial Inclusion team as we return to our regular work following our Financial Inclusion Best Practice Conference yesterday. May we remember that we do not serve in our own strength, but depend upon God for wisdom, courage and direction. Help us to learn from one another, find support and encouragement in each other, and remain open to God's call upon each of our lives.

Lorraine Cook, Financial Inclusion Development Manager

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER: INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY

Latin America North Territory

'We are The Salvation Army in Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela. Bringing the gospel and hope to ten countries across the north of Latin America.'

We pray today for The Salvation Army in the northern part of Latin America as it shares and demonstrates the good news of Jesus in so many different ways. We pray for boldness and compassion, for devotion and joy. We pray that God's love will be seen wherever the Army is at work, and that many will want to know more. We pray for the territorial leadership team: Colonels Leonardo and Evangelina Fernandez and Lieut-Colonels Juan and Lydia Mercado.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

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FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER: GROWING IN FAITH

East of England Division – Children and youth

Join us in prayer thanking God for the way in which he is at work in the East of England division. We are particularly thankful for the abundant blessings received in the giving at family camps, youth camps, children's camp and summer school. Pray God's continued protection on children, youth and families who attended those significant events where all were offered an encounter with our living Lord Jesus. Please also uphold in prayer the youth of the division who will have the privilege of participating in the forthcoming trip to the Netherlands. We are giving thanks for all those who put such a lot of effort into fundraising for this.

Major Lynley Oliver, Divisional Leader

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER: CARE FOR CREATION

COP 31 Climate Change Conference – Just transition

Lord, we know that as fossil fuels continue to be burnt, so the temperature rises, and we continue to see clearly the consequences of that rise. We give you thanks that creation has already provided so many ways for us to make energy, and that skilled people have developed working alternatives. We pray that nations and companies will commit to generous investment into a rapid and fair transition away from fossil fuels.

Major Heather Poxon, Territorial Environmental Officer

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER: SABBATH PRAYERS

Christ the King Sunday

We join with thousands of churches around the world to pray this ancient prayer today:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of Heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Flourishing in Marriage and Ministry (23-26 November)

This retreat enables delegates to discover more about becoming the individual that God created them to be. Pray that delegates will use this retreat to reflect, discover and learn afresh about their intimacy with God, their identity and calling in Christ and their shared ministry as a couple. Pray too that they will come to deeper understanding of their 'woundedness' and allow the Lord to bring healing. Pray that they will learn to 'protect' their life and ministry, and build in healthy rhythms, such that they flourish in the future and their marriage and ministry become even more of a blessing and a testimony to God's goodness.

Major Elwyn Harries, Wellbeing Services

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER: SERVING AND CARING

Yorkshire and Humber Division – Local leaders

We ask for your prayers for the many local officers who are working hard in varied settings across the division. We have numerous corps without their own full-time officer or spiritual leader, and local officers are going above and beyond to ensure that mission and ministry not only continue but also grow and flourish. May God be their strength and guide. May he indeed provide 'all that they need' (Psalm 23:1), and may he raise up new leaders who are willing to take the lead for him.

Major Lucy Mann, Divisional Mission Officer

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Financial Inclusion Partnerships

We pray that the Financial Inclusion Service will reach those most in need. We pray for strong partnerships with Salvation Army centres, local organisations and other services, so that people who are isolated or unaware of the help available can be reached at the right time.

Lorraine Cook, Financial Inclusion Development Manager

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THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER: INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY
Denmark and Greenland Territory

'On a typical day, we serve hundreds of meals, pour countless cups of coffee, provide shelter to the homeless, talk to the mentally ill, counsel addicts, listen to the lonely, strengthen family networks and create hope for the desperate.'

May the God who sustains all things sustain all those who are involved in this vital work today. May they find springs of living water flowing through their lives and out to others. May they be filled with hope, so that they themselves can bring hope. We pray for the territorial leadership team of Lieutenant-Colonel Sandra Stokes and Major Hanne Wahl.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER: GROWING IN FAITH
International Commission on Membership, Covenant and Belonging

'Following discussions at the Salvation Army International Conference of Leaders in March, General Lyndon Buckingham has appointed a Commission on Membership, Covenant and Belonging ... an 11-member Commission, co-led by Commissioner Geoff Webb (IHQ) and Colonel Dean Pallant (Germany, Lithuania and Poland Territory), with representatives from across the international Salvation Army. Members are Major Amy Reardon (IHQ), Colonel Bishow Samhika (International College for Officers), Lieutenant Emily Betts (IHQ, Americas), Commissioner Evie Diaz (USA Central), Commissioner Henrik Andersen (IHQ, based in Sweden), Major Juanita Wright (IHQ, Youth), Songster-Leader Karl Westwood (UK and Ireland Territory), Lieut-Colonel Nigel Cross (Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand Territory) and Commissioner Yusak Tampai (IHQ, South Pacific and East Asia Zone). The General will also be appointing consultant members to provide additional expertise, including Territorial Leader Commissioner Jenine Main.'

As you pray today, hold these people before God and pray that they will become a community of love and trust, where differences are held in grace, and where the voice of God is welcomed and heard.

Quote taken from www.salvationist.org.uk/articles/general-appoints-commission-membership-covenant-and-belonging

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER: CARE FOR CREATION
COP 31 Climate Change Conference – Whose future?

Lord, we pray for our children and grandchildren, and wonder what world they are inheriting. Thank you for their innovation, their strength and boldness. May there be a focus at COP31 on the children and their place in deliberations. Adults often listen to children more than their peers. May their voice be heard.

Major Heather Poxon, Territorial Environmental Officer

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