



two small words

‘Thank’ and ‘you’ are just two small words but together they pack a big punch.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer you our appreciation for accepting this prayer diary and committing to pray. It’s your choice; it takes time and dedication. Sometimes it isn’t easy.

Daily prayer is an act of worship and obedience. We pray on a daily basis to acknowledge His faithfulness and our gratitude for His abundant provision in our lives. It’s a way to acknowledge who is really in control of our lives.

This diary often refers to New Hope’s partners, who work with us in practical ways. Partners who pray are also essential. It expresses our Christian unity — that we’re in it together. The Bible tells us that when we come to God in prayer, it moves His heart deeply. He is seeking for intercessors and for those who will give themselves to Him in this way.

One of New Hope’s foundational values is to be faithful — “We will seek God’s guidance and enabling through prayer.” Thank you for being a part of this. We pray that as you pray you too will be blessed.

‘And this is the confidence that we have in him: if we ask for anything according to his will, he listens to us. And if we know that he listens to our requests, we can be sure that we have what we ask him for.’ 1 John 5:14-15

Mon

Salvation Army Housing Association (SAHA) accommodations: New Hope House, Alpha Court and the Manse

Thank God that a positive move on has been found for one of the longest staying service users at New Hope House and thank Him that an accommodation vacancy has been filled at Alpha Court.

Pray for the management team to have wisdom in managing the varying needs of service users and finding the right person to fill a vacant room.

Pray that service users with high needs will receive all the support necessary.

Pray for wisdom and resilience for those involved in managing issues causing disquiet among residents in one of our accommodations.

Tues

Haven Support Centre: Rough Sleeping Prevention Service (RSPS), Intervention Team (IT) and Tenancy Sustainment Team (TST) including HopeHomes (HH)

Thank God for the difference this service makes to those who are sleeping rough in Watford. (RSPS)

Pray those sleeping rough are shown empathy and compassion by members of the public. (RSPS)

Praise God for the great way the organisations and individuals making up the Intervention Team are working together. (IT)

Thank God for the service users who are making positive steps in overcoming their addictions. (IT)

Ask God for continued favour with other organisations within Watford, that good relationships can present greater opportunities for those in need. (IT)

Please pray for the members of the Tenancy Sustainment Team. Ask God to continue to give them strength and wisdom as they support men and women who are now living in their own accommodation. (TST)

Pray for service users who are still needing to pay bills and learning to manage their finances. (TST)

Praise God the first HopeHome has been running for a year. Thank Him for the progress residents have made in that time. (HH)

Thank God for the blessing of donations that will enable future HopeHomes to be made ready. (HH)

Weds

Head Office (HO) and Charity Shops [Watford (WCS), Croxley Green (CGS)]

Praise God for the strong leadership given by New Hope's trustees and senior leadership team. Pray that they will have the wisdom and insight needed for the task. (HO)

Thank God for the shared daily prayer time and for the visiting Christian leaders to

this on Thursdays. Pray God would bless these meetings. (HO)
Praise God for the opportunity our shops give to share the good news of God as well as bringing income. (WCS/CGS)
Please continue to pray that the building works in the shop will be dealt with speedily so that the stock room can be ready in time for Christmas. (WCS)
Pray for a volunteer recovering from a knee operation. (WCS)
Please pray that a volunteer driver will be found to help with collections and deliveries. (WCS)
Praise God too for the donations from the local community and for the many volunteers who help in the Croxley Green shop. (CGS)

Thurs

Development: Community Market Garden (CMG) and HopeCollege (HC)

Praise God for the bounty of apples that are weighing down the branches - a symbol of the endless gifts that furnish His wonderful creation. (CMG)
Thank God for the hard working volunteer team, who have kept apace with vigorous August growth and the prevention of weeds that could overwhelm the crops. (CMG)
Give thanks for the Upcycling Exhibition held at the Wellspring Church in which service users saw their projects displayed, and enjoyed public affirmation of their achievements. (CMG)
Pray for a service user who is facing terminal illness that they will continue to find peace and fulfilment at the garden. (CMG)
Pray for help, energy and inspiration as the Autumn Open Day is planned and prepared for. (CMG)
Pray that the garden would be a blessing in the lives of those who struggle from day to day and a means of helping them discover wonderful and life enhancing things about themselves. (CMG)
Thank God for the opportunity to apply for funding so that many of our courses may be provided. Ask Him to give us ongoing success so that these may be maintained and extended. (HC)
Pray for service users to be willing to engage in the training and therapeutic courses available to them. (HC)

Dates for your diary

Connect evening
St Mary's Church, Upper Room
Mon 11th Sep
7.30pm - 9pm

Garden Open day
Community Market Garden
Sat 30th Sept
10.30am - 3pm

The Big Imagine Sleepout
Fullerians Rugby Club
Fri 17th - Sat 18th Nov
8pm - 8am

More information about all of our events can be seen at newhope.org.uk/events

Fri

Community Home

Thank God for the way residents support each other and work hard to create a family atmosphere.

Please pray service users who are new to the Community Home would quickly feel at home and continue to make positive choices.

Pray that all service users who have moved on from the Community Home would have continued success on their journey away from substance misuse.

Sat

Sanctuary: Assessment Beds, Emergency Accommodation and Cluster Flats

Praise God for breakthroughs achieved in the lives of service users who have been going 'round the system' for years. Pray that, with God's guidance and strength, this will continue.

Thank God for the strength in the staff team at the Sanctuary and for the wisdom He gives to know how to tackle situations.

Pray for peace in people's lives; that the staff team would be able to keep on showing love and kindness to people who are homeless in Watford.

Pray that God would strengthen every staff member so that the best support may be offered to each individual person who needs it.

Sun

The Big Picture: Homelessness across the UK

The link between homelessness and health is widely recognised, both as a cause and consequence. People experiencing homelessness have a much higher likelihood of having a long-term health condition, yet a reluctance to engage with health services means illnesses often go undetected and untreated over time. Substance use and poor mental health can further compound these issues.

Those who are homeless often feel let down by services, leading to a lack of trust or feeling stigmatised or discriminated against. Ultimately, an early death is much more likely to result (47 for men, 43 for women). Choices for palliative care are limited, and their death is more likely to be perceived as sudden, untimely and undignified.



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