

WEEK OF PRAYER



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During our week of prayer, we will have three times to gather for corporate prayer. We want to encourage everyone to engage with these times as much as they can. In addition, in this booklet we are including some other thoughts and guidance for how we can join in prayer for different areas.

Day	Time	Details
Monday	7am	30 mins of prayer at SJB
Wednesday	7.30pm	An hour of prayer and worship at SJB
Sunday	7.30pm	90 mins of prayer and worship at SJB

Fasting

We are encouraging everyone to consider fasting for one day during the week of prayer - we would love you to join us if you feel able.

Fasting is voluntarily giving up something to increase our focus on God.

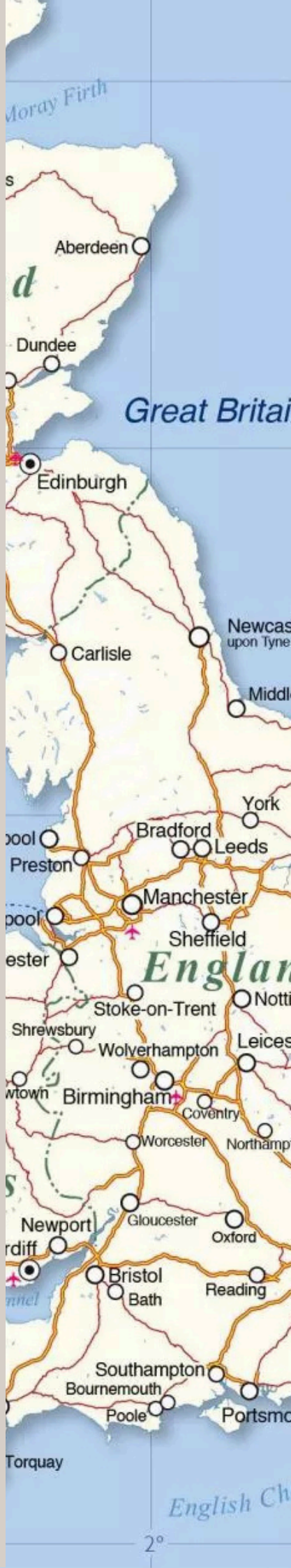
Here is some really helpful guidance:

https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer_guide/try-fasting

Hearing from God

We believe that God speaks to His people and we want to hear what God is saying to us. We want to encourage a sense of listening to his voice, not only during the Week of Prayer. Please let us know what He has been saying to you by emailing office@sjbchurch.co.uk It may seem like something small, it might seem insignificant, but we would love to hear about it.





MONDAY

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

As we begin this week, I want to encourage each of us to examine our hearts and to come to Christ afresh. God shows His love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. As we come to Him afresh we can have confidence that He will forgive our sins.

From there we can respond to His love and move into worship and praise. As part of your prayers today I encourage you to use this prayer:

*Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

TUESDAY

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land"

2 Chronicles 7:14

On Tuesday we are praying for our city, county and Nation. The needs of our Nation are huge and we need God to move in our Nation in a new way.

1. Pray for God's kingdom to come

The simplest prayer can be the most powerful:

*"Your Kingdom Come,
Your Will be done,
On earth as in heaven"*

2. Pray for all in leadership both national and local

Everyone in leadership with local and national government, and those in responsible positions such as Police officers need our prayers.

3. Pray for our city.

Walk around your local streets and pray for the people and places you see.

As part of your prayers today I encourage you to use this prayer.

God of hope, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WEDNESDAY

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

Acts 17:27

On Wednesday we will be praying for Mission. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses on the earth and to point people to only one who can save, so today we will be praying for each of us in our witness.

1. Pray for your own personal witness with friends, neighbours and colleagues.

In Acts we are reminded that God has appointed times and locations for us to live so that they may come to know him. Ask Jesus to strengthen you.

2. Pray for five friends or family members

We encourage everyone to pray for five people that they want to come to know Jesus.

3. Pray for Alpha

We will be running an Alpha course which starts on 16 January.

Pray for Jon Tearne and the team.

Pray for those who have been invited.

THURSDAY

He said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'

Mark 11:17

On Thursday we pray for the Nations.

As we look at the situation across the world, the needs are vast and we can feel overwhelmed. But we are called to be a people who pray for the Nations of the earth, trusting that God is "over all and through all and in all."

So today, we will focus on the following:

1. Pray for areas/countries impacted by war.

2. Pray for refugees and asylum seekers

3. Pray for the nations who are in our city and country.

4. Pray for those seeking to share the Gospel in different nations.

FRIDAY

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:16

On Friday we pray for our under 18's work.

1. St Johns School

Pray for the children, parents, teachers, and governors at St Johns school, for Mike as he leads our efforts to develop our relationship with them

2. Sunday Kids work

Pray for the children who come along on Sunday to know Jesus' love for themselves and to grow in their knowledge of him.

3. Youth

Pray for our young people, that they may know Jesus and how to live for Him in this complex age.

4. MOLO and Tiny Treasures

Please pray MOLO. Tiny Treasures will be starting in the Spring Term, pray for the team as they start.

5. Volunteers

Thank God for all our volunteers, pray for more, and for equipping as they lead our children and young people.

SATURDAY

so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

Acts 19:10

We believe God has called us to serve beyond ourselves in many ways, whether in Network, Church Planting, or working with the diocese.

1. Pray for Sami as we seek to establish a network.

We have a vision to see a network established across Leicestershire, that will support each other and plant new churches. Please pray for this exciting work.

2. Pray for Sharon, Jonny and the BeLoved team.

As they are seeking to establish BeLoved, a new worshipping community that will serve those who have special educational needs.

3. Pray for St Peter's, Oadby

Sami is now based at St Peter's two days a week as we continue our partnership to see this church grow and develop.



SUNDAY

On Sunday Scott will be sharing from Acts 19:1-10 thinking about what it means for us to **"Go Deeper"**.

We will be thinking how we can all respond to the Love of God that brought the Christ Child to earth.

Please pray

1. That God will speak to each of us and that He will fill us afresh with the Holy Spirit.
2. For those who are facing health challenges at this time.
3. For those who feel isolated and lonely.
4. For Jesus to continue growing us both numerically and in our depth of love for Him.