

# LIFEWORDS

## Lifeworlds Prayer, May 2025

*Nothing is impossible for God!*

**Luke 1:37 CEV**

Prayer is vital to everything we do. We want to follow Jesus' example and connect with God; to ask for peace, transformation, salvation; and to pray for the impact of Lifeworlds work around the world. Please join us as we pray this month.

### **4–10 May**

#### **Supporting partners in Brazil**

The Pavement Project team in Brazil work with partner churches and organisations to reach young people with God's message of healing and hope. Cleisse Andrade updates us on recent news:

"One of the activities planned for this year is in-person visits to partners ... In March, we visited the team at Casa Semente (Seed House), located in Duque de Caxias on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. This organisation is in an area with a high risk of violence and confrontations with the police. It is participating in Kid Talk (a programme that helps children address issues of loss and grief) and the children have been opening up about the memories of the losses they have suffered. The visit strengthened the partnership, valued the team for the hard work they do, and proposed training for a new volunteer to provide counselling with Pavement Project resources."

#### **Pray with us**

Give thanks for the churches and organisations that work with Pavement Project in Brazil. Praise God for the many young people they are working with.

Pray for continued strong relationships with partners, and for more training and connections to take place. Pray that the network of people using Pavement Project would continue to grow and make an impact.

### **11–17 May**

#### **Daily Strength**

Anne-Louise, who works as a chaplain with older people, shares her experience of *Daily Strength* and the encouragement that this resource has brought to those she supports:

"As a chaplain, I often use *Daily Strength* with the individuals that I support because I find that it is so well received. On one occasion, I had been visiting a Christian who had been a professional academic and who had suffered a stroke in his 60s. He used to get upset about the way he could no longer read long passages of Scripture, and he found concentration in general very difficult

... then he [showed me] *Daily Strength*. 'This is wonderful,' he said. 'It's such a help to me because I can't read my Bible very much now.'

"After an end of year service at a sheltered housing centre, I gave a copy of *Daily Strength* to each person who had attended. As one lady was leaving the room ... she said to me, 'And where is the little present you gave me?' She wanted to make sure that she was taking it away with her because she saw it as a gift. I knew it would be valued, because it is so beautifully produced and illustrated. As many people reach an older age, they want to know more about God but don't know how to go about it. This booklet opens them up to the power of God's Word, and as they talk to God, or someone else prays with them or for them, they are open to having a relationship with God."

#### **Pray with us**

Give thanks for Anne-Louise and her work with older people. Praise God for how *Daily Strength* is reaching them with God's love, making them feel seen and valued.

Pray for Anne-Louise and other chaplains working with older people – pray for opportunities to share the Bible, and to speak about God's hope and comfort.

### **18–24 May**

#### **Reaching communities**

Churches are the beating heart of villages, towns, and cities around the world. We want to help them reach into communities and share the Bible as good news where, and how, it's needed most. Through food banks, toddler groups, community groups, drop-in centres, welcoming spaces for people who are on their own, Bible studies, Sunday services, and youth groups, churches are serving their communities, offering practical help and spiritual support. Around the world, thousands of churches are using Lifeworlds resources to help share the Bible with the people they serve and are in community with.

#### **Pray with us**

Give thanks for churches and their vital roles in communities across the globe. Give thanks for the staff and volunteers who run church services and initiatives. Pray that churches would continue to reach out to people with love and support, and be lights in villages, towns and cities all over the world.

### **25–31 May**

#### **Training in Indonesia**

A key part of Lifeworlds work in Indonesia is training people how to use Lifeworlds resources and to reach out to their communities. Gunar Sahari, Lifeworlds Indonesia Director, shares some recent news:

"Training pastors in East Kalimantan is a regular monthly activity aimed at providing continuous guidance and support for pastors. This programme helps pastors grow in their ministry, equipping them to advance in their service, and further develop and expand their work for the Lord. It is an opportunity for pastors to be strengthened and inspired to continue spreading God's Word and serving their communities.

"We also train seminary students, with a focus on learning how to share the gospel by first building relationships. Students are taught the importance of getting to know others before sharing their faith. This approach helps them connect with people in a meaningful way and

makes the sharing of the gospel more effective. The training emphasises building trust and understanding as a foundation for spreading God's message."

**Pray with us**

Give thanks for Gunar and the team in Indonesia. Praise God for their commitment to supporting and serving Christians through training and resources. Pray for guidance and insight as they seek to support and encourage different groups of people.

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