

Bible Ministry – This Week: ‘Pray for Love’

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
(Ephesians 3:17-21 NIV)

1. We are Grounded in Christ’s Love v17

2. We are Together in Christ’s Love v18

3. We Grasp the Limitless Scale of Christ's Love v18-19

4. Christ’s Love Fills us with the Fullness of God

Home Mission

Looking Ahead to this Sunday. Please pray that:

- **The Lord would encourage His people, and work in the hearts of those not yet trusting Jesus**, as we sit under His Word together morning and evening.
- We would **grow our relationships** one with the other, not least as we spend time together between the services and over lunch in The Way.
- We would continue to be a **welcoming, outward looking community** to those who are newer to Christ Church or visiting.
- Pray for each of our **children & young people and their leaders**, in Crèche (0-2s), Footsteps (2-4s), Adventurers (4-7s), Explorers (7-11s), Nano (11-14s) and Frontline (14+).
- Pray for those children who will be **moving up from one Sunday School/youth group to another** this Easter. Pray that their transition between groups would go smoothly.

Community Activities

- Pray for Ann, Maya, Hannah, Sam, Margaret, Emily and the team as they serve in **The Way Coffee House** day by day.
- Pray for each of the **Community groups and activities** running during the rest of this week, including: *Cabin Fever, Late Night Wednesdays in The Way Coffee House (this week: Music Night), Connect, Knit & Natter and Foodbank.*
 - Pray that the Lord would **use friendship evangelism and the 'Thought for the Week'** to point friends to Christ.



Easter Eggstravaganza (Wednesday Club term finale – TOMORROW!)

- Pray for boldness amongst our children and their families in **inviting friends along.**

- Pray that **those who have been invited would come**.
- Pray that the **leaders would know the Lord's strength** as they serve, and would express love to those they meet.
- Pray that **the Good News of Jesus would be clearly proclaimed** and take root in the hearts and lives of many.
- Pray that **many would return for Easter** events and services.

FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches)

Our church grouping, the FIEC, has now come to include 639 churches across Great Britain and the Channel Islands.

Let's pray for the Lord's encouragement and help to other local churches, including **The King's Church, Flitwick**, about which we were hearing on Sunday evening:



- Pray for the **Pastors, Tim Diaper and Neil Scott**, as they lead the church, and the church's **Pastoral Worker, Amanda Day**.
- Give thanks that **new friends have joined** the church recently.
- Pray for the **church's effectiveness in reaching those in the local community for Christ**, not least through the Tuesday Café in the newly refurbished and expanded church building.

Tomorrow, our pastors are joining with a number of other local ministers at the **FIEC Local Leaders' Conference in Flitwick**.

- Pray the day would be one of **great encouragement** for those attending.
- Pray that the Lord would use the conference to **grow relationships** between pastors, and between local churches.



Adrian Reynolds

- Pray for **Adrian Reynolds (FIEC's Head of National Ministries) and Andy Hunter (FIEC's Scotland and North of England Director)** as they minister the Word during the day.



Andy Hunter

Global Mission and the Ukraine Crisis



David and Debbie Woodard, serving with ABWE

David and Debbie write to say: “All our mission team are out of Ukraine and relocated to surrounding areas. They are tirelessly ministering to the refugees day and night.

- Praise – over \$500,000 has been donated to the ABWE Ukraine Crisis fund, incl. £19,500 from Christ Church Dunstable.
 - Our Live Global and GO team missionaries are on the ground passing out food, blankets, heaters, medical supplies, etc.
 - The ABWE team is also sending supplies back into Ukraine.
 - Our ABWE team is also providing lodging and transportation for as many people as possible.
 - As they minister, ABWE teammates have the opportunity to share the Gospel with these hurting and displaced people.
 - Please pray for national Christians and ministry partners who are unable to flee the country.
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- Praise God that our ***friends at Ramada Church*** in Lisbon have been able to rehouse some of these Ukrainian Christian refugees.
 - Pray that they- and other displaced Ukrainian believers- would ***quickly settle into their new homes, and integrate into local churches***, where they can be well taught and cared for.



One of our church members has received an update on Ukrainian evangelical pastors, who have remained in Ukraine, being persecuted and arrested for serving the Lord Jesus. It reads:

I ask you to pray fervently for the well-being and safety of the life of Pastor Alexander Glushko, as well as for the protection of God from the alleged persecution of evangelical Christians in Ukraine in those places where there are fierce battles, as well as in the territories of Ukraine that were previously occupied by Russia.