THE SALVATION ARMY

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Dear Prayer Matters readers

Welcome to June's edition of *Prayer Matters*. It's a busy month for Salvation Army events, so we will be praying for conferences, gatherings and training courses on everything from faith in sport to Salvationist holiness. Never let it be said that Salvation Army mission and ministry isn't a varied menu! We're also visiting the Ireland Division and the South West Division to support them in their work.

Our Justice and Reconciliation Wednesday prayers focus on refugee response, in this month when we mark World Refugee Week, and our Saturday Care for Creation Prayers focus on new technological innovations in the field of climate change.

The last day in May was Trinity Sunday, so we use these next few Sundays to reflect on what the Trinity means to us in our journey of faith; and our Worldwide Prayer Meeting takes us to Africa, India, Indonesia and northern Europe. Speaking of international Salvation Army matters, we also spend a couple of days praying into 'Compass', the Global Strategic Framework which General Lyndon Buckingham has introduced to revitalise The Salvation Army's spiritual and missional life.

It's a bumper crop of prayer topics, and we are, as ever, immensely grateful that you are willing to help us do it justice.

Don't forget to sign up to our new Deeper Life Journal: a monthly publication to help you explore what a deeper life with God might look like. You can sign up here.

Blessings from all of us in the Spiritual Life Team.

Lyndall

MONDAY 1 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

The Compass Strategy

'The Salvation Army's Global Strategic Framework, Compass, is designed to revitalise the Army's spiritual and missional life through three core focus areas: Empowering People, Enhancing Mission Impact and Establishing an Enduring Legacy'.

Every strategy, even the global ones, starts here at home, so why not take some time to think about where you see these three focus areas being lived out in your local area. How is The Salvation Army empowering people, enhancing its mission impact and establishing an enduring legacy? Give thanks for what is already happening, and pray for those things you'd love to see happen in the future.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team
(Quote taken from www.salvationarmy.org/resources/compass)

TUESDAY 2 JUNE: SERVING AND CARING

Lieutenants' First-year Seminar (1-4 June at William Booth College)

Lord, we thank you that you have called each of these Lieutenants by name, and that you continue to call them today. Strengthen them, help them and uphold them with your righteous hand. As they continue in their first year of ministry, be their shepherd and guide. When they feel uncertain or weary, remind them that you are with them. Shape them with wisdom and compassion, and let your presence give them confidence and peace.

Major Donald Montgomery, Assistant Secretary for Personnel

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refugee Response – Lament

We lament over the ongoing conflicts in our world, often forgotten, that force people to leave their homes and find safety in another country. We hold before God Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, and Iran. We remember ongoing civil wars in Sudan, Myanmar and Syria. We recognise the violent insurgencies and conflicts within Somalia, gang violence in Haiti and Mexico, and conflict in the Congo region. And we lament over the growing impact of climate change that is increasingly making people's homes uninhabitable, driving yet further displacement.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Ben Still, Refugee Response Manager

THURSDAY 4 JUNE: INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY

Norway, Iceland and the Færoes Territory

'Through generous and inclusive meeting places, we contribute to social engagement, belonging and faith in Norway, Iceland and The Færoes.'

We give thanks for the work of The Salvation Army in Norway, Iceland and the Færoes, celebrating every life which has been transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, whether through preaching, teaching, caring, protecting or meeting need. We pray that the presence of God will be evident wherever people access the services the Army offers. We pray for the territorial leadership team, Commissioners Knud and Lisbeth Welander and Colonels Paul and Jane Brakstad Waters.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team
(Quote taken from www.salvationarmy.org/territories/norway-iceland-and-faeroes)

FRIDAY 5 JUNE: GROWING IN FAITH

Riverbank Women's Conference (5-7 June at Warwick University)

Lord God, as women of all ages gather at Riverbank to consider your peace in their minds and hearts this weekend, would you give them each an encounter with Jesus as they worship and engage in teaching. Help them explore your gift of their potential which will impact their ministry locally. Empower the speakers, sanctify the venue and enable a response to the work of your Holy Spirit.

