

the **message**

**JULY-
SEPTEMBER
2026**



Dear friends,

Earlier this year I was in the Greater Manchester Prayer Hut and got a picture in my mind's eye of a huge oak door and at the bottom of it was a tiny little person (I think it was me). I felt like the Lord was saying, 'I'm about to open a massive door of opportunity, the kind that little you could never open in your own strength.'

In Revelation 3:8, Jesus says to the church in Philadelphia, 'See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.' As I checked out the verse again, Jesus says firstly, 'I know your deeds' and then he shares the promise of the open door, 'I know you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and not denied my name.'

As we as a team have prayed into this, I'm convinced that God is saying he's seen our deeds. We've clearly not been perfect, but we have tried hard to keep Jesus and his gospel central. We need to have the humility to realise that we are far too small to ever open the door of opportunity that is coming our way on our own. We need to continue to do his work his way!

In short, it is has made me extremely excited about this next season for The Message. I do hope you will agree with me as you stand with us in prayer and help us take mission to the next level here in the UK and beyond.



Thanks for all your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Andy'.

Andy Hawthorne
Founder and Global CEO, The Message

P.S. Regular givers are the life blood of our ministry. Would you consider being one of our monthly partners with a regular gift of whatever you can afford? Just go to message.org.uk/donate, thanks so much!



JULY PRAYER POINTS



1

Prisons worker Jo is launching a new prayer group in **prison**. Pray that the men coming along would grow in their passion for prayer and develop a deeper love for God.

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This month in South Africa, the creative mission team are hosting a **holiday club** in Citrusdal. Pray God's presence would be felt in every activity and that the young people would want to give their lives to him.

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As young people arrive for **Spree Wales** this weekend, please pray that they'd grow in their faith, be refreshed by Jesus and make new friends.

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Message Ethiopia are running a Summer Camp and Genetik Sessions. Pray young people would encounter God, grow spiritually, and develop their talents.

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Daniel and Emily from **Message Brazil** are at a young adults' conference in Poland. Pray they'd build great connections and would encourage many in their faith.

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Message Netherlands are on mission this week. As young people take to the streets to share their faith, pray they'd see many respond to the gospel.

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Every week, **Genetik Sessions** creative workshops are running in Derby. Pray that the students coming would continue to grow in confidence, joy and unity as they perform, and want to hear more about Jesus.

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Applications are open for September's cohort of **Message School of Evangelism** (MSE) students. Pray God would stir the right people to apply. Find out more at message.org.uk/mse

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As Lydia is in Nottingham today with **Respect ME** lessons, pray the students she meets would understand God's love for them and want to find out more.

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Pray that the new latest podcast series from **Proximity** would inspire and equip church leaders in urban communities across the UK. You can listen now at proximityhub.org

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As young people take part in a **Charge Day** in Derby today full of evangelism training, pray they'd be strengthened, empowered and encouraged in their faith, and motivated to share Jesus with others.

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Sam Ward is speaking at Hope Church Kensington today. Pray people would catch the heart behind Eden and feel inspired to stand with us as we support urban missionaries.

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Eden Jordanthorpe and Batemoor (Sheffield) is running a 'Back to School' event to support families by giving them school uniforms. Pray for funding, smooth organisation and that the support reaches those who need it most.

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Message Germany are running **Hope Camp**, an evangelistic summer camp full of creative workshops, music and sports. As testimonies and the gospel are shared, pray lives would be changed.

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As the **Creative Collective** team in Uganda support the young people they work with, pray they'd see God transform lives.

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Our next **Exploring Eden** event is happening today at 8pm. Pray for the team as they share the heart behind Eden and that many will be stirred to get involved. Come along at joineden.org



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Lift up **Eden Senghenydd** (Caerphilly) today. Please pray for their team to grow in number so they can continue expanding mission in their community.

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Pray for our **Advance** workers in India as they focus their work with churches in northern India, where there is increased persecution. Pray for boldness, love and fruitfulness.

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Message Germany's band **NGHTNDAY** are performing gospel-packed tracks in a park in Annaberg. Pray for many people to come and encounter Jesus through the music, and for deep conversations with the team.

