

Stevenage Vineyard 24-7 prayer: 12-13 May 2018

Prayer points

1. Prayer for all the people in our church

The following prayer points are provided to guide you in focusing prayer on the needs and issues currently facing our church family.

- Pray that marriages and family relationships throughout the congregation will be strengthened.
- Pray that strained or broken relationships, among families and friends as well as acquaintances, will be restored.
- Pray that our church family will be united in our worship of God, fellowship with one another, and ministry to the community.
- Pray that everyone in our church will grow in relationship with Christ as they follow the path of discipleship.
- Pray that the youth in our church will stand strong for Christ in their schools and with their friends. Ask God to help each young person to follow His plan for their lives, both now and in the years to come.
- Pray that God will bless the children of the church, protecting them from harm and helping them to grow strong in the Lord.
- Pray that the men in our church will provide godly leadership in their homes and that they would be faithful followers of Jesus at their workplace, in the church, and throughout the community.
- Pray that the women in our church will serve as leaders and role models of strength, maturity, and ministry at the church, in their families, and in the community.
- Pray that visitors to the church will sense the love and compassion of Christ, expressed through every member of the congregation.
- Pray for members of the congregation currently battling physical illness or emotional struggles, or facing spiritual needs. Ask God to minister to them in miraculous ways.
- Pray that God will bless the financial needs of the church.
- Pray that all members of our church will be salt and light in their community, through integrity, love, and godliness.

2. Prayer for the pastors, trustees and staff of the church

The following prayer points are provided to guide you in focusing prayer for our pastors and trustees.

- Pray for a powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit upon Daniel, Val and the other members of the leadership team.
- Pray for wisdom and leadership for Daniel and Val in dealing with the various challenges of ministry.
- Pray that Daniel and Val will remain bold in proclaiming spiritual truth, even when it is unpopular to do so. Pray that God will continue to envision them in their leadership of the church.
- Pray that the lives of the pastors, trustees and staff of our church will be marked by integrity and godliness.

- Pray that God will strengthen and bless Daniel and Val's relationship with each other and with their family.
- Pray that God will grant Daniel and Val good physical and emotional health.
- Pray that God will bless, strengthen and guide the trustees of the church when taking financial and administrative decisions.
- Pray that God will provide for the needs of the church through sufficient tithes and offerings, and that those funds will be used wisely and according to God's leading.
- Pray that God will help the pastoral staff develop strong relationships with other pastors and churches in Stevenage, as well as with community leaders.
- Pray that the pastoral team will know the guidance and anointing of the Holy Spirit in times of personal struggle or discouragement.
- Pray that God will grant the pastoral team vision and guidance regarding the ministry, gifts and callings of each member of the congregation, that they might use those gifts to the fullness of their potential.

3. **Prayer for the church's various 'inward-looking' ministries,**

The following prayer points are provided to guide you in focusing prayer for all those who volunteer in ministry in our church.

- Pray that people in the church will seek God's help in identifying how He has gifted them for service, and that they will seek to nurture that gift.
- Pray that people throughout the congregation will sense and respond to God's prompting to volunteer for ministry service. Pray that God will provide workers for all the different areas of ministry, especially those which are currently short-staffed.
- Pray that volunteers will commit themselves to being faithful and consistent in their service, recognising the ministry they do as an important responsibility that will have a lasting impact.
- Pray for wisdom among those who recruit and appoint volunteers, that they will follow God's leading and recognise the gifts of the members of the congregation.
- Pray that God will protect all who serve in the church as they participate in activities, events, and other forms of church ministry.
- Pray that God will equip and enable volunteers to work together in unity. Pray that the different personalities of everyone on the teams will function together in love and cooperation by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray specifically for everyone who serves in the areas of 'inward-looking' ministry, in particular:
 - The worship and sound desk teams
 - The prayer ministry team
 - The refreshment and welcome teams
 - The teachers and helpers in Kids' Church and The Vine
 - The set-up team.

4. **Prayer for the church's 'outward-looking' ministries**

The following prayer points are provided to guide you in focusing prayer for the outward-looking ministries of our church.

- Pray that church members will build relationships with friends and neighbours who need the Lord, and that those relationships will open doors for ministry and evangelism.
- Pray that God will provide opportunities for our church to express the love of Christ to the community in tangible ways.
- Pray that God will guide the leadership of our church in finding creative and effective ways to reach out to the community.
- Pray that members of the congregation will develop a passion to become involved in community outreach, and that God will anoint their efforts.
- Pray that our young people at school and university will follow the lead of the Holy Spirit in reaching out to fellow students with the message of Christ.
- Pray that the church family will respond warmly and convey a sense of welcome toward all who come into the church as a result of outreaches.
- Pray that God will provide opportunities for our church to work in unison with other churches in Stevenage in reaching out to our community.
- Pray that God will guide and protect all those who participate in community outreach events, in particular:
 - Food Shed
 - HOTS
 - CAP
 - 'Love Stevenage'
 - Mighty Tykes

5. Prayer for our Sunday morning meetings and Small Groups

The following prayer points are provided to guide you in focusing prayer for the various church meetings each week.

- Pray that those attending the Sunday morning and Small Group meetings will arrive with a sense of anticipation, seeking God for changed lives and manifestations of spiritual power.
- Pray that the congregation will share a common passion for praise and worship during the meetings.
- Pray that God will anoint musicians and singers during the times of worship.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to the heart of each individual in every meeting and that they will be responsive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that any non-Christians who attend meetings will discover and embrace a personal relationship with Christ.
- Pray for openness to the manifestation of spiritual gifts in the meetings.
- Pray that church members will openly welcome visitors and provide an environment where newcomers will sense the love of Christ and unconditional acceptance.
- Pray for those currently leading Small Groups, that they will do this with compassion and wisdom. Pray that new friendships will be formed and that there will be a strong sense of God's presence in all the groups.

6. Prayer for our town and nation

The following prayer points are provided to guide you in focusing prayer for Stevenage and the UK.

- Pray that God will have mercy on our nation which has strayed so far from righteousness. Thank Him for the many British men and women in history who have known His call on their lives and who have devoted themselves to serving Him. Pray that He will raise up a new generation of believers who will achieve even greater exploits for His Kingdom.
- Pray for a supernatural move of God across our nation, bringing a new sense of revival and trust in God.
- Pray that people throughout Stevenage will open their hearts to the voice of God, and grasp that He has a loving and eternal plan for their lives.
- Pray that God will give wisdom and direction to members of Stevenage council.
- Pray that God will provide help and protection to the police, doctors and nurses, social workers, teachers and firemen who work in Stevenage.
- Pray that God will bless the efforts of leaders and owners of business throughout Stevenage, and that economic conditions and employment will be strong.
- Pray for the Prime Minister and cabinet, that they will look to God for guidance, help, and wisdom.
- Pray for all MPs, asking God to help them in enacting righteous legislation.
- Pray for our legal system, asking for God to provide wisdom and guidance to judges, magistrates and jurors.
- Pray for God's protection and provision for our military forces. Ask Him to bless and protect those serving in dangerous places and performing dangerous jobs.
- Pray for an end to the gang culture that is giving rise to the shooting and stabbing of young people in many of our cities.