

1 Timothy 2
The Message (MSG)
Simple Faith and Plain Truth

2¹⁻³ the first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Saviour God wants us to live.

4-7 He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth *we've* learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.

8-10 since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God. And I want women to get in there with the men in humility before God, not primping before a mirror or chasing the latest fashions but doing something beautiful for God and becoming beautiful doing it.

11-15 I don't let women take over and tell the men what to do. They should study to be quiet and obedient along with everyone else. Adam was made first, then Eve; woman was deceived first—our pioneer in sin!—with Adam right on her heels. On the other hand, her childbearing brought about salvation, reversing Eve. But this salvation only comes to those who continue in faith, love, and holiness, gathering it all into maturity. You can depend on this.

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St Mary Greenhithe



May Prayer Diary 2014

Thursday 1st May

Continue in prayer against Human Trafficking. Pray for The Salvation Army who offers support and rehabilitation to victims of Human Trafficking. For more information see: http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/Anti_Human_Trafficking_Victim_Support_Programme
Pray for the residents of Perkins Close.
Pray for the community of St Aiden, Gravesend.

Friday 2nd May

Consider the effects of Human Trafficking and pray for the Love 146 programme. Look up <http://love146.org/>
Pray for the Music Group as they rehearse tonight.
Praise God for the Baby & Me group and all that use it.
Pray for the residents of Cowley Avenue.
Pray for the community of Huggens College, Northfleet.

Saturday 3rd May

Give thanks for the launch of the community cafe on Easter Saturday.
Praise God for all who attended and took part in the family fun day.
Pray for tonight's Yo-Yo & 2 Extreme meetings. Give thanks for the Children and young adults that attend and ask God to move His Spirit within them.
Pray for the residents of Steele Avenue.
Pray for the community of All Saints, Perry Street.

Sunday 4th May

Give thanks for all the extra services during holy week.
Pray for Schools fortnight starts today. The vision of Pray for Schools is that every school in the UK will be a prayed for school. There are 30,000 schools in the UK who each need prayer. Pray for all the schools that we have in our locality.
Pray for the residents of Low Close.

Pray for the community of Holy Family, Gravesend.

Monday 5th May

Pray for Sister Penny in her preparations to join us here at St Marys. Give thanks for the Order of St Luke's to which she belongs.
Pray this for our local schools: Almighty God, we thank you for every teacher who works in our schools. Please strengthen them as they invest so much in the children and young People they teach.
Praise God for the Guides and remember them in prayer as they meet tonight.
Pray for the residents of Sayer Close.
Pray for the community of St Margaret, Ifield.

Tuesday 6th May

Pray for all families who use the Sticky Fingers group. Ask God to meet individuals where they are and bless them.
Give thanks for the provision of a new bus for the TLC ministry team. Pray that help will come to fund the necessary refurbishments and ongoing mission. Pray for those involved in the TLC and ask God to meet them in their individual needs.
Pray for our local schools naming as many as possible: Loving Shepherd, we thank you for the many people who enable our local schools to run smoothly and provide a nurturing environment for children.
Please encourage them that they may be aware of the value of all they do and help them to enjoy their work.
Pray for the residents of King Edward Road.
Pray for the community of St Botolph, Northfleet.

Wednesday 7th May

Give thanks and pray for all the staff that works for Co operative funeral care. Praise God for the support they have given "The Place" community cafe. Pray for all those helping and attending at the Cafe today.

Remembering our local schools: Lord of all understanding and knowledge, we thank you for school governors and the role they have in the life of each school. Please guide them to make wise decisions, to know when to affirm and when to ask questions.

Pray for the Brownies this evening.

Pray for the residents of Castle Street.

Pray for the community of St George, Gravesend.

Thursday 8th May

Give thanks for the appointments of Treasurer, Churchwardens and PCC members at the AGM. Please support each member in prayer as often as you can.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for every child and young person attending nurseries, primary and secondary schools, academies, colleges and any other educational institutions in our neighbourhoods.

Please inspire and energise them to make the most of the opportunities that they have – to be diligent students, to play creatively and to know that you delight in them as they seek to follow you.

Pray for the residents of Ivy Villas.

Pray for the community of Christ Church, Milton.

Friday 9th May

Ask God to bless each member of the Baby & Me group today.