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

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As our **Eden Santa Marta** (Rio de Janeiro) run a kids' camp with local churches, pray that great connections are built and lives are transformed by Jesus.

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Pray for the young people heading to the DTI festival with **Eden Partington** (Trafford). Pray for deep friendships to be formed and life-changing encounters with Jesus.

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Praise God for the **volunteers** who serve alongside our prisons teams. Pray God would encourage them afresh today in their work and the impact they're having for Jesus.

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Pray for **Andy Hawthorne** and **Gary Smith** as they travel to Fort Wayne Indiana and Tulsa Oklahoma. Pray for wisdom and direction as we look to launch mission in the USA.

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Pray for those our **prisons** teams are supporting through the resettlement process. Pray they'd continue going from strength to strength and get plugged in to local churches.

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We're running a **Charge Day** in Teesside today. Ask God to equip young people with boldness, clarity and confidence as they learn to share their faith.

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As young people come together in London for **The Scattering** to learn how to share their faith and put this into practice, pray they'd see God use them powerfully.

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Lift up our **HR, Facilities, IT, Central Operations, Creative and Finance teams** in prayer today. Thank God for their work behind the scenes to make mission happen and pray they'd be encouraged.

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Please pray for **Eden Central Drive** (Blackpool) as they begin their 'All In' summer services. Pray for the team as they share their testimonies and ask God to stir the hearts of everyone coming along.

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As the **sports team** in the North East run summer outreach football sessions in schools and the community with King's Church Colburn, pray both the young people and their families would want to come along to church.

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As **Eden Gurnell Grove** (London) and their partner church take people from the estate to Wildfires festival, pray each person would encounter Jesus and feel a sense of belonging with the Grove community.



AUGUST PRAYER POINTS



1

We're launching another **Mess Café**, this time in Woodseats, Sheffield! As we develop Christ-centred enterprise here, ask God to provide the right team members, funding and opportunities needed.

2

We're soon launching new **Community Groceries** in Hattersley, Southampton and Sheffield. Pray God would bless many families through these stores.

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This summer, many of our **Eden** teams are out in local parks connecting with young people and hosting summer events for their communities. Pray great relationships are built and there'd be many gospel opportunities.

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Pray for our **Advance Ambassadors** across the globe. Thank God for all they do as they equip individuals and churches to share their faith. Pray a blessing on them all today.

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OTC are at Limitless festival performing. Pray for the team as they share the music and testimonies and pray that many would be impacted as they hear these.

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Lift up **Lincoln Community Grocery** in prayer. Pray they'd continue to build strong relationships with local businesses, organisations and the wider community as they serve the people of Lincoln.

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As some of our new **MSE** students apply for visas to join us in the UK, pray for favour and quick processing of these so nothing would stop them coming to the course.

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Pray for the **creative mission** team in Wales working on WILD youth group events and Youth Nights worship events. Pray for new vision, direction and excitement as they plan events to share Jesus with young people.

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Eden Senghenydd (Caerphilly) have their weekly Youth Club tomorrow. Please pray the young people there would feel God's presence in their time together.

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Pray for our national **Respect ME** team as they promote the new Mental Health and Wellbeing lesson to schools. Pray Jesus uses this lesson to speak peace and freedom to the young people the teams meet.

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Ask God to bless the **Hartlepool Community Grocery** team with more volunteers who can not only help support members but who can also share their faith with everyone who comes in.

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Message Brazil are running two weeks of **schools tours**! Pray that the young people they meet would encounter Jesus and connect with local churches.

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The **prison and enterprise team** in South Africa are hosting their first Quiz Night fundraiser. Pray all those coming would be encouraged by the work of the team and want to support them.

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Pray for the prison leavers' Bible study happening at **Neal Street Espresso** today. Pray that, as people come together to pray and support each other, they're encouraged.

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As **The Scattering** week of mission starts in South Wales, pray that God would give the young people a new boldness as they step out sharing their faith.

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Pray for **Eden South Bank** (Middlesbrough) as they run summer outreach. Ask God to deepen relationships and pray for generational transformation.

