

Lifewords Prayer, April 2025

Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

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.

30 March – 5 April

Easter resources

As we approach Easter, churches, groups, and individuals are preparing to share the resurrection story with others using Lifewords resources.

We heard from one army chaplain who commented, "At any given time, we have around 1,200 army recruits undergoing basic training. We, as a small chaplaincy team, walk alongside them providing pastoral support, ethical leadership, and spiritual guidance. We want to use Lifewords resources in the period leading up to Easter to encourage these 17–30-year-olds to begin to explore their faith. We have the privilege of building great relationships with the recruits as they spend time with us, most of whom have never had any experience of church before. We find a great spiritual hunger in this generation and have seen many come to faith and ask to be baptised."

>> Visit www.lifewords.global/shop to find out more and to order Easter resources.

Pray with us

Praise God for the opportunity we have at Easter to reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection. Give thanks for Lifewords resources, that help us share this powerful story with others. Pray for chaplains, churches, groups, and individuals across the UK as they connect with people over this period.

6-12 April

Love in Many Languages

Every day, Christians around the world use Lifewords resources to share the message of God's love in diverse, multicultural settings. Now, we have a new resource coming soon to the Global Bible Resources range, that encompasses this message in 50 different languages.

Love in Many Languages is a pocket-sized booklet, featuring a core gospel message from the Bible in the 50 major world languages spoken by 5 billion people, ensuring that communication is no longer a barrier to sharing good news with those who speak a different language. More than just an outreach tool, Love in Many Languages is a snapshot of Lifewords mission – making Scripture accessible across cultures and languages.

Pray with us

Give thanks for this new resource and for the potential it has to reach many people with the message of God's love. Pray that *Love in Many Languages* would help Christians reach others with good news, and that those who don't know God would want to find out more.

13–19 April Easter week

Our resource, *The Easter Journey*, tells the story of Holy Week in the Bible's own words from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday — eight days that changed the world forever. The story of a journey from hope to despair and back again. A story of betrayal, sacrifice, and soaring, infinite love. A story of redemption for all.

As churches and communities all over the world gather this Easter week for services, events, and outreach, they will reflect on the power, purpose, and sacrifice of Jesus' journey to the Cross. Many churches will be using Lifewords resources — as a gift for young people, to help groups consider the role of women in the Easter story, at community events, at reflective services. "I find that your resources are brilliant at specifically helping to tell the good news using a particular theme or opportunity," says a minister from the Isle of Wight. "My aim with *The Easter Journey* booklet is to unpack the importance of telling the story, both in church throughout Holy Week, but also to encourage one another to take that narrative back into our homes to discuss with our family and reflect."

>> Visit www.lifewords.global/shop/product/the-easter-journey to find out more and to order The Easter Journey.

Pray with us

Please pray for churches as they invite people in this week – pray for fun events and welcoming spaces, meaningful conversations and authentic connection. Pray that as people connect with churches this Easter, that they would find hope, peace, and new life in Jesus.

20–26 April Easter Sunday

We start this week with the joy of Jesus' resurrection:

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:1-6 NIV).

Pray with us

Join us as we reflect on the power and promise of the resurrection. Take time to give thanks for what Jesus' death and resurrection means for you, your family, your friends, the world.

Then, join us in intercession for our world – pray for those who suffer because of conflict, poverty, illness, injustice, fear. Pray for the vulnerable, marginalised, for those who are without hope. Pray for the joy of the resurrection to bring light to the dark places in our world.

27 April – 3 May

Pavement Project in Brazil

During the first few months of this year, Pavement Project in Brazil conducted three training workshops for new educators. One of these workshops was attended by five educators who work with five churches in one of the most violent regions of Natal, northeast Brazil. These churches, through Pavement Project and in partnership with Mission Alliance and Mission ALEF, are helping churches to care for children emotionally and spiritually, alongside the other activities they carry out, such as school learning support, sports, and nutrition.

Francisca is one of the educators who attended the training workshop: "I am very happy to learn how to use the green bag," she says. "Learning new methodologies on how to work with the Bible with children is incredibly rewarding." Kamila was also recently trained: "Pavement Project has been very useful, because it was through the meetings and classes that I was able to see the needs of the children," she says. "It opened my eyes to realise how many children need my help."

Pray with us

Give thanks for Pavement Project in Brazil, for how it is working with partners to reach children with God's love. Praise God for the recent training sessions, equipping more people to use Pavement Project resources.

Pray for Francisca and Kamila, and the other people who were trained. Ask that God would empower them and fill them with compassion for the children they are working with.

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/donate, by post, or by calling 020 7730 2155.

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