



# NATIONAL PRAYER

Diary



# The Ascension Trust National Prayer Diary

Our National Prayer Week is seven days of concerted prayer focus for all the work of Ascension Trust in the UK and abroad including Street Pastors. This prayer diary has been produced to help and encourage individuals, groups and churches to pray.

The topics for each day are relevant and important for the progress of the work throughout the year, so feel free to use the diary in your regular personal prayer times and also in other forums.

We are hopeful that every Christian associated with Street Pastors and Ascension Trust, in any way, will take time to pray for the work! Scripture says that *'the fervent prayer of righteous people achieves much'*.

The key to the success of every ministry from the church is prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is therefore important to us to prepare for the years ahead, in terms of vision, the personnel and the path for progress.

**So let's pray!**

# Day 1:

## In the Beginning... Give thanks

We begin this prayer diary with thanksgiving to God for the beginning of the Street Pastors initiative. Moreover, the vision and spread of this work from the church out into the community, across the British Isles and abroad has been tremendous. Many projects are now celebrating significant anniversaries and reflecting on the way in which God has used ordinary Christians to bring change locally by their presence on the streets.

***He created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things that he planned for us long ago. Eph. 2: 10 (NLT)***

- Give thanks for the vision for Ascension Trust and Street Pastors that God gave to Les Isaac and others
- Thank God for thousands of Christians equipped to reach out in their own community and make a difference
- Thank God for many thousands of people cared for and helped on the streets over the last 16 years
- Pray for Les to have spiritual wisdom and foresight in the ongoing leadership of the movement

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## **Day 3:**

# Young People

Young people have many issues and challenges to face in today's society. Ascension Trust and Street Pastors have a vision to help young people, churched and unchurched. Pray for young people in your local area, the schools, clubs and places they meet. Please pray for the impact of the youth initiatives of Ascension Trust.

***In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions.***  
**Acts 2:17 (NIV)**

- Pray for an increase of people in their 20s and 30s to be actively involved in the 31 School Pastors Initiatives
- Thank God for Synergy Network, working together with churches and Christian organisations to end serious youth violence
- Pray for 60-40 Youth Project – Pray God's blessing on youth work interns as they work with young people from both church and community in Lambeth
- Pray for the 30+ College Pastors committed to enhancing the safety, emotional and social well-being of students through pastoral care.

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## **Day 4:**

# Partnerships Finance

Local Street Pastor initiatives begin with a group of Christians/churches partnering together. This partnership then works with the local police force and civic authorities to inform, train and support Street Pastors in their localities. Many areas know excellent partnership and cooperation. We are thankful to God for them and their financial resourcing.

***And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.***  
**2 Cor 9:8 (NIV)**

- Give thanks and pray for all relationships we have with councils, police and statutory bodies, as well as churches, that are willing to partner in various ways with Street Pastors and Ascension Trust to help make our streets safe
- Thank God for those initiatives and projects that are well provided for financially
- Pray for initiatives that are struggling financially, that they will see ways of raising more support, and that their efforts/funding applications will be blessed
- Pray for financial provision so that Ascension Trust (the umbrella organisation) can do all that God is calling them to do.

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## **Day 5:**

# More People More Training

The success of the Street Pastors Initiative in each area is dependent upon God working in the hearts of local Christians, challenging them to become volunteers. Getting involved is a step of faith and for many a step out of their 'comfort zone'. God blesses obedience to this calling. So, let's pray that more people (including younger adults) will be recruited and trained in this vital community ministry.

***May the God of peace ... equip you with everything good for doing His will and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever! Heb 13: 20-21 (NIV)***

- Pray for more volunteers, in all the various roles, in each project  
Creativity & perseverance in recruitment, in relationship with local churches
- Give thanks for the excellent training courses and trainers equipping street pastors, school and prayer pastors
- Pray for coordinators and their teams who are running the various training courses

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## **Day 6:**

# On the Streets

Street Pastors (day and evening patrols), Rail Pastors - These groups form several hundred patrols over the 250+ Street Pastors initiatives across the country. Most Street Pastors can testify to God's presence with them during their time on the streets. God's love and involvement and protection in this vital work are never taken for granted.

***Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Col. 4: 5 (NLT)***

- Pray for patrols going out – wisdom, safety, discernment, peace, divine appointments and faith conversations
- Ask God to help them embrace and respond creatively to local change, being open to new opportunities
- Commit to God the prayer support for the patrols, through Prayer Pastors & Prayer Partners, as well as prayer on the streets
- Pray for some of the specific needs of people encountered in your own locality

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# Day 7:

## Lots of Teams

The Street Pastors Initiative is made up of teams of people working together to support each Project. These include: the headquarters in London and Scotland, the Management Teams for each local initiative, the Street Pastor and Prayer Pastor teams on the ground. Each team's commitment to God and the work they do is important for the projects health to continue and develop further in the coming years.

***Always be joyful. Keep on praying. No matter what happens always be thankful, for this is the will of God for you. 1 Thess. 5:16 – 18***

- Give thanks for the Ascension Trust staff team in London and Perth, who work so hard to serve the projects of the Street Pastors movement
- Help them to see the significance of the work they do
- Pray for God's blessing on all the communications between HQ staff team and the local initiatives
- Give thanks for local management teams (trustees). Fill them with fresh vision for the work of Street Pastors in their community

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Thank you for using this  
prayer diary!

Please keep on using it...because we would appreciate your continued prayer for the work and initiatives of Ascension Trust!

..'Pray without ceasing...' 1 Thes5:17



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