



in our villages, towns & cities

Prayer

January 2019

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Minnie Louise Haskins

As we put our hand into the hand of God may we know His leading and guiding whatever 2019 has for us. May we know the Hope we have in Him and be safe in the knowledge that He cares for us. I wish you all a hope filled 2019 and ask you to continue to pray for the work of HOPE as we seek God's Kingdom.

Roy Crowne, Executive Director Of Hope

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- 1 Jan** As we enter this New Year may we know the truth of the words – You are not only loved – you are trusted. You are not only treasured you are trusted. Alan Scott
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- 2 Jan** We pray that 2019 will be a year of unprecedented growth of New Christians
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- 3 Jan** Let us continue to pray for all those who attended a Carol Service that the Holy Spirit will continue to speak and lead them to new life in Jesus
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- 4 Jan** As we remember the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, let us rededicate our lives to God. Father, I want to live life Your way, in Your strength, not my own. Use my money and talents to extend Your Kingdom. May my life leave the fragrance of Jesus wherever I go
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- 5 Jan** Father give us opportunities to give Your Word to those who have never read it. We pray for those who own a Bible, that You will prompt them to read it and apply Your teaching to their life.
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- 6 Jan** Light of the world shine Your holy radiance into the darkest places, that we might know we are not alone, that injustice and evil will not have the last word, that Your arrival in Christ changes everything. So, may we receive and live in hope, offering ourselves to You.
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- 7 Jan** Many Churches are going to be using the Sharing Jesus teaching Videos in their teaching Sessions and life groups during 2019 and please pray that after completing this course that people will have a new-found confidence and knowledge on how to share their faith with other
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- 8 Jan** HOPE is looking to take on a new Youth Director and it is so important that we find the right person. Please pray that God will direct the right person to apply for this role
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- 9 Jan** HOPE is also looking to take on a new Director of HOPE for every home and again we ask for your prayers that we will find the right person to take this work forward
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- 10 Jan** Lord, we are so thankful for the Church: this body of people across our world who are loving, caring and bringing hope where there is none. Teach us to stop and rest in You, drawing strength from Your Spirit, so that we shine with Your light in the darkest of places
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- 11 Jan** Give thanks today for the social action projects in your Community. Pray that many will find their lives transformed. Pray for a spirit of collaboration and unity as agencies and organisations work together. Lord let our witness be prophetic, prompted and guided by Your Spirit, that we may give hope in dark times
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- 12 Jan** HOPE have produced a WALK AND PRAY, and it is an A3 guide to prayer which can be downloaded free from HOPE. Please have a look and see if it is something that you and a group could do.
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- 13 Jan** Please continue to pray for Street Pastors and Street Angels who do such a wonderful job – pray that they will have many opportunities to talk to people about Jesus
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- 14 Jan** The forty stories of HOPE has been reproduced and we ask that during 2019 many people will read this book and find new life in Jesus
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- 15 Jan** Father God we pray for our family members and friends who have once walked with you and no longer do. We continue to pray for them and pray that they will return to You
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- 16 Jan** Please pray for the meeting of the Advance 2020 today which aims to plan for a significant year of Harvest in 20/20 and increase Evangelistic opportunities
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- 17 Jan** Father we thank you for all those in authority – for her Majesty the Queen and all who serve in our national and regional governments. Bless them with wisdom and understanding and give them hearts of compassion to honour every part of our society, without prejudice. May they seek You and listen to You.
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- 18 Jan** This is the start of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Nathan Jones who is the Social Media and IT person in HOPE has compiled some of the prayers for this Unity. Psalm 133 How Good and Pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! How great it is when the Church works together. Time and time again we see an impact when the Church works together. PRAYER Lord we thank You for unity and those organisations around the UK working together with Churches to make your name known. And we pray you will continue to unite your Church. Amen
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- 19 Jan** Ephesians 4 Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith and one baptism. PRAYER Father, we pray that you will help us to remember that we are all called to one hope and we believe in one Lord, one Faith and one baptism. We pray that you will help us overcome our differences and work together, being kind and bearing with one another in love. Help us to keep our eyes on You Amen
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- 20 Jan** Romans 12 v 4-5 Our bodies have many parts, but these parts do not all do the same thing. In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other. So often we can put preachers and teachers on a pedestal, but the Church is a body and we all have different giftings and callings and all are important and required for the Church to work well
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- 21 Jan** John 17 v 20-21 I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one – as you are in me, Father, and I am in You. I love this prayer of Jesus. Not only does He pray for His disciples at that time, but ‘all who will believe in me through their message’ – that is you and I! One of the key points of this prayer, is unity. Unity is the trademark of God – by His very nature, three in one, God is unity. What is more, is that Jesus prays that we would be one – and by our ‘oneness’ the world would know that God sent Jesus for them. PRAYER Father today, we pray that you will unite Your Church, across our divisions and denominations and that through our unity, the world will believe that you sent Jesus for them. AMEN
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- 22 Jan** Romans 6 v 5 Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was. Unity is a theme that runs throughout the Bible. Coming back to John 17, at the very start we should be united because God is! PRAYER Lord Jesus, thank You for giving Your life for me. I pray that just as you, God the Father and the Spirit are one, that Your church on earth will be one and that we will be raised with you AMEN
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- 23 Jan** Please pray for the Board and Leadership of HOPE as they meet today, and we give thanks for each and every one of them as they give so much to HOPE
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- 24 Jan** We pray for all our Christian Students who have returned to university after the Christmas break. We pray that the Holy Spirit will support and keep them in the faith
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- 25 Jan** We have a meeting of Enthusiasts and practitioners today. Please pray that there will be a good spirit as we pray and plan for the rhythm of mission
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- 26 Jan** Please pray for Catherine Butcher our Communications Director. Catherine has a very heavy workload over the next few months and we pray for God to continue to give her all the energy she needs for this task
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- 27 Jan** The Church transforms society when it takes the risks of renewal in prayer, of reconciliation, and of confident declaration of the good news of Jesus Christ. Let us pray for a fresh and mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit throughout the Church and across our nation. Archbishop Justin Welby
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- 28 Jan** We thank and praise God for everyone who supports HOPE in finance. We are truly grateful and give heartfelt thanks to God for each and every one of them
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- 29 Jan** We have a full Team Meeting today in Rugby and please pray that we will be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and trust God to show us the way ahead
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- 30 Jan** Today the people who have applied for the post of Youth Director for HOPE will be interviewed so please pray that we will get the right person
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- 31 Jan** I bless each church in my local area by name, I bless them with a continuing desire to want to work together, and to want to go ever further and deeper in prayer together and I bless them with the resources they need to serve those who are without hope
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