

PRAY FOR LANCASHIRE



Dear Church Leader,

We are delighted to let you know about the next **Pray for Lancashire** event taking place between Monday 1st to Sunday 7th September. You may know that this week is a Global Week of Prayer being co-ordinated by 24/7 Prayer, with a vision to see every nation on earth hosting a physical prayer room with non-stop prayer happening day and night (www.24-7prayer.com/weekofprayer/). The event invites communities worldwide to engage in creative, hands-on prayer experiences, uniting the global church in a shared declaration of God's greatness. As we pray together, we seek to encounter God's presence and carry His heart for transformation into our towns, cities, and nations.

As part of **Pray for Lancashire**, church communities are joining in by taking 24 hours each, hosting a physical prayer room and activities in their locality for one of the seven days. It is also encouraged that churches mark the week of prayer in some way during their Sunday services (7th Sept), providing more opportunities for people to engage in the global week of prayer.

For the 6 churches and communities across Lancashire who will be hosting a physical prayer room during this week, there will be a baton that is passed on each day with the words written inside of Habakkuk 2:14:

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"

As we stand together in prayer, we will make this our common prayer; that Lancashire (and the whole earth) would be filled with the knowledge of the greatness and glory of the LORD. Towards the end of each 24hrs, the baton will be handed onto the next church community and there will be a time of shared prayer together as the prayer watch is passed on.

How to get involved

A central prayer booking system has been set up, registering our week of prayer with the 24-7 Prayer website. Each 24hrs that is being led by a different church community will begin at 12noon and is shown on the calendar so members of that church community can book a 1-hour prayer slot during these hours. You can book using the following link and QR code: <http://bit.ly/44xKWjo>



Publicity will also be posted online and via email for you to share with your congregations, encouraging them to sign up for a prayer slot in the nearest church to you (or you are welcome to travel to visit others if you wish). The different locations hosting a prayer room and leading 24hours of prayer are as follows:

Mon 1st: Turret House of Prayer (Clitheroe)

Tues 2nd: Life Church (Burnley)

Weds 3rd: City Church and St Thomas' Church (Lancaster)

Thurs 4th: St Luke's Church (Blackburn)

Fri 5th: Buckshaw Village Church (Chorley)

Sat 6th: Preston Minster (Preston)

We will also launch the week of prayer at 8am on Monday 1st September with a prayer walk up Pendle Hill led by Bishop Philip North (Bishop of Blackburn). He will also lead communion at the top of Pendle and a time of prayer for Lancashire. Details and publicity will be shared for this too.

Resources

Each church involved will lead the 24hrs of prayer in whatever way is best for their community. As part of this there will be a physical prayer room open in each location on their designated day, but there will be other meetings and activities also taking place during the 24 hours to engage people in different ways of praying. Each church will communicate these activities locally and nearer the time.

If your church community would like to get involved and run something in your location, then you are most welcome and the more people engaging in prayer during the week the better! Resources and ideas for hosting prayer rooms are available on the 24/7 Prayer website, including a Prayer room starter pack here [Prayer-Room-Starter-Pack-V3.pdf](#). There is also lots of other ideas on the Prayer Spaces website: [Prayer Activities - Prayer Spaces In Schools](#) and if you would were interested to lead a Prayer Walk in your locality, then there is a really useful guide you can use here [Microsoft Word - 29 How to Prayer Walk.docx](#)

I hope you are encouraged by all that is being planned and please do sign up to get involved and share this exciting week amongst your churches and communities. We pray that Lancashire (and beyond) would be filled with the knowledge of the greatness and glory of the LORD and that His Holy Spirit would fall upon our land. Thank you for your support.

Every Blessing,

Dan Finn
(on behalf of the Pray for Lancashire team)