

New Life
Croydon

2012 Prayer Guide.



“Devote yourself to prayer...” Col 4:2

As we begin another new year, we are looking to God to pour out the spiritual rain on our lives, our families, our church and community.

We have produced this prayer diary to help you in your praying for New Life.

We would encourage you to use this prayer guide as you pray on your own and with your family and friends. In 2012, together our cry to God is, **“Let it rain!”**

Mondays: New Life’s Elders

New Life is led by a team of twenty one elders, some of whom are employed by the church in different areas.

- Pray for our elders by name. Pray especially for those who have been, or are unwell. Pray for God’s blessing on their lives and the lives of their families. (Chima Amiaka, Jay Bhatt, Tim Bryars, Tim Coales, John Edwards, David Fellowes, Steve Hall, Gerald Huston, Ian James, Peter Motteram, Rob Kane, Phil Hunt, Isaac Kironde, David Lilley, Bill McCabe, Kunle Onabolu, Chris Parker, Neville Pinto, Mark Rossell, Tony Sokan, Kofi Sunu.)
- Pray for our elders as they meet together every other Monday evening at 7pm. Pray for unity, wisdom and clear direction as they discuss the work and ministry of New Life.
- Pray for the different areas of ministry our elders are involved with. Pray especially for them as they seek to provide pastoral care and help for all those who are a part of New Life.

Tuesdays: Core Values - Reaching

God has called us to share the good news about Jesus to our local community. Part of our responsibility is to touch our local community, seeking God for the most effective ways of impacting non-Christians with the reality of the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray for wisdom, anointing and strength for all those involved in these various ministries.

- Pray for our **Going Bananas**” children’s group which meets this evening from 6.30pm-7.45pm. Pray for God to impact the lives of these children and their families.

- Pray for our **Noah's Ark** parent and toddler group and the many unsaved families who come into the centre each term time Friday morning.
- Pray for **Power Zone 'Relax'**, our youth club for young people aged 11 and over which meets each term time Friday evening from 7pm-8.30pm. Many unchurched young people from the local community come along.
- Pray for our **Jam** schools team (Lyanna, Tola, Izzy & volunteers) as they visit many local schools. Pray for God's blessing and favour.
- Pray for Gerald Huston and the **Street Evangelism** team who go out onto the streets of Croydon most Friday evenings.
- Pray for our adult **football teams** which play most Saturdays and for our Sunday afternoon **Kick New Life Football Academy** for young people aged 11 and over. These are excellent opportunities to reach unchurched people.
- Pray for other new planned evangelistic initiatives starting this year.

Wednesday : Coming Soon.....

New Life is a busy local church. As well as the ongoing work and ministry there are some special events and initiatives we would like you to pray for:-

- **Youth weekend** at Frontier Centre, 6-9 April.
- **Marriage Course** - Pray for Tim & Hazel Bryars and team as they plan our second marriage course starting in April.
- **Conferences** – pray for the various conferences we are planning to run this year.
- **Summer Creative Arts Academy:** 23-28 July
- **Summer Holiday club for children:** 13-17 August
- **Life Weekend at Ashburnham:** 7-9 September
- **Alpha Course** – Pray for Katy Hall, Kofi Sunu and the Alpha team as they organise Alpha courses this year. Pray for good attendance and for people's lives to be touched.
- **Missions Trips** - Zambia (April 2012)
- **'In it Together' Day – 13 May** – Croydon churches' day of celebration at Selhurst Park.
- **Croydon Churches Prayer Meetings, 7.30pm at New Life:** 8 Feb, 13 June & 17 October.
- Pray for other events and initiatives taking place in the coming months.

Thursdays: Core Values – Caring

We believe that as a church we have a special responsibility to care for and look after those who are a part of our church family.

- **Home groups** – We re-launched our home groups last year and now have over 40. Most meet in homes all over the Croydon area on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Pray for our home group leaders. Pray for more

people to be a part of home groups and pray for those elders who oversee & help lead the home groups.

- We have a team of **pastoral helpers** to help the elders care for those who are a part of New Life. Pray for our pastoral helpers as they assist in this important work.
- Pray for the different **men's & women's fellowships** at New Life, which help meet the specific needs of men & women.
- Pray for our **Monday Afternoon Fellowship** as we seek to care for the older folk in our fellowship.
- Pray for all **youth workers** as they seek to care for the young people at New Life. Pray for those young people who are struggling in their faith.

Fridays: Missions & Working with others

We believe that God's heart is for the nations and that we have a responsibility to reach the nations in many different ways with the good news of Jesus. We also believe that God has called us to work with other churches and Christians in Croydon to bring God's love to our community.

- Pray for the many different **missionaries** New Life supports. (Beckenham family - Kenya , Bunty Bunce – worldwide, Montalto family - Malta, Chumachenko family - Ukraine, Ron & Gretel Hibbert – worldwide, Sarah Rossell (Eastern Europe), Kunle Onobolu (African Child Trust), Nathanael Edwards (Life Support/Eden Farm), Emilia Manolova (Bulgaria), Brazilian Pastors, Carol Seymour & Ginny Perkins (Central African Mission – Congo), Barbara Graham (Wycliffe – Kenya), Lane family (Manchester – UK), Claire Memari (Sheffield – UK) *(For specific prayer requests please pick up a copy of the latest Missions prayer news)*
- Pray for **Street Pastors** (Friday evenings) and **Schools Pastors**. (Mon, Thurs, Fri) Pray for many more Street & School Pastors, especially from New Life. Pray for continued favour with the council, the police, schools etc, and especially that they will provide much needed funding.
- Pray for other joint initiatives: eg **Croydon Churches Prayer Meeting**, and the various leaders' groups which New Life leaders are a part of.

Saturdays: : Core Values - Equipping

At New Life, our aim is to see the body of Christ built up with men, women and children in the fellowship maturing in the gifts and callings they have received from the Lord. We also have a desire to equip believers in other churches and countries.

- Pray for **New Life School & Pre-school** as it seeks to equip children for Christian life and living. Pray for the children, staff and God's blessing and provision.
- Pray for our **Growing as a Christian** courses we often run on Tuesday

evenings. Pray for new believers at New Life to be effectively disciplined.

- Pray for the various **Bible Studies** which take place at New Life.
- Pray that our **CD's and website** teaching will be a blessing and help to Christians everywhere.
- Pray for elders and other teams from New Life who travel to other churches and countries to preach and teach.
- Pray for **Power Zone 'Revive'** on a Friday term time evening and other initiatives which seek to equip and disciple Christian young people.

Sundays: Our Sunday Services

Sunday is the day when most of our church family comes together for worship and teaching. We also have lots of different visitors to our services.

- Pray for God's presence, blessing and anointing in all our services today. (9.30am, 11.30am, Life @ 7pm) Pray especially for those who are preaching and leading worship.
- Pray for God to meet the specific needs of all those attending our services. Pray for God to touch the lives of everyone who attends.
- Pray for Power House which takes place during the morning services. Pray for God to move in the lives of the hundreds of children and young people who attend.
- Pray for God's blessing on all those who serve at New Life. (Power House workers, crèche workers, music team, PA & technical team, stewards, cleaners, refreshment servers, chair teams and others.) Pray for more people to get involved in these important areas of service.

Notes (Room for your additional prayer points)

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