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We'd love to take more **No More Knives** and **No More County Lines** lessons to schools across the UK next term. Please pray God would open doors to the right schools and help us raise the funds to expand.

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

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Pray for the newly opened **Community Grocery** in West Ealing (London) as it works alongside the Eden team to bless the community physically and spiritually.

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As our **enterprise programmes** continue in Manchester, London and South Africa, pray each team member would continue growing deeply in their faith.

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As **Message Uganda** continue their outreach with teenage girls, pray relationships will be built and that God would bring freedom and salvation.

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The Scattering is starting in the North East today! We want to see a generation of young people rise up who are passionate about mission and telling others about Jesus in word and action. Pray for everyone taking part.

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Pray that, as the choir meets in a **prison** in Wales, our team would be able to share more about how loved each person is by Jesus.

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It's **Genetik Summer School** this week! Please pray many young people would come along to have fun, grow in their creativity and discover a faith in Jesus.

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Pray that Message Netherlands would have new opportunities for **Charge Days** so they can see even more young people equipped to share their faith in their schools, streets, and communities.

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Pray for our **Advance** team in Bangladesh as they continue to meet and pray with Bengali Muslims who are interested in hearing more about Jesus.

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Tomorrow, Message Germany are running a **Revival Nightz** worship evening for young people which equips and strengthens them in their faith. Pray for life-changing encounters with God.

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As NXT CHAPTR and SoulBox get involved at **Big Church Festival** this weekend, pray many are impacted as they share their gospel-filled music. Do come and say hello if you're there!

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Message Brazil are running a **Revival Nightz** event tonight. Pray the young people there would be refreshed and stirred again in their passion for prayer and evangelism.

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Pray for wisdom, provision and the right partnerships for our Yorkshire team as they look to launch three new **Community Groceries** in Sheffield, and a new project in Bradford.

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As we tell people about the work of The Message, pray God would stir hearts and inspire even more people to **stand with us** financially to make mission happen. Want to get involved? Visit message.org.uk/donate



SEPTEMBER PRAYER POINTS

1

Prisons work in the Netherlands is expanding. Pray for the team as they share the hope, love and peace of Jesus with those they work with.

2

As **young people** return to school, please pray for God's strength and protection over their lives. Pray that he would help them to feel secure, valued, and deeply loved by him.

3

Message Brazil are running a schools tour in Rio de Janeiro! Pray that every young person the team meet would open their hearts to Jesus and want to find out more about him.

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As **prisons** worker Owain supports men in their resettlement, pray that God would be with him as he speaks into their lives and connects them into church communities.

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We're hiring! Pray we'd find the right people to join our teams as we take mission to the next level. Want to join the Message family? Visit message.org.uk/jobs

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Proximity and Jubilee+ have launched **Formed**, a new leadership training resource for those from estates and under-resourced communities. Pray that local leaders would be encouraged, equipped and released by this.

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Message Germany are heading into schools with different artists to do concerts, share testimonies and invite young people to the Exodus Festival on Saturday. Pray for open hearts and for many to come along.

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Pray for the ladies attending the pamper evening **Eden Farnworth** (Bolton) are running next week. Pray for meaningful conversations, opportunities for prayer, and for each person to feel welcomed, valued and loved.

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It's the **National Day of Prayer for Schools**. Join us in praying for a move of the Holy Spirit in young people and their schools, and that God would raise up a generation passionate about Jesus.

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We're starting an Alpha course in a **prison** in London tomorrow. Pray many would come along and love discovering more about having hope in Jesus.

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As the team in Germany prepare for **Exodus Festival** tomorrow, pray young people would give their lives to Jesus and get plugged into local churches.

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We're running a **Charge Day** in Salisbury. Pray the young people would be strengthened and encouraged to share their faith with their families and communities.

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As the new **Message School of Evangelism** students arrive from all around the world to start their 10 months of training in Manchester, pray they'd settle in quickly.

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It's double **Prayer Day** at The Message today and tomorrow. Pray that it will be a great time of prayer, worship and refreshment for staff as we press into God's presence.

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Pray the **Youth Nights** events across South Wales would enable young people to have powerful encounters with God and build Jesus-centred community with their peers.

