



OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2024



PRAYER CALENDAR

Dear friends,

Psalms 133 is a passage that's often quoted: 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!... For there the Lord bestows his blessing'. It sounds like a nice, encouraging blessing for God's people as we gather together, but it's actually so much bigger than that.

As a charity that works hard to partner with churches and ministries right across the body of Christ, there's so much encouragement in this promise as we start to see genuine unity for mission.

Firstly, it's a promise of overwhelming blessing. Not just a little drop of oil on the forehead, but 'precious oil poured on the head... running down on Aaron's beard down on the collar of his robe' (Psalm 133:2). It's a 'kersplash' of God's blessing in response to unity.

Secondly, the scripture promises that the dry desolate places will come to life. Verse three says, 'It is as if the dew of Hermon' (the fertile flourishing place) 'were falling on Mount Zion' (often the rocky barren place). It's exactly what we're going for at The Message. The hardest, driest, most barren places coming to life through Jesus and on the back of all our prayers.



And finally, the promise is that the 'Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore' (Psalm 133:3). That's the real blessing we long for as we join together in prayer and mission: that God would pour out eternal life. That hell would empty, heaven be populated, and that Jesus would be glorified. Let's go for it.

Thank you for all your support,

Andy Hawthorne
Founder and Global CEO

OCTOBER PRAYER POINTS



1

Our **schools teams** are delivering Respect ME Boys' and Girls' courses in Ormesby (Middlesbrough) today. Please pray the students find their value and identity in Jesus as the lessons are shared.

2

Church leaders from estates and cities are coming to a free **Proximity Retreat** today. Pray they're encouraged, inspired and equipped for their mission during their time together.

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This month we're launching a new **Community Grocery** in Harpurhey (Greater Manchester). Please pray for our partner church as they set up free wrap-around support courses for grocery members.

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Thank God for the Punjabi and Japanese translations of the **Advance** guide that will encourage and equip many in their evangelism.

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Message South Africa regularly host **Bloom** events to inspire, disciple and equip young women in their faith. Pray today's event would be an encouragement to everyone coming along.

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Sam Ward is speaking at Emmanuel Church in Netherton today, one of our partner churches for Eden and the Community Grocery. Pray it's a special morning as he shares God's heart and encourages the church.

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As our **MSE students** start their placements with youth groups, homeless ministries and community projects, pray God would use them to bring his light and life to those they meet.

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Thank God for our amazing **supporters** who help keep our work going! Could you stand with us financially? Visit message.org.uk/donate

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Eden Fir Vale (Sheffield) are continuing to reach young people with the hope of Jesus through their kids' clubs and youth groups. Pray hearts would be softened and people would want to find out more about God.

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Tonight is our **Message Business Network** dinner. Please pray for new connections with local businesses and for people to be fired up by all that is happening through the work of The Message.

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Our creative mission teams have taken the **No More County Lines** tour to 11 schools in Blackburn, and tonight is the evangelistic gig! Pray many young people come and respond to the gospel.

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As **Prisons Week 2024** starts tomorrow, pray that those living and working in prison would be encouraged by God.

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Our **MSE students** are heading to a residential where they can spend time pressing into God's calling on their next year. Pray it would be a powerful time where they meet with God.

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As our staff spend time with God and are encouraged with stories of what he's been doing at our **Prayer Day**, pray it would be an incredible day in God's presence.

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Message Netherlands are running a Still Standing schools week all about mental health and resilience. Ask God to encourage the young people the team meet and pray they'd have their lives transformed by Jesus.

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As Message Wales hold their annual **awards and fundraising dinner** tonight, pray it would be an evening celebrating all that God has done across Wales and people would be inspired to support our work.

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As **Community Grocery** members come to the Message Community Hub in Manchester for a coffee morning and to connect with each other, pray great relationships would be built and conversations would be full of Jesus.

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Every weekend, the **Cardiff Street Pastors** head into the city centre offering practical support and praying for those in need. Lift up the team in prayer as they do this tonight.

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Pray that our young people who are running **CUs** in their schools in London would be encouraged and see their mates coming along to find out more about Jesus.

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Our team in the **Netherlands** are hosting a vision night tonight, sharing stories of all that God is doing. Please pray many would come along, be encouraged and want to stand with the team financially and in prayer.

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We're excited to be launching the first Brazilian **Eden** team into the Santa Marta favela. Pray for protection for the team and partner church, Igreja Batista Santa Marta, as they reach out into the community.

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As our **prisons workers** Owain and Emma continue to support people in the resettlement process, pray they'd be encouraged and see many want to get plugged into local churches.

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Thank God for the Burslem and Telford **Community Groceries** we have in the West Midlands. Pray our volunteers and staff would get to share about Jesus with those who visit today.

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Tonight, Message South Africa are hosting a **Thursday Night Live** music event to connect with young people in Mowbray (Cape Town). Pray those coming have a great time and Jesus-filled conversations.