Continue in prayer for schools: God our Creator, we thank you for the education and encouragement we ourselves have received from teachers and others in years gone by and in the present.

Pray for the Music Group as they rehearse tonight.

Pray for the residents of Hill Crest Drive.

Pray for the community of St Mary, Chalk.

Saturday 10th May

As Rod leaves for Colombia, pray for his protection and safety throughout this trip. Ask God to provide safe accommodation for him as and when he needs it.

Wonderful God, Please help us to support those who work in education however we can, to appreciate their important job of shaping the future and to remember them in our prayers.

Pray for the residents of Station Road.

Pray for the community of St Mary, Wrotham Road.

Sunday 11th May

Lift Rod in prayer and ask God to provide for all of his needs.

Pray for the baptism of Noah Ethan York, son of Graham and Sharon in church today.

As pray for schools continues, Merciful God, we lift to you those in government who are responsible for education. We pray in particular for the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP in His role as Secretary of State for Education, we ask that you will enable him to make wise and just decisions for schools, children/youth and learning.

Give thanks for our youth ask God to develop them in faith and obedience and pray for the Youth Fellowship this evening.

Christian Aid week begins today. There are 42 million people for whom war is a part of everyday life. Christian Aid's aim this week is to demonstrate God's love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world.

Pray for the residents of London Road.

Pray for the community of St Peter & St Paul, Swanscombe.

Monday 12th May

Pray for Rod and ask God to protect him from acts of violence and deception.

Pray for the people of South Sudan who are struggling to rebuild their lives after the country has been devastated by war. Pray for Christian aid

partners, HARD (Hope Agency for relief and development) who are working in this area to help people rebuild their lives.

Continue to pray for schools this week: Wonderful Father, we praise you for those who go into schools and minister to teachers, parents and pupils. Please continue to use your people to bring hope to our communities.

Give thanks for the Guides pray for those who lead and help to run the group.

Pray for the residents of Sara Crescent.

Pray for the community of St Mary, Greenhithe.

Tuesday 13th May

Whilst praying for Rod today, ask God if there are any specific needs that He would like you to pray for him.

Pray for the people of Zanan Bchuk in Northern Iraq, whose village had been destroyed so many times that they were unable to identify their own homes upon their return. Thank God for Christian Aid partners REACH (rehabilitation Education and community health) that work alongside the people of Zanan Bchuk to bring about lasting changes to their community.

Give thanks for Sticky Fingers and lift the meeting in prayer today.

Pray for the residents of Woodland Way.

Pray for the Kent Workplace Mission AGM today and in particular for new trustees Rev Penny Marsh and Paul Buckley. May God's Holy Spirit lead them and His will be done through their ministry.

Pray for the community of The Salvation Army, Dartford.

Wednesday 14th May

Pray for Rod and anything that God revealed to you yesterday regarding his trip.

"Columbia has the highest number of internally displaced people in the world. According to the Christian Aid website 2014 an estimated 4 – 5 million and in the past 20 years more than 70,000 civilians have been

killed or displaced." Pray for an end to the violence in Columbia and for the peace negotiations between the government and the Revolutionary Armed forces of Columbia.

Pray for those who use "The Place" today. Ask God to move in the hearts of the people so they may know Him as their saviour.

Pray for head teachers and classroom staff at Knockhall School. That they may they know Jesus as their personal saviour.

Give thanks for the Brownies. Pray for Jude and all who help her to run the group.

Pray for the residents of Quay Lane.

Pray for the community of St Peter & St Paul, Milton.

Thursday 15th May

Lift Rod in prayer today and thank God for the opportunity He has given Rod to visit those he supports.

Give thanks for the Head Teacher Anne Southgate at Saint Georges C of E School. Ask God to continue His good work in this school and thank Him for the prayer room they have.

Pray for the people of the Democratic republic of Congo where violation of Human rights is endemic. Pray for safety and protection for human rights activists and campaigners 'Heritiers de la justice' many of whom have been attacked and even murdered as a result of their work.

Remember the Prayer meeting at the Rectory tonight. Come and join in?

Pray for the residents of Admirals Walk.

Pray for the community of St Peter & St Paul, Shorne.

