

St James' Church, Clitheroe

Prayer Calendar: September—October 2024

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Pray that the **word of God** would be proclaimed and that the gospel of Jesus would be central to all we do.

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Pray for the ministry of **Baby Fishes and Little Fishes**, for good relationships with families, creativity and compassion.

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Pray for our **Worship Leaders**, that they would be encouraged and empowered by the Holy Spirit to lead well.

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Pray for the work of **CAP in Clitheroe**. Pray for more clients to come forward and start the process of becoming debt free.

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Pray for **new believers and for those on the first steps of their journey in faith**: for protection, for good discipleship and for the Holy Spirit.

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Pray for how we manage **waste and rubbish** as a country. Pray for an increase in sustainable and recyclable solutions.

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More than half of the countries comprising **sub-Saharan Africa** (26 out of 48) are on the Open Doors World Watch List. Thirteen of these are in the top 50, making them places of very high or extreme persecution for believers. Pray against the forces of evil that are seeking to stifle the presence and growth of the church in the region.

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Pray for **our economy**: for job creation and security, for public finances and investment.

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Pray for solutions to the ongoing conflict in **Gaza**. Pray for a resolution to the hostage situation.

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Pray for Christians across the world who **challenge injustice**. Pray for partner organisations like Tearfund who advocate and campaign for justice.

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Pray for the work of **Ribble Valley Food Bank**. Pray for the relief of poverty across Clitheroe and the Ribble Valley.

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Pray for peace in **Ukraine**. Pray for a swift resolution to the conflict and for the courage of world leaders to seek peace.

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Pray for **Kings Highway Church** and the impact of the climate crisis in Kenya. Pray for the leaders of KHC, that they would have wisdom and discernment in managing the impact of this.

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Pray for **older people**, many of whom live alone. Pray that as a church we would be able to provide opportunities for community and connection.

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Open Doors estimates that, of the 34.5 million people in sub-Saharan Africa who are displaced by violence and conflict, at least 16.2 million are Christians, with many driven from their homes because of their faith in Jesus. This growing crisis has led to food insecurity, trauma and desperation. **Pray for provision, healing and comfort for our**

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Pray for **Mark and Della**, for rest, restoration and recovery. Pray that Mark will make a full return to work and ministry **soon**.

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Pray for our existing **CAP clients**, that they would maintain good relationships with their befrienders and be open to the gospel.

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Last year, an estimated 100,000 Christians were internally displaced from their homes because of their faith, with many fleeing to official displacement camps that are unhealthy and unsafe. They are overcrowded, hygiene is poor and food is scarce, and they can be targeted by extremists. Pray that camps will be far better equipped to be **havens of safety**,

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Pray for our **Kingdom Kids and Tiddlers** leaders, for creativity, wisdom and compassion.

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Pray for **Popcorn**, a monthly church event for families. Pray for good relationships, and a deepening of faith.

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Pray for our **young people**, many of whom are making significant steps of faith. Pray for their protection, for good discipleship and a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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More than 2.6 million people in **DRC**, mostly Christians, have been displaced by violence. The conditions of camps are often horrific, with insufficient shelter, hygiene and food. Pray for better care and aid, and ask God to help churches and local partners as they seek sustainable solutions for people.

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Pray for the work of **Charis Ministries** and **Mel and Mandy's** developing work in both **Mozambique** and **Ethiopia**.

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Pray for children who attend **Rockin** and their families. Pray for good relationships with leaders, and that they would encounter Jesus each week.

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<p>Pray for Gateway Counselling. Pray specifically for more welcomers and for more qualified counsellors so they can expand their provision.</p>	<p>Christian men are often killed to destroy livelihoods and stifle the population growth of Christians. The pressure on widows is immense, as they must find work and take sole care of children – all whilst grieving. Pray that ‘the father to the fatherless, a defender of widows’ (Psalm 68:5) will comfort families and be their provider.</p>	<p>Pray for Lucy’s work in local secondary schools with often vulnerable children at lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Pray for our small group leaders, as they actively disciple and minister to their groups. Pray for more leaders to rise up.</p>

29	30	31	Add further issues
<p>Pray for our Leadership Team and our PCC, that they would be open to God’s direction and have wisdom in managing church well.</p>	<p>Pray for Helen’s work in St James School. Thank God for the good relationships she has; pray for God’s favour to be on the school.</p>	<p>Church leaders in sub-Saharan Africa are often targeted by militant groups – be that because they’ve spoken out against violence, or because it instils fear in the wider Christian community. Pray for protection of leaders, and ask the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom, discernment and courage.</p>	