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Our team are sharing about **Advance** and how it's equipping evangelists at 'Billion Soul Harvest' in South Korea. Pray many are inspired to be part of joining Advance groups and learn how to share their faith.

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Lift up our **HQ teams** including the creative, finance, HR and IT teams. Thank God for the work they do to help mission happen and pray they'd be encouraged today.

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Praise God for the churches and organisations we're partnering with in Wales to bring the **Message Bus** to their young people. Pray relationships would continue to strengthen as we share Jesus on the bus.

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Emma is running a Christianity Explored course each week in **prison**. Pray those coming along will give their lives to Jesus and be changed by him.

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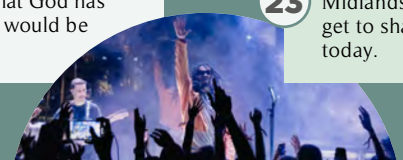
Eden Ragworth and Primrose Hill are running a pumpkin fun day for their community today. Pray it is a great day and the team would have great conversations about faith.

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Young people are coming along to **Genetik Sessions** creative workshops today. As they grow in their skills, pray they'd learn more about how they're uniquely made by God.

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As our **Eden** teams around the nation run light parties today for their neighbours, pray these would be full of God's peace and places where people want to find out more about Jesus.



NOVEMBER PRAYER POINTS



1

Message South Africa have four community hubs providing safe spaces for young people in areas where gangsterism is rife. Pray for the teams as they run outreach events, sports activities and discipleship today.

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Please pray that our **Advance Ambassadors** around the world would have boldness to keep inviting people to join groups and continue stepping out on mission, sharing the love of Jesus in word and action.

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Andy Hawthorne is visiting Bethany City Church in Sunderland today. Pray that people would be encouraged by what he shares and want to stand with us.

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Pray that, as the **No More Knives** tour heads into schools in Feltham (London), young people would turn in their knives and choose to follow Jesus instead.

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Respect ME are in schools in Blackpool with lessons about resilience and wellbeing. Do pray many young people would also come to the end-of-week LIFT gig and hear the gospel.

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This month we're excited to be launching two new **Community Groceries** in Darlington (Durham) and Gurnell Grove (London). Pray these would be a huge blessing to communities who need them.

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On Saturday, our creative mission teams are running a gospel-packed **LIFT** event where young people can come along for music, fun and the gospel. Pray many would come and be changed by Jesus.

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Message Germany is seven! Thank God for his faithfulness and pray for all the mission the team have planned across Germany and into Czechia in coming months.

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Pray for our North East team as they partner with churches to run the **Rebuild Conference** today, all about equipping those recovering from addiction and brokenness for mission and empowering them in their faith.

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We'd love to grow mission in the **Netherlands** even more through prisons work and **Advance Youth**. Please pray God would open the right doors for this.

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Lift up our **MSE students** as they head out to do street evangelism in Wythenshawe today. Pray that, as they chat to people, many would meet with Jesus.

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Pray that our **Eden** teams in Canada would see God move in the lives of those they're working with. Also join us in praising God for the great churches who support our teams.

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Thank God for the amazing **partnerships** between our Community Groceries and organisations like FareShare. Pray we'd continue to build connections.

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The East Midlands hub are finishing a week of **schools mission** in Mansfield with an evangelistic gig tomorrow. Ask God to soften the hearts of young people and pray many would respond to the gospel this week.

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Lift up our team at **Neal Street Espresso**. Pray they'd be encouraged to share their stories of transformation with customers today.

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Prisons worker **Kez** is running faith courses about recovery, forgiveness and self-esteem. Do pray the women she's working with would experience something new of God's love for them today.

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Sam Ward is speaking at Tees Valley Community Church (Stockton) today about the work of The Message in the North East. Pray those there would be encouraged by how God's changing lives.

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It's another **Prayer Day** for the Message family. Pray it would be an inspiring and uplifting day of prayer and worship and listening to God's voice for the next steps of mission.

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The **No More Knives** tour is in 12 schools across Rochdale encouraging young people to say 'no' to knives. Pray the lessons would impact the young people.

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Please pray for the **Proximity Gathering** taking place in Cardiff tomorrow where Dai Hankey is speaking to encourage those working in cities and estates. Pray those there would leave refreshed by God.

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Ask God to encourage the young people going along to **Eden Partington's** (Trafford) youth groups. Pray they'd build great relationships with each other, the leaders and with God.

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Pray for the weekly Bible study for prison leavers at **Neal Street Espresso**. Thank God for the people who come along and pray that God's Word would transform their lives today.

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Today is the **Impact Youth Conference**, where Christian youth will be equipped in their evangelism. Pray it would be a powerful day for every young person.

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Message Germany were recently at the EXODUS Christian festival. As the follow-up continues, pray the young people get plugged into youth groups, churches and Alpha courses.

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We're so thankful for all our amazing **volunteers**. Pray they'd be encouraged today in their work. Want to volunteer with us as we share the love of Jesus? Visit message.org.uk/get-involved

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As our **MSE students** envision what mission could look like in their communities, pray God would give them ideas and shape their thinking as they boldly step out for him.