Friday 16th May

Ask God to give Rod opportunity to safely demonstrate the gospel.

Pray for the people of Syria where the conflict is now in its third year.

Since the conflict began 2.4 million refugees have fled to neighbouring countries. Christian aid partners Association Najedh work with the refugees to provide not just basic things such food clothing and shelter but also psychological support to the many children who have been

deeply affected by what they have seen and experienced. See Syrian crisis appeal on www.christianaid.org

Pray for head teachers and classroom staff at St Mary C of E School, Stone. Ask God to move in miraculous ways amongst the staff and children.

Pray for the Music Group as they rehearse tonight.

Give thanks for Baby & Me. Ask god to provide helpers to run the group at ease.

Pray for the residents of Smugglers Walk.

Pray for the community of The Salvation Army, Gravesend.

Saturday 17th May

Lift Rod in prayer and ask God to give him strength and encouragement as he continues move around Colombia.

Pray for Manor Primary and Community School, Swanscombe. Ask God to send his Holy Spirit to move amongst the staff and pupils there.

Reflect on the Christian Aid prayers we have said this week and let God speak into your heart ways that you can personally make a difference to those who suffer and are in need.

Yo-Yo & 2 Extreme

Pray for the residents of Eagles Road.

Pray for the community of Gravesend Methodist Church.

Sunday 18th May

In your prayers for Rod today, ask that God may bless all those who meet with him and that a work may be started in them through the Holy Spirit.

As Christian Aid week ends praise God for all those who work for them and for those who help to support the work that they do. Ask God to bless them and their work abundantly.

As Pray for Schools fortnight ends remember to pray for your local school as often as possible. God doesn't go where He's not wanted, so we must be sure to support our community by reaching into schools. See www.prayforschools.org for more info.

Today marks the beginning of National Dementia Awareness week.

In the UK, there are about 800,000 people with dementia; it is estimated that around 400,000 people have dementia but do not know it.

Pray for the residents of High Street.

Pray for the community of Churches together in Ebbsfleet.

Monday 19th May

Continue to pray for safety for Rod, those he visits and encounters.

During National Dementia Awareness week give thanks for the Alzheimer's Society.

Remember the Guides and their families in prayer today.

Pray for the residents of Beaton Close.

Pray for the community of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend.

Tuesday 20th May

Ask God to give Rod a time of rest and relaxation during his trip.

Give thanks for National Dementia Awareness week and Pray for Admiral Nurses, who work with carers and people with dementia.

Give thanks for the Sticky Fingers group and ask God to bless each member of the group.

Pray for the residents of The Avenue.

Pray for the community of Churches together in Gravesend.

Wednesday 21st May

Thinking of Rod and his trip, praise God for the charity Compassion and all they do to support families in deprived areas around the world.

Lift "The Place" in prayer today and ask God to demonstrate His love through this ministry.

As National Dementia Awareness week continues pray for the Dementia Adventure being held at Gravesend Rugby Club. Ask God to bring many volunteers to help raise awareness and support.

Lift the Brownies and their leaders in prayer this evening.

Pray for the residents of The Dell.

Pray for the community of Riverview Baptist.

Thursday 22nd May

Pray that Rod will be safe and free to demonstrate the gospel of Christ in Colombia, with or without words.

Pray that during National Dementia Awareness week that many people will be moved to find out more about this disease. Give thanks for Dementia UK. See www.dementiauk.org for more details.

Pray for the residents of Bridge View.

Pray for the community of City Praise Centre, Gravesend.

Friday 23rd May

Continue to ask God to provide for any needs arising for Rod.

During National Dementia Awareness week pray for nursing homes. Lift the residents and staff at Haslington Residential Home before God and ask Him to bless all those in His caring arms.

Pray for the Baby & Me group today.

Pray for the Music Group as they rehearse tonight.

Pray for the residents of Watermans Way.

Pray for the community of Holy Trinity Church, Dartford.

Saturday 24th May

Ask God to protect those Rod is visiting, long after his return home.

As National Dementia Awareness week ends Pray for the family, friends and carers of those who suffer from Dementia. Ask God to give them patience and understanding.

Pray for the residents of Monks Well.

Pray for the community of Swanscombe Methodist Church.

Sunday 25th May

Pray that God will keep Rod in good health and will provide him with rest.

