

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING 12th JANUARY - 1st FEBRUARY 2025

We are calling the church to pray and fast over this 21-day period. We are encouraging everyone in the fellowship to engage as much as they are able to and to gather with others to pray as much as possible.

On the back page we have written a prayer and we would like everyone to pray this prayer every day over the 21 days.

WHY WE ARE DOING THIS?

Prayer moves the hand of God. Prayer changes situations.

WHEN?

Early mornings, during the day and evenings. See timetable inside.

On Saturdays we are asking people to pray in families or to invite others to join them in their homes to share communion and pray.

WHAT ABOUT FASTING?

Fasting food is really powerful.

You can fast other things too - social media, TV etc.

We would encourage everyone to fast at whatever level you can.

WHERE?

Some in-person gatherings are at The King's Centre and some are via Zoom. (Details regarding Zoom will be sent in due course).

NEW WHATSAPP GROUP

We are adding everyone into a WhatsApp group so that the Leadership Team can provide encouragement and information. No one else will be able to send messages. We will be adding everyone in, but you will be able to leave the group at any time. If we don't have your number, please let the Office know.

DAILY PRAYER

Please pray this **every day**, either on your own or when gathering with others:

Father God, we thank You for Your grace, mercy and kindness to us as a church fellowship. We thank You for the ways in which You have blessed us with spiritual blessings and material blessings. We are deeply grateful to You for sustaining us and keeping us. We thank You for what You have done in the past, for what You are doing amongst us now, and for what You are going to do in the future.

We thank You for our brothers and sisters in Christ, our church family at the King's Centre, one church in two locations. We thank you for the relationships we enjoy and for the blessings, encouragements they bring. We thank You, too, for the challenges that we experience and for the opportunities to grow in our faith and in our relationships.

We thank you for those who serve in many different ministries, for those who lead groups, for the Core Leadership Team and the Trustees. Help us to learn how to serve, to give ourselves in the service of others as You gave yourself for us.

Help us to honour You in all we do and say, in our relationships with our families, friends, neighbours and strangers; in our homes, places of work or study, and wherever we go. We pray for the following people now...

Lord, please pour out Your love, joy, peace and hope into our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, as we commit our lives and our church into Your hands today.

Please bring many, many people to know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. Please build Your church in this place. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us. Revive us. Let us see the fulfilment of the words You have spoken over us. We pray specifically that we would increasingly become a healing well where people find wholeness.

We pray for people that You are drawing to our attention now...

We ask all these prayers in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen!

WEEK 1 - REACHING

Date	Opportunities for gathered prayer
Sun 12 th Jan	Pre-service prayer – both locations
Mon 13 th Jan	6:30am - 7:15am via Zoom
	Life Group
Tue 14 th Jan	9:30am - 10:30am at The King's Centre
	Life Group
Wed 15 th Jan	6:30am - 7:15am via Zoom
	Life Group
Thu 16 th Jan	7:30pm - 8:30pm Worship United at The King's Centre
	Life Group
Fri 17 th Jan	8pm - 9pm at The King's Centre
Sat 18 th Jan	Praying in homes in families or with other people and sharing communion together

"In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

"Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5-6

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes". Romans 1:16

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

REACHING - OUR VISION IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY

Reaching people for Jesus, through the life-changing message of the gospel Being a church that brings hope to the communities to which God has called us

REACHING - PRAYER POINTS

- Take some time to celebrate the most incredible testimony of all: that you are saved by grace and grace alone. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir from within you a fresh zeal, a deep gratitude and an overwhelming awe of Jesus and all that he has done in your life.
- We want to "Share Life, Share Faith, Share Jesus". As we seek to be a Jesus-sharing church, pray for your family, friends and community asking God for His heart of love for them, and for boldness to take any opportunity to share Jesus with them. Declare over them, 'This is your God!' Pray that they would be born again and filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that our gift of freedom would be so evident to those around us that people would be drawn to know more about what makes us different, and that we would be able to share this incredible gift from Jesus with others.
- Pray for a break-out of salvation within our church community for many to experience the drawing of the Father and for our gatherings to be characterised by the powerful presence of God.
- Prayer for wisdom over outreach opportunities in 2025.
- In this year of political change in our nation, let's pray for God's Kingdom to
 prevail and for the gospel to flourish and grow like never before across the
 nation.
- Pray for specific Community Impact initiatives such as Messy Church, and pray that those who have benefited from things like school uniform and Christmas hampers would be impacted by the kindness they have received.
- Pray for Christians Against Poverty (CAP), that more people would go debtfree and that clients would be drawn to Jesus and put their trust in Him.
- Pray for the work of the Chaplaincy Service in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- Pray for the work of the Night Shelter.