Liz Hall, Deputy Director of Family Ministries

SATURDAY 6 JUNE: CARE FOR CREATION

Climate Innovations – Desalination

One of the biggest climate challenges the world faces is lack of drinking water, particularly in the most arid areas. Yet new technologies are being developed which use renewable energy and specially-manufactured membranes to remove the salt from seawater, so that it can be used and drunk safely. Pray for those who are pioneering this new technology, that they will find the most successful combination of components, and that they will have the finance to scale up the solution so that it can serve the millions who need it.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

SUNDAY 7 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYERS

God, Three in One

The period after Pentecost in the Church calendar is set aside for reflecting on the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Today we rejoice that this God we worship is not a lone deity but a community of love and giving: three who are one; three who give themselves constantly to one another; three who share a perfect bond of love.

Blessed Trinity, forgive us when we forget that you are community, not tyranny. Teach us the lessons of generous, self-emptying love. Form us, as communities of faith here on earth, to reflect the communion you share in Heaven.

Lyndall Bywater (UKI Boiler Room Team)

MONDAY 8 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

South West Division – Community work

Pray with us for the many corps in the South West who are serving their local community: for the way they not only serve by helping people and families in practical ways but also by sharing the good news. We have many expressions of such service, and we want to encourage all who are serving in that way.

Major Paul Billard, Divisional Leader

TUESDAY 9 JUNE: SERVING AND CARING

'Brengle Institute' (9–17 June at William Booth College)

Lord, we thank you for the Brengle Institute and its calling to teach holiness and to deepen spiritual life. Renew and inspire officers and territorial envoys as they gather; strengthen their fellowship and attentiveness to your Spirit. Equip each participant to live out holiness practically, so their ministries and daily lives faithfully reflect your transforming grace.

Major Gordon Cotterill, Secretary for Spiritual Life Development

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refugee Response – Asylum

Lord, we ask that you will make your presence known to those seeking sanctuary in the UK and Ireland. Many have escaped traumatic situations, experienced dangerous journeys, navigated traumatising bureaucratic processes, and suffered abuse from individuals and the media in our countries. We pray that they will encounter people of peace, that their situations will be changed, and that they will be filled with the hope you bring.

Ben Still, Refugee Response Manager

THURSDAY 11 JUNE: INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY

India Eastern Territory

Lord, we pray today for the work of The Salvation Army in Eastern India and Nepal. We pray that you will provide for the needs of the officers, employees and volunteers who run corps and social centres, and we pray that you will multiply the available resources so that more of the people who come to them for help can receive it. We give thanks for the solid culture of prayer that underpins the Army's work in India, and pray that you will strengthen that underpinning even more. We bless the territorial leadership team with time and space to seek you in prayer: Colonel Lalbulliana Tlau, Colonel Lalnunhlui Khawlhring and Lieut-Colonels Masilamani and Y. S. Kezial Stalin.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

FRIDAY 12 JUNE: GROWING IN FAITH

Intercultural Mission Conference (12–14 June at Yarnfield Park)

The theme of this year's Intercultural Mission Conference is Breaking Ground, Bringing Hope. Pray for those involved in presenting the conference, especially our guest speakers, Majors Heidie and Richard Bradbury. Pray too for those involved in leading the workshops. Pray that everyone who needs to be there will be there, and that nothing will stop them from attending. We are also at a new venue, so pray that everyone will find Yarnfield Park Conference Centre easily, and that being there will be a good experience.

Major Marjory Parrott, Intercultural Mission Officer

SATURDAY 13 JUNE: CARE FOR CREATION

Climate Innovation – Geothermal energy

For centuries, the world has largely relied on burning fossil fuels to provide heating. Yet this has done serious damage to the natural environment which we rely on to survive, and so new methods of accessing heat are needed. Pray for those who are designing effective methods for drawing heat from the Earth's core, for boldness to try out radical ideas, and for ingenuity to devise systems which are compact and efficient. Pray that those who hold wealth will be willing to turn away from funding fossil fuel extraction and put their money into these less destructive methods.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

SUNDAY 14 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYERS

Jesus the Son

'For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form …' (Colossians 2:9, *NIV*)

Holy Trinity, you are the trifold community of love, yet you poured the very essence of yourself into one human body, that we might know you. We wonder and we worship.

