

LIFEWORDS

Lifewords Prayer, November 2024

“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.

3–9 November

Little Book of Advent

As we get closer to the beginning of December, we’re excited about our new resource, *Little Book of Advent*, which is available to order now. It’s the perfect companion as we journey through Advent, with Bible text and images to help us explore this season of reflection and waiting. We’ve also created a downloadable companion resource that introduces the Little Book and offers ideas for how to engage with its themes and narrative.

Little Book of Advent is part of the Little Brick of Little Books, our brand-new tool for ministries that need quality, Bible-centred resources that people will read, re-read, and keep. Thank you for all your prayers and giving towards this initiative – your support is enabling churches and organisations across the country to help others engage with the Bible. So far, 430 Little Bricks have been financially covered by your generosity, and 400 of these have been sent to ministries.

“I just wanted to email to say thank you so much for the Little Brick that arrived this week. Also, a massive thanks to David, the kind person who funded our school Little Brick. The resource is beautiful! I am certain that it will be an invaluable resource in school and will help bring the Word of God to life in our community.” Nichola McDonagh, St Cuthbert’s School, St Helens

>> We still have 30 Little Bricks that have been sponsored and are ready to be claimed, and 70 that can still be sponsored. Visit www.lifewords.global/get-involved/little-brick-of-little-books to find out more.

>> Visit www.lifewords.global to order copies of *Little Book of Advent* and to download the free companion resource, Join the Advent/ure.

Pray with us

Give thanks for *Little Book of Advent* and for the opportunity to spend time reflecting and waiting as Christmas approaches. Pray for all the people who will receive and read *Little Book of Advent*, that they will discover the hope and promise of Advent.

Praise God for the Little Brick and how it is helping people all over the country share the Bible with others.

10–16 November

Partners in Africa

The Lifewords team in Kenya works with many individuals, churches and organisations across African countries. In Malawi, Francis is reaching out to young people using *An Invitation*. Jeremiah in Zambia, and Berrians in Liberia are sharing Lifewords resources with pastors and elders who are keen to order more to share among their communities and churches. In Kenya, Elizabeth has been using *Others Matter* (part of our Choose Life programme) to help people living with conflicts in their neighbourhoods to learn to appreciate and value others. The women in the community have started helping others in need and living at peace with their neighbours as a result of engaging with Choose Life. Also in Kenya, Pastor Chris went to Nyabera and shared *An Invitation* with the community – 38 people became Christians.

Pray with us

Give thanks for the breadth of Lifewords ministry in Africa, and for the many partners who use our resources to engage others with the Bible. Pray for individuals, churches and organisations – for resources, safety, and compassion as they reach out.

17–23 November

Supporting ministries in the UK

A growing number of churches, groups and organisations who have been using Lifewords resources have shared that the booklets have been really useful in the context of their work and mission.

Earlier this year, Helen started a youth group at Hope Centre in Macclesfield where people can explore faith. The name of the group is what the sessions are all about: “Finding Jesus”. A group of teenagers, some who are familiar with church and some who are not, meet together every 5–6 weeks to learn about Jesus through reading or listening to the Bible, through television and film, and through resources like those produced by Lifewords or by Helen herself.

“I did a one-off Finding Jesus workshop which included a free lunch,” says Helen. “At the end, the young people that came asked if we could meet again, and of course I was very happy to keep the group going. At the end of each session, I give them a booklet to take away. I use the resources that I create, but for the most recent session we explored what ‘faith’ means and spent time going through and discussing *Little Book of Faith*.”

Gateway Church in York has also been using Lifewords Little Books in their welcome café, the Atrium. The Little Books are made available for visitors to engage with on each table around the room. “When I started helping at the Atrium, I felt very nervous,” says Joy who works at the café. “I saw the Little Brick with the *Little Book of Joy* and I looked through it. I felt God telling me that ministry is joy – this helped me to have more confidence in starting to welcome people to the Atrium. The lives of those who come to the Atrium can be quite chaotic, so *Little Book of Chaos* really speaks into that.”

Pray with us

Give thanks for how our resources are key parts of a wide range of ministries, and for how they work in different contexts and alongside different ways of reaching out to others.

Praise God for the Finding Jesus group, and the Atrium café – pray for the leaders, volunteers, and workers. Pray too for all those who attend looking for meaning, support, comfort, and company.

24–30 November

Reaching out across the airwaves

In Brazil, Vox Gospel FM Radio Network broadcasts a diverse programme that seeks to reach people from different cultural, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds, offering a message of hope, faith, and love grounded in Christian principles. “The initiative aims to meet a growing demand for accessible and relevant Christian content, especially in areas where access to other forms of media may be limited,” says Gedeon Lidório from the network. “The project also aims to engage the global Christian community in acts of solidarity, mutual support, and service to others ... [and to be] a catalyst for positive transformation in people’s lives, strengthening faith, promoting unity, and contributing to the advancement of the Kingdom of God.”

The project uses Lifeworlds resources to help in various projects that it is involved with. One initiative is the Bible for Everyone programme, where the network sends out free copies of the Bible to those who request one, along with Lifeworlds materials. “Another programme is Vox Prayer,” says Gedeon, “where a team answers phone calls from listeners who are desperate, facing problems, difficulties, or who have lost hope and are seeking words of comfort and support. These listeners are also reached through Lifeworlds materials.”

Pray with us

Give thanks for Vox Gospel FM Radio Network and for how it is communicating with and supporting people all over the world. Pray for those who receive a Bible and Lifeworlds resources, that they would engage with God’s Word and grow in faith.

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