WEEK 2 - RELATING

Date	Opportunities for gathered prayer
Sun 19 th Jan	Pre-service prayer – both locations
Mon 20 th Jan	6:30am - 7:15am via Zoom
Tue 21 st Jan	9:30am - 10:30am at The King's Centre
Wed 22 nd Jan	6:30am - 7:15am via Zoom
	Life Group Leaders meeting
Thu 23 rd Jan	7:30pm - 8:15pm via Zoom
Fri 24 th Jan	8pm - 9pm at The King's Centre
Sat 25 th Jan	Praying in homes in families or with other people and sharing communion together

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" Hebrews 10:23-24

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39

Other scriptures: Colossians 3:15-17

Ephesians 4:3 Romans 15:5-6 Philippians 2:1-11 Psalm 133:1

RELATING - OUR VISION IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY

Helping people to grow in their faith, as we seek to love God and one another well

Building community and growing through discipleship, in relational- sized gatherings and groups

RELATING - PRAYER POINTS

- Take time to thank God for the diversity we enjoy within this church family.
 Be specific. Think of people you know who are different from you and thank
 God for these specific differences. Pray for God to bless them in many ways.
- Pray that right across the church family, there will be both a warm welcome
 extended to anyone new who comes to the church from whatever
 background and that we would be one.
- Pray for those fighting against discouragement, that the power and presence
 of the Holy Spirit will come upon them and give them a supernatural
 courage and strength to face the disappointments and challenges of life.
 Pray that they would feel a tangible sense of the Lord's tender loving care in
 their lives.
- Think about others in your family and friendship circles. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring specific people to mind, then pray that they, too, will know the Lord's healing, comfort and strength in every situation.
- Consider how you could bring encouragement to others in the fellowship, perhaps with a "thank you", a kind word, or even a gift.
- Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be increasingly evident in the body, and for God to stir up in you the gifts He has given you for the building up of the body of Christ.
- Pray that as the people of God, we would serve the world around us; that our families and spheres of influence would know the Lord's heart ministering to them through our acts of kindness and service.
- Pray for increasingly strong links with other churches in the town and surrounding area and for initiatives such as "Worship United", "Word on the Wash" and Churches Together.

WEEK 3 - RELEASING

Date	Opportunities for gathered prayer
Sun 26 th Jan	Pre-service prayer – both locations
Mon 27 th Jan	6:30am - 7:15am via Zoom
	Life Group
Tue 28 th Jan	9:30am - 10:30am at The King's Centre
	Life Group
Wed 29 th Jan	6:30am - 7:15am via Zoom
	Life Group
Thu 30 th Jan	7:30pm - 8:15pm via Zoom
	Life Group
Fri 31 st Jan	8pm - 9pm at The King's Centre
Sat 1 st Feb	Praying in homes in families or with other people and sharing communion together

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

"Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." Matthew 10:8

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

RELEASING - OUR VISION IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY

Developing and releasing people in their gifts and calling Releasing resources as we seek to be a blessing

RELEASING - PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that as a church family, we would trust in the Lord in all things and not lean on our own understanding but take time to draw deeply from the Holy Spirit, so that we can rise up on wings as eagles in every season of life. Let's prophesy fresh energy, life, joy, and health over each other.
- Thank God for many incredible people within The King's Centre, across both locations, who are giving of their time and talents to help serve the kingdom of God with a spirit of humility and unity. Bless them to grow and mature in their gifting and skills, that they would know a deep sense of joy as they sacrificially serve His church.
- All of us have been given gifts by God in order to serve the rest of the church family. Reflect on the gifts God has given you. How are you deploying them in service to Jesus' body? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in your gifts and to find a place of service within church.
- Pray for the Core Leadership Team for wisdom and revelation over the strategic growth and development of the church.
- Pray for a significant increase in financial giving amongst church members and regular attenders in order to meet our obligations and provide resources for outreach and developments.
- Pray for the Trustees and the Core Leadership Team for wisdom over the use
 of finances and the building, for spreading the gospel, building the church
 and mission both at home and abroad.
- Pray that God would call people from the fellowship into new areas of ministry, whether within the church or outside the church. Pray that we would all be attentive to the call of God and to be willing to say, "Here am I, send me".