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Advance groups are rapidly growing across Canada as men and women take up the calling to learn how to share their faith with those around them. Do pray for continued and lasting fruit.

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Pray for our East Midlands hub today as they partner with local churches for **Love Where U Live** mission in Derby. As they share Jesus with the community in word and action, pray for great gospel-filled conversations.

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Today, as the **West Midlands** hub and our partner churches gather young people from across Birmingham to pray for their city, ask God to encourage everyone who comes along.

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Pray that the online **Proximity** resource hub would continue blessing individuals, churches and organisations in their urban mission. Visit today at proximityhub.org



DECEMBER PRAYER POINTS

1

Our **Eden** teams are busy running events, carol services and Christmas outreach this month. Pray God would strengthen and energise the teams as they reach their neighbours.

2

Our **creative mission** teams are in the North East reaching young people with the good news of Jesus through music. Ask God to draw hearts to him this week.

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Message Germany have so much mission planned in the run up to Christmas. Pray they'd have boldness and open doors to share the hope of Jesus with the least, last and lost.

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Please pray for **Eden Jordanthorpe and Batemoor** (Sheffield) as they head out on their monthly community prayer walk. Pray that they'd see God answer their prayers for this community.

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The West Midlands hub are connecting with more young people for a **Black Country Prayer Gathering** tomorrow. Pray that God's presence would be strongly felt by all those coming along.

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Respect ME are in Stockport with lessons on the dangers of alcoholism, eating disorders and self-harm with Year 11s. Ask God to impact many lives today as the team share.

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Ask God to encourage young people through **The Charge** as they step out of their comfort zone and share about Jesus with those they meet today.

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Praise God for our new Eden team in the **Netherlands**. Pray this team would be a blessing and see many people transformed by God's love.

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As **Message South Africa** continue to shine Jesus' light through Gangstar Cafés, training programmes and halfway homes, pray that our staff and service users would be encouraged by Jesus today.

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As we prepare to launch **Message Uganda**, the team are on mission sharing the love of Jesus in the streets and on stages through Festival Bombo. Pray for God's favour as they do this.

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As **Eden West Bowling** (Bradford) continue their Bible-based after-school clubs, pray the young people coming along would discover more about Jesus' love for them today.

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Festival Bombo starts today in Uganda! As Andy, Racheal, Tim and the team share the good news of Jesus, pray the harvest would be plentiful.

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It has been amazing seeing what God has been doing through **Eden Kensington's** (Liverpool) outreach. Thank God for all those the team have met and shared the gospel with.

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Our **Christmas Extravaganza** is happening today. As we give free food to our Community Grocery members, have an evening of fun and share the gospel, pray for many to come to faith and connect into the local church.

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Pray for our **Advance groups** around the world as they share Jesus in the run up to Christmas.

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Christmas is often a difficult time of year for those in **prison**. Please pray people in prison would feel God's peace and comfort with them and want to find out more about Jesus.

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Thank God for the projects **Eden Sharston** (Manchester) are running to support and build relationships with refugees. Pray the team would be able to offer practical, emotional and spiritual support and introduce many people to Jesus.

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Do pray we'd find the right people to **partner with us** as we look to a new year of mission in 2025. Find out how to get involved at message.org.uk/get-involved

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We have our final all staff **prayer and vision day** of the year today. Please pray for a great day of hearing from God and good rest this Christmas.

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As the **MSE students** go on their Christmas break, please pray they'd rest well and take what they've learnt this term and put it into practice in their communities.

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As more families than ever rely on the **Community Groceries** for food this season, pray our staff would be able to support and provide for members and grab the opportunity to share about Jesus.

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Pray that as our **partner churches** reach out to their communities over Christmas, they'd see many respond to the gospel.

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Thank God for all the places across Wales that the **Message Bus** has visited this year. Do pray that all those we met on board would experience God's love for them this Christmas.

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Praise God for the connections **Message Brazil** have formed with local churches to be able to do incredible mission this year! Pray for even more in 2025.

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Merry Christmas! Today thank God for the amazing gift of his son, our saviour Jesus Christ.



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Lift up all our incredible **volunteers**. Thank God for all their work this year and pray they'd have a restful Christmas break.

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Thank God for the families our **Community Groceries** have been able to support this year. Ask God to strengthen the teams over Christmas, ready to hit the ground running in the new year.

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Pray we'd find new people excited to take up the calling of being an urban missionary as part of an **Eden** team in 2025. Could this be you? Visit joineden.org

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We'd love to take the **No More Knives and No More County Lines** tours to even more young people in school next year. Please pray for the people, resources and funding to make this happen.

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We could only do all the mission that we have because of the prayers and generosity of our **supporters**. Thank God for those who stand with us financially and in prayer. Want to get involved? Visit message.org.uk/donate

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As we look back on 2024, thank God for his **faithfulness** to The Message and for the lives we've seen impacted by his love. Let's go 2025!





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