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Ask God to inspire those who come along to our **international vision night** tonight as stories of what Jesus is doing are shared. Why not come along? Visit message.org.uk/events

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As our international hubs gather at Message HQ for an **International Learning Day**, pray teams would come away inspired, encouraged by what's being shared, and better connected as a global team.

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As teams take the **No More Knives tour** to more schools across the country, pray every young person would be impacted to make positive choices and say 'no' to knives and 'yes' to Jesus.

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Lift up those living and working in **prisons**. Pray the Holy Spirit would bring peace, joy, refreshment and encouragement today.

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Thank God for those who work in our **Community Grocery distribution centre**. Pray for the team as they ensure every grocery has the food they need to feed families in their community.

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As Message Netherlands launches an **Eden** team in Haarlem, pray they'd be bold in sharing their faith and would build lasting relationships.

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Pray that those our **prisons and enterprise** team in Ethiopia are working with would experience transformation, healing and renewed purpose in Jesus.

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As young people come along to **Genetik Sessions** workshops in Manchester today, pray they'd each be impacted by the 'God slot' as they hear how loved they are by Jesus.

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Please pray for those attending the **Proximity Gathering** happening in Bristol today. Pray they'd be resourced and equipped as they hear about Proximity and the resources available at the hub.

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We have sent 10,000 Spanish **Advance** group guides to Latin America. Pray that great partnerships will start as churches use these guides to get equipped to share the gospel in their communities.

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Thank God for all the customers who visit our **enterprise cafés** in Manchester, London and South Africa. Pray that, as they walk through the door, they would experience God's peace and want to find out more.

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Praise God for all our amazing **volunteers**. Pray they'll be blessed as they give up their time to help make mission happen.

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As prisons worker Kez runs faith courses in **prison**, pray that the women she works with would start to see themselves the way that God sees them and grow in their faith.

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We're so excited to be growing the new **Message Canada** hub in Quebec. Pray for the team heading this up, that God would guide their steps and direct their mission.

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We're opening a third location of the **Community Clothing** store, this time in Sheffield. Pray for the team running this, that they'd have boldness to grab every opportunity to share about Jesus.





A Day In The Life

Every week, our teams head into schools up and down the country with power-packed lessons sharing the hope of Jesus. We caught up with Lydia and Naomi, to hear what a day in school usually looks like for them.

7am – Everything we do is rooted in prayer so, as we drive to the school, we pray that God would impact the lives of the young people and teachers we're going to meet.

8am – Once we're at the school, we get set up and chat to the local church partner about the day, the end-of-tour outreach gig and how we can support them as they journey alongside the young people.

8:45am – The lessons begin! Whether we're in the class with Respect ME lessons, The Ultimate Influencer tour or a No More Knives tour, we're always looking to see if God is pointing us to specific young people to support.

11am – At break time, we connect with the students. It's amazing hearing how much they take away from the lessons. Just the other week after a lesson on mental health, one young person said, 'I now know how to find help for myself and my friend.'

11:30am – It's time for more lessons. We love seeing the moment where something clicks for the students and they understand more of who God has made them to be. After a recent boys' session on respect, the lads shared with us, 'We all have equal value and deserve respect' and 'We are priceless'. How amazing!

1pm – Lunch time is a great time to meet the students and connect them with our church partner so that they know how they can find out more about Jesus and get plugged into what's happening locally.

2pm – We're always amazed how quickly the last lesson comes around but we're just as expectant that God will move in the lives of the young people as we were first thing this morning!

3pm – Once lessons finish, we chat to the staff about any safeguarding concerns and how young people could be supported with any of the issues discussed in the classroom.

4pm – On the way home, we thank God for all he did during the day. Then we rest and get ready to go again tomorrow, full of gratitude and expectancy that God continues to move in the lives of each person we met.

What a privilege that we get to do this every day and see God changing lives as we head into schools.

Being a schools worker isn't just about delivering lessons – it's about loving a school community, building strong relationships with staff and students and creating spaces where young people feel safe and can discover more about Jesus and his plan for their lives.

Find out more about our work with young people and in schools at message.org.uk