

Lifewords Prayer, August 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.

3-9 August

RISE Bible Clubs in Kenya

RISE Bible Clubs in Kenyan schools are an amazing way of encouraging young people to share their faith. Lifewords partners with Kingdom Connections who engage students from different schools in Kenya through sharing Lifewords resources. Many young people receive emotional support and build close friendships; they share their faith and lives with each other, study and discover the Bible together.

"I have learnt that God can change and take burdens away from me. I also learnt that through prayer God can help me through every situation. I thank God for *Little Book of Prayer*. I pray that these books will help more children and young people to experience God." Noel

"I thank God for *Picking up the Pieces*, because through it I have learnt that God carries my every tear." Pamela

"Why Me has taught me that I should have faith in God and pray to him." Mark

"From Why Me, I have learnt that when I forgive myself, God forgives me." Miguel

Pray with us

Give thanks for RISE Bible Clubs, for how they enable young people to come together for fellowship and discipleship. Pray for these clubs – that more and more people would find friendship and faith through them, and that many would encounter God.

10-16 August

Lifebringers sharing the Bible all over the world

Lifewords Global Bible Resources website receives orders for resources from all over the world. In 2024, over 360,000 items in 54 languages were sent out to 66 countries. Data shows how people are using these resources to bring life in their communities and contexts: 45% of booklet orders were used for open-air outreach and street evangelism, where people shared the Bible alongside events, festivals, and one-to-one conversations; 15% were used in churches, some in contexts that welcomed people who were attending services, and others where tourists visited the church building; 10% were used in one-to-one relationships with neighbours, friends, family,

and colleagues; 10% were used in schools and universities; and the remaining 20% were shared with those who are struggling with addiction, or who are homeless or socially excluded, with the military, and in hospitals and prisons.

This data shows a picture of a worldwide ministry where pastors, chaplains, youth leaders, schools workers, and individuals are sharing Lifewords resources in a variety of contexts – each with a story to tell about how they are reaching people with God's Word.

Pray with us

Give thanks for how Lifewords resources are shared all over the world. Praise God for how Lifebringers are reaching people in their specific contexts. Pray for everyone who receives a Lifewords resource – pray that as they read the words of the Bible, they would be changed and restored by God's love.

17-23 August

Resources for your church

In the pulpit, the community, the café, or the prayer room, churches are helping people encounter God's Word in meaningful ways. Lifewords is supporting small rural congregations and large urban churches with resources, fresh ideas, and opportunities to collaborate with other churches, leaders and Lifebringers across the UK and beyond. We want to help reach into communities to share the Bible as good news where and how it's needed most.

We're asking churches to tell us how they're sharing the Bible: what's working, what's needed, and how we can serve them better. We have a church calendar that shows how our resources can enhance your work and ministry throughout the year. We're also sharing stories from other churches about how they are using our projects and resources.

There are lots of ways for your church to collaborate with us:

- >> Take our 10-minute Lifebringers survey your insight will help shape future resources and inspire others.
- >> Get in touch and tell us about your ministry, and how you are bringing life in your community.
- >> Sign up to our church update email.

Visit <u>www.lifewords.global/lifebringers/for-churches</u> to find out more.

Pray with us

Give thanks for churches, for how they build community, and for how they reach into so many contexts, offering practical help, and spiritual nourishment. Pray for churches, that they would have the people and resources they need so that they can continue to bring life to their communities.

24-30 August

Revd Tim's story: Seen, heard and valued

Tim Yau is the interim associate priest in the Parish of Sprowston, UK. He shares about using *Living with Loss* to bring life to those who are grieving:

"For me, bringing life is often about being present. It's about creating space where people feel seen, heard, and valued ... We do a lot of funerals in Sprowston, so when I was looking for something to give to be reaved families, I discovered the *Living with Loss* booklet.

"I have found *Living with Loss* to be a gentle and sensitive way to share hope and comfort with those in grief – it feels like a pastoral gift that respects people's pain without rushing to resolve it. It has become my go-to resource in bereavement ministry – whether it's left out in our quiet prayer corner at church, used in a pastoral conversation, or given to a family at a funeral planning visitation. The language is accessible without being patronising, and its thoughtful design invites reflection, rather than demanding answers.

"For one individual, *Living with Loss* sparked a conversation about life after death, heaven, faith, and following Jesus. The gift of a *Living with Loss* booklet was the catalyst that allowed them to ask deep questions, beyond the admin of planning the funeral."

>> Tim's story is taken from the Lifewords blog – visit www.lifewords.global/blog to read the full post, and to discover more Lifebringer stories.

Pray with us

Give thanks for Tim and for his role helping people negotiate their grief. Praise God for how *Living with Loss* helps us frame the experience of loss, and how it offers comfort in the midst of pain. Pray for Tim and others in pastoral care, that they would feel the Holy Spirit's guidance, insight, and compassion as they minister to others.

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.