Pray for the beating the bounds exercise today. Ask that the Holy Spirit may fall upon Greenhithe in a very mighty and powerful way.

Pray for Release International and all Great Outdoor Church Services today. The aim of these services is to show that we have compassion for

those who are unable to meet in buildings due to them being burned down or worse. See www.releaseinternational.org for more details.

Give thanks for our youth and pray for the Youth Fellowship tonight.

Pray for the residents of Prioress Crescent.

Pray for the community of Christ Apostolic Church, Swanscombe.

Monday 26th May

Ask God to keep Rod in perfect peace as he enjoys his last few days in Colombia.

According to Open Doors website 2014 North Korea is in a league of its own when it comes to the persecution of Christians. The rule of Kim Jong-Un and his Workers` Party is absolute and strict. No one is allowed or able to challenge or question this rule. The Party's ideology is based on Communist ideas and is inextricably tied with a dominant personality cult. The country 'exists' to serve the leaders, and all forms of worship not concentrated on the Kim dynasty are seen as dangerous and state-threatening. Pray that God would change the heart of Kim Jong-Un and use him to reform the country

As the Guides meet this evening lift them and their leaders in prayer.

Pray for the residents of College Place.

Pray for the community of St Albans Church, Dartford.

Tuesday 27th May

Continue to pray for Rods safety.

According to Open Doors, Christians in North Korea face the highest imaginable pressure. Every entity the government is not able to control will be eradicated, so underground churches remain as secret as possible. All defectors consistently testify that one would certainly be persecuted for practising religion on a personal level. Police hunt down North Koreans who convert to Christianity while in China, or try to bring Christian literature into the country. Refugees repatriated from China are reported to be particularly vulnerable as the risk of arrest is high. Pray for

protection for co-workers and contacts providing relief and shelter for Christian's refugees in China.

Pray for Sticky Fingers as they meet today.

Pray for the residents of Calcroft Avenue.

Pray for the community of Northfleet United Reformed Church.

Wednesday 28th May

Ask God to uphold and sustain Rod as he prepares for his journey home. Give thanks for "The Place". Praise God for all He will do through this ministry.

According to Open Doors, in North Korea Religion is viewed as a means of foreign encroachment and it is believed that it would inflict harm on North Korea's social disciplines. Consequently, in its social stratification system called *Songbun*, all Christians are classified as 'hostile' and even considered to be a separate 'subclass'. Christians whose faith is discovered are sent to political labour camps from which release is not possible. Pray for the 50,000-70,000 Christians imprisoned in labour camps. Ask God to sustain them. To find out more see www.opendoorsuk.org

Ask God to bless the Brownies and their leaders today.

Remember the Prayer meeting at the Rectory tonight. Ask God to send His Spirit upon those meeting.

Pray for the residents of Ingress Park Avenue.

Pray for the community of Our Lady of the Assumption R C Church, Northfleet.

Thursday 29th May

Pray that no obstacle will prevent Rod from safely returning home.

Pray for Chris, Lucy and family in their preparations to move to North Wales. Ask God to bless them in their plans for the future.

Pray for the residents of Mounts Road.

Pray for the community of RCCG - City of His Grace, Northfleet.

Friday 30th May

As Rod returns from Colombia ask God to give him a safe journey and plenty of rest.

Pray for Baby & Me as they meet today. Thank God for all who help run the group.

Pray for the Music Group as they rehearse tonight.

Pray for the residents of Worcester Close.

Pray for the community of St Mary, Stone.

Saturday 31st May

Praise God for Rods trip to Colombia and ask Him to inspire us as we look forward to hearing all about his experiences there.

Pray for the wedding of Rebecca Witchlow and Robert Edward Davis in Church today. Ask God to bless their special day so that all will run smoothly. Ask God to bless them throughout their marriage and that their love for one another may grow daily.

Pray for today's Cancer research Vintage Tea Party. Give thanks and pray for the work of Macmillan cancer support. www.macmillan.org.uk and Marie Curie Cancer care. www.mariecurie.org.uk

Pray for Dan and those who lead Yo-Yo & 2 Extreme. Ask God to bless both groups.

Pray for the residents of Sylvan Mews.

Pray for the community of Jesus Victory Centre, Valley Drive.