Jesus, you came to show us what the bond of love looks and feels like; not a one-man magic show but the overflow of a community of love. As you ministered here on earth, you did so in the strength of the Father who called you 'Beloved', and in the power of the Spirit who rested on you. As we seek to build community in a world where division and selfishness sometimes feel overpowering, teach us to welcome that same strength, that same love and that same power into our lives.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

MONDAY 15 JUNE : SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Ireland Division – New mission opportunities

We are actively exploring missional opportunities across our corps and homeless services, with a Holy Spirit led drop-in in the Londonderry Corps building, and a Dublin-wide mission focus group. These are exciting times for us; pray for discernment, the opening of doors, and the courage to obediently follow, as the wind blows where it will (John 3:8).

Captain Jonathan Rouffet, Divisional Leader

TUESDAY 16 JUNE: SERVING AND CARING

South West Division – Leaders

Many of our corps do not have local leaders. Pray with us for more leaders: people who will help officers in the ministry and mission of the Church, and people who will pray, encourage and offer practical support to officers.

Major Paul Billard, Divisional Leader

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refugee Response – Shalom

We ask for shalom in our communities: a spirit of reconciliation and wholeness that transcends difference; for communities where each person is recognised and loved for their unique contribution, no matter their race, background or journey to this point; communities where people are heard and their concerns lovingly addressed, and each person recognises their responsibility to the other and the wider world.

Ben Still, Refugee Response Manager

THURSDAY 18 JUNE:INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY

Indonesia Territory

'As The Salvation Army in Indonesia, we are a church that embodies the love and salvation of Jesus Christ. Our motto is "heart to God, hands outstretched to others".'

Lord, we give thanks for the work of The Salvation Army in Indonesia, and particularly today for its work with children and older people. We thank you for the faithful honouring of your mandate to care for the most vulnerable in society, and we pray that the places where this care happens will be places of encounter with the living God. We pray for the territorial leadership team: Colonels Hosea and Liliana Makagiantang and Lieutenant-Colonels Alberth and Elsi Sarimin.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team
(Quote taken from www.salvationarmy.org/territories/indonesia)

FRIDAY 19 JUNE: GROWING IN FAITH

Sport Faith Life (20–21 June in Nottingham)

It's so exciting to picture a room, pitch or court full of people who are passionate about mission through sport. The Sport Faith Life weekend is made up of quality teaching, guest speakers, practical sessions, fitness, fun, breakouts, reflection, prayer, challenge and being with people who have a heart and passion for sports mission – people who want to go deeper and further in their faith through sport. Proverbs 27:17 says: 'As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another' (*NIV*). Pray for us as we consider why our bodies are worship, focusing on what Scripture, history and tradition teach us.

Rob Moye, Sports Mission Lead

SATURDAY 20 JUNE: CARE FOR CREATION

Climate Innovation – Methane and ammonia

Methane and ammonia are substances which occur in much of the world's farming but which are harmful to the environment. Pray for those who are seeking to discover new ways of trapping and dispersing methane safely, and cleaner ways of creating ammonia. These two innovations alone could make a huge difference to the problem of global warming. Pray for the chemists and biochemists whose research is helping to sow the seeds of new ideas, and for the entrepreneurs who can turn those ideas into systems which farmers can use.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

SUNDAY 21 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYERS

Father's Day – God the Father

'A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families …' (Psalm 68:5-6, *NIV*)

God, Three in One, you show us the deepest meaning of family, holding the world in the circle of your loving goodness.

Father God, you could have chosen any name by which to make yourself known to us, and yet you have so often chosen 'Father'. In this world where masculinity is sometimes distorted and where fatherhood so easily becomes detached, we ask you to show us again what true fatherhood is like; to draw us into your embrace, holding us, shielding us, cherishing us, strengthening us. Welcome us home again into your household of love.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

MONDAY 22 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Ireland Division – New mission opportunities

As we pray for our division, Paul's encouragement to unity in love and in Christ comes to mind (Philippians 2:1-11). Pray for deeper union with Christ, comfort from his love, and sharing in the Spirit, both in our corps and in our service to the local communities we belong to. Pray that our corps and centres will continue to radiate the goodness of God across the island of Ireland.

