

LIFEWORDS

Lifewords Prayer, October 2025

*You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

Jeremiah 29:12-13 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.

28 September – 4 October

Resources to share this Christmas

In the run up to Christmas, Lifewords is here to help you share good news through church services, school events, youth clubs, outreach initiatives, and with friends and family. We have a range of resources for different audiences, plus ideas to help you get creative with how you share the story. How will you use our resources this Christmas?

OUTSIDE/IN is just one of several resources in our Christmas range. Focussing on the unlikely characters of the nativity, it explores how we can welcome everyone into the Christmas story. Alongside the OUTSIDE/IN booklet, there are animations (British Sign Language, Makaton, and subtitled versions available), plus a downloadable study guide.

>> Read more about OUTSIDE/IN at www.lifewords.global/blog/welcome-into-the-christmas-story

>> Explore our Christmas range at www.lifewords.global/resources

>> The OUTSIDE/IN animations are available to view on the Lifewords YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/lifewords

Pray with us

Give thanks for the opportunity we have to welcome people in this Christmas – to our homes, churches, communities. Pray for the events, services, and conversations that will take place. Pray for creativity, compassion, and boldness as we invite people in and share good news.

5–11 October

Gently sharing the gospel

Chapter 15 is a drop-in shelter that is bringing life to people who experience homelessness in Thetford, UK. They offer showers, laundry, clothing, refreshments, haircuts and foot care, alongside friendship and support. Mike, one of the team, explains the impact Chapter 15 has in people's lives: "One man who had not had a shower or haircut in years sat outside and cried tears of joy: 'You have no idea what it means to me to be clean, have a shave and my hair cut, and to be wearing clean clothes.'"

When the team wanted to share the Bible's good news with their guests, Mike ordered some of the Lifewords Little Books: "When we took over running the centre in April, our biggest challenge was how to share the Bible's good news with such hurting and struggling people. We ordered some of the Little Book series and thought that this could be our way of gently sharing the gospel and encouraging our guests.

"We saw guests taking them and starting to read them, and then a number asked if they could keep them. One guest spoke to another about how the booklets contain Bible verses and how encouraging they were. Another guest, who spoke about her experience of loneliness and despair, asked if she could have one of each and came back the next week to say she had read all of them, that the words were a help and an encouragement, and that she now kept them by her bed in her room at the hostel. These Little Books have provided a way for us to gently share the gospel in a non-threatening way, and we are very grateful that Lifewords has made this possible. Our prayer is that God will continue to use these books to share God's love with the guests who visit Chapter 15."

>> Read more about Chapter 15 and how others are also bringing life at www.lifewords.global/blog

Pray with us

Give thanks for Chapter 15 and how they support those who are experiencing homelessness. Praise God for the much-needed practical support they offer.

Give thanks for how they are able to also share God's love through Lifewords resources. Pray that as people engage with the Bible that they would find hope and sanctuary in God.

12–18 October

Thank you!

We want to say thank you to our supporters, donors, partners, and users of the resources we love creating and sharing. Your sustaining and encouraging prayers, financial support, and fellowship help us build God's kingdom. You can read all about the breadth of our work and how you have helped make it happen in our latest annual report at www.lifewords.global/about/annual-reports.

As we look forward, we are excited about new plans for partnership, sharing the Bible through real lives, real contexts, and a shared hope. We'll continue to collaborate with church leaders, chaplains, youth workers, volunteers, and everyone who is trying to live out their faith day-to-day. It is our prayer that we continue to work together as we seek to bring life wherever we are.

>> Visit our website at www.lifewords.global to keep up to date with our work and future plans

Pray with us

Give thanks that through your partnership, collaboration, prayer and giving Lifewords is able to support people who are bringing life all over the world. Praise God for all that has been achieved through Lifewords resources and programmes. Pray for Lifewords as we continue to build the ministry and engage people with the Bible.

19–25 October

Elzbieta's story

The Lifewords blog is full of stories from people who have found life through Lifewords resources. Here, Elzbieta shares about how she came to faith:

“On the second-to-last day of our A-level exams, my friend and I went into the chemistry lab. On the desk was a booklet titled *Little Book of Chaos*, a resource from Lifewords that had been used during a Christian Union session in the classroom. I picked it up, saw that it was about Christianity and rolled my eyes, but before I could put it back, my chemistry teacher walked into the lab and encouraged me to take it home. He explained it was about faith and mental health, and thought it might help. I told him I didn’t need God, but being sentimental and feeling incredibly lost at the end of college, I placed it in a memory box I kept under my bed.

“A few days after leaving college, I was in my room when I suddenly felt a strong urge to open the *Little Book of Chaos*. I tried to ignore it. It seemed random and out of place, but I couldn’t get my mind off it. So, I pulled out the memory box and opened the booklet at a random page. There I saw a quote from Isaiah 43. I looked up the full passage and my eyes landed on these words: ‘I have summoned you by name; you are mine’. After years of searching for identity and meaning, those words silenced the noise. In that moment, everything made sense. Through the chills and emotion, I finally felt clarity and once again believed that God is real, and he is with me. I didn’t understand why God would want anything to do with someone like me, but I knew, without a doubt, that I believed in Christ and wanted to know more.”

>> Visit www.lifewords.global/blog to read Elzbieta’s full story

Pray with us

Give thanks for Elzbieta and for how *Little Book of Chaos* helped her to encounter the Bible and want to find out more about God. Pray for Elzbieta and for her faith journey.

Pray for students at school and college, that in the midst of growing up and looking to the future, they would find guidance and peace in the words of the Bible.

26 October – 1 November

Building Partnerships

“One of the most impactful breakthroughs in our journey has been our partnership with Lifewords, a ministry that shares our passion for reaching children, youth, and families with God’s Word,” says James Ojambo, CEO of Spiritual Nurture International (SNI) in Uganda, whose mission is to transform lives through child-focused faith, development, and advocacy. “We spoke to Lifewords Kenya,” says James, “and through this collaboration, we received 1,000 resources which were distributed through school outreach, children’s camps, and discipleship programmes.” Lifewords materials are now at the heart of SNI’s Child Spiritual Nurture Project, enabling outreach through clubs in schools, Sunday school training in churches, and in village-based child development and participation centres.

>> This is an excerpt from a longer article in the latest issue of *Interact*, available to read at www.lifewords.global/blog/toolbox-for-ministry-stories-of-life-bringing-around-the-world

Pray with us

Give thanks for how Lifewords partners with organisations all over the world to help people encounter the Bible. Praise God for SNI and pray for them as they support and serve young people in Uganda.

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.