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Lifewords Prayer, June 2023

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV)

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 Lifewords work around the world. Please join us as we pray this month.

4–10 June

Army chaplains

In April, Lifewords were invited to be a part of the annual army chaplains' conference held in Tidworth, Wiltshire, where 150 army chaplains gathered to learn and be inspired together. "It was an encouraging and informative experience," says Elizabeth King, from Lifewords. "We had lots of good conversations with chaplains, some who know our resources well and use them in their contexts – including the WW1 Gospels. Others are new to their role and are discovering our resources for the first time.

"We met one chaplain who said that *Daily Strength* was a vital and life-giving booklet for them during their training at Sandhurst. Now, as a chaplain they still use it, and many soldiers find it helpful and comforting in the context of their situations.

"It was also great to meet other organisations and chaplains of other faiths who showed impressive levels of care, compassion, commitment, and openness. We had lots of good conversations with supporting organisations from across the breadth of the faith community."

Lifewords resources are used by chaplains all over the world – from the armed forces to those working in prisons, hospitals, and education settings. Our pastoral range is designed to help people read the Bible, think about prayer, and discover God's provision in times of struggle and loss.

Pray with us

Give thanks for chaplains in the armed forces – for the role they have in offering pastoral care, moral guidance, and spiritual support.

Praise God for how Lifewords resources are supporting the work of chaplains all over the world. Pray that they would be a useful tool to help chaplains support those they serve.

>> Visit www.lifewords.global/shop to browse our range of pastoral resources.

11–17 June

Supporting people in Ukraine

When Russia declared war on Ukraine on 24 February 2022, cities, houses, and lives embarked on a new reality, shaped by the conflict. While many people fled to other countries, others have stayed, fighting and surviving in dire circumstances. But in the midst of the turmoil, one Lifeworlds partner is on the ground bringing practical and spiritual support to many.

When war broke out, church-led charity Hope Lebedyn's mission to serve those in severe need became even more vital. The Hope Lebedyn centre and church is being used for all kinds of aid distribution, and nothing is given out without also including a Bible or Lifeworlds resource: *Finding Hope, An Invitation, The Way to Life, Words for the Journey*, all in Ukrainian. "When anybody wants something – some clothes or food – they get a Bible resource or a Gospel too, something that shows them about Christian faith," says Peter Martin, founding director of Hope Lebedyn. "The Lifeworlds Ukrainian resources have been such a help to the work and ministry."

This is an extract from an article in the latest issue of *Interact*.

>> Visit www.lifeworlds.global/get-involved/interact to read the full article.

Pray with us

Give thanks for Hope Lebedyn and its mission to support and serve those who have been left devastated by the war. Praise God for how they are helping people in practical and spiritual ways.

Pray for the team at Hope Lebedyn, that God would give them wisdom and guidance, and that they would be provided with the resources they need to carry out their ministry.

Pray for Ukraine – for its people and communities. Pray for healing, peace, and an end to the conflict.

>> Visit hopelebedyn.org to find out more about Hope Lebedyn.

18–24 June

Partnering with your church

Earlier this year, we visited Christ Church Evangelical Fellowship in south London to talk about the mission and work of Lifeworlds, including a look back at the origins and history of our work. We also reflected on the beatitudes of Jesus through our Ninefold Path resource and prayed the Ninefold Path prayer together.

Matt Currey from the Lifeworlds UK team, explains more: "We were able to share a range of Lifeworlds resources, with many people responding positively to the designs and range of what we have to offer. The church ordered lots of our resources to use with children, teenagers, and parents at their youth club. Thanks to Christ Church Evangelical Fellowship for inviting us!"

We resource churches throughout the year, including Easter and Christmas services, schools work, and summer events where communities gather together. If you're in the UK, we'd love to talk to your congregation about Lifeworlds. It would be great to chat with you and explore how we can serve you better and equip you with Bible resources. Email us at uk@lifeworlds.global, or call the UK office on 020 7730 2155, to book a visit or a video call.

Pray with us

Give thanks for the relationships we have with churches all over the world, and for the opportunity to develop partnerships to share the Bible.

Pray for churches as they seek to engage each other and their communities with God's Word through Ninefold Path, seasonal services, youth work, and outreach ministries. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and people who are willing to serve and reach out to others.

25 June–1 July

New Pavement Project workers

Working with partner organisations, Pavement Project is always training new workers in how to use the green bag resources to help vulnerable children. Clenir dos Santos, Pavement Project Director, updates us on the latest training workshops:

"Earlier this year two missionaries from Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau were trained online, and despite the difficulties of internet outages in Guinea and heavy rains in Mozambique, it was a joy to see their dedication and enthusiasm when they realised that the Pavement Project app could be a powerful tool to help children and their families in their countries.

"Ivo*, our trainer in Indonesia, conducted his first practice by providing in-person training and certification to three workers from a partner organisation. Ivo told me that in a city considered the most closed city in Indonesia for the gospel, where there are only two Christian churches, and where the children themselves are at risk of certain persecution, the expectation of the children being blessed by Pavement Project is great.

"We are happy to have another certified trainer in Colombia: Nely Molina carried out the training of seven workers in Bogota. And she is already making plans for more training workshops this year. She wants to go to other areas of the country where children are not yet helped with Pavement Project.

"In India, the first Pavement Project training for the year was conducted in partnership with Ashray at Ranchi, Jharkhand. One of the participants was a former terrorist and bomb specialist who had an encounter with the Lord and is pastoring a small church in Bihar. Two others are converts from the Muslim community and Hindu Brahmin community. They are all so passionate about changing lives."

Pray with us

Give thanks for these new Pavement Project workers and trainers. Praise God for their enthusiasm, compassion, and commitment.

Pray for them as they continue to counsel children and their families. Pray that God would give them insight and wisdom, and that they would be used by God to bring healing and transformation.

*Name has been changed

Thank you for praying with us! Your partnership in prayer is vital to all that we do as we share the Bible's life words around the world. You can make a donation to our work online at www.lifewords.global, by post, or by calling 020 7730 2155.