Captain Jonathan Rouffet, Divisional Leader

TUESDAY 23 MAY: SERVING AND CARING

Together 26 – This Is Us (4–5 July)

Lord, we pray that everyone preparing to attend Together will be met with excitement and anticipation. We pray that they will sense your presence and be ready to worship and praise you. We pray that each person will feel inspired and blessed by the ministries they encounter at Together, and by the people they meet while they're there. Lord, open our hearts and help us to welcome you in.

Hermione Hutchings, Southport Corps

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE: JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refugee Response – Decision-making

We ask that you grant wisdom to those who make the policies that affect the lives of people seeking sanctuary in the UK and Ireland. Give them ears to hear your still small voice in the media storm and amidst the clamour of lobbyists. We pray that the policy decisions they make will be just and compassionate.

Ben Still, Refugee Response Manager

THURSDAY 25 JUNE: INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY
Angola Territory

'Together we rise – with a strong belief that as we rise, others will be drawn into relationship with Jesus and experience the blessing of worship and service to our living Saviour.'

We pray for the Angola Territory today, that all those connected with the Army's work will know the resurrection power of Jesus at work in their lives. We pray with them that the presence of the risen Christ in them will draw more and more people into relationship with God. We pray for the territorial leadership team of Lieut-Colonels Sergio and Ana Nsumbu and Majors Maruilson and Francisca De Souza.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team
(Quote taken from www.salvationarmy.org/territories/angola)

FRIDAY 26 JUNE: GROWING IN FAITH
Design for Life (26–28 June, William Booth College)

Dear Lord, we pray your guidance and blessing on the Design for Life weekend: for attendees and facilitators, that all may experience the truth that you are a 'personal' God, who knows us and wants to connect with each of us. Give people the courage not just to listen but also to respond, so that, when the weekend comes to an end, they will be singing the song Moses sang: 'God is my strength, God is my song … This is the kind of God I have and I'm telling the world!' (Exodus 15:2, *The Message*)

Captain Cor van der Woude, Bury Corps

SATURDAY 27 JUNE: CARE FOR CREATION
Climate Innovation – Satellites

Satellites have the capacity to observe what is happening here on Earth in a way no Earth-bound monitoring systems can. They can record weather patterns and track droughts, floods and deforestation, and they can do it all much more quickly than any technology here on Earth. Pray for those who are learning how to use satellite data to help us react more effectively to natural disasters, or even to prevent them altogether. Pray that governments and big business will continue to invest in this vital technology, without restricting it to purely commercial use.

Lyndall Bywater, UKI Boiler Room Team

SUNDAY 28 JUNE: SABBATH PRAYERS

God the Holy Spirit

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

Trinity God, you move together in an eternal dance of joy that reverberates through creation. Your song sparks new life; your footsteps bless the earth; your love renews all things.

Holy Spirit, you come to us to invite us to join the dance. You break off our old chains and help us to rise, to stand, to leap and to run. Come to us again with echoes of the Father's song and tales of the Son who gave himself for us. Anoint us again to heal, to liberate, to proclaim favour … to be the good news which the world needs to hear.

Lyndall Bywater (UKI Boiler Room Team)

MONDAY 29 JUNE: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

The Compass Strategy

General Lyndon Buckingham has issued a powerful global Call to Action to Salvationists, employees and supporters around the world … to embrace a renewed spiritual vitality and missional focus, driven by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ. 'We envision a renewed global Salvation Army of empowered people, equipped to share the love of Christ and the transforming power of God in local communities around the world.'

Let's pray with the General for that vision to become reality.

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TUESDAY 30 JUNE: SERVING AND CARING

Together 26 – This Is Us (4–5 July)

Father, we know that Together 26 will be a celebration of all that you have poured out upon our United Kingdom and Ireland Territory, of every gift, every ministry, every heart: 'This is us', everyone different and yet one family in Christ. Fill us with fresh faith, energy and courage as we embrace your calling to follow you, believing that you still have a unique purpose for The Salvation Army.

Lieut-Colonel Jane Cowell, Assistant Chief Secretary

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