



ARENACHURCH

Arena Church

**Prayer
Journal
2023**

*Prayer should be our first
response not our last resort*

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Hi everyone,

In the 1800's a church pastor called Charles Spurgeon built a significant church in London that then influenced many through bible colleges, church planting and teaching resources but it all started in a "boiler room".

In the basement of the church he founded were literally hundreds of people praying every day. The boiler room is never glamorous and is usually unseen. But without the boiler room a house is starved of heat and will ultimately grind to a halt. Spurgeon understood the need to fuel prayer in his church and ministry as this was the source of power.

Prayer is a "boiler room". This Prayer Journal is written to be a helpful guide, a sharp tool in the ministry of prayer! Use it as your personal guide, make notes, write in it. Let it be a living book/notes.

We desire to see people praying, calling out to God. Pursuing him, establishing a loving relationship with a loving Father. We also want to fuel "the many boiler rooms" of prayer within Arena through Upper Zoom, groups, prayer walking and more.

May this booklet guide you in what to pray for. May it stir faith for you to pray audacious, mountain moving prayers that will help us to see breakthroughs, miracles, interventions and victories. Whilst also bringing comfort, counsel and support to many too.

I love that Prayer is an increased priority and privilege within Arena Church. Let's keep doing what Jesus told us, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8).

You are forever in my prayers,

Kristian Thorpe
Lead Pastor of Arena Church

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The Lord's Prayer

Pray like this:

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Matthew 6:9-13

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Monday

Go

'Then He told them: "Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world."' - Mark 16:15

People matter to God and to us. We are called and compelled to go:-

- May we personally **go** with the good news of Jesus to whoever and wherever. To every language, background, colour and experience. To show God's love.
- Pray as a church family that we will effectively **go** to children, young people, students, singles, families and seniors.
- In our campus locations; For our neighbours, businesses, shops and homes to be influenced and reached.
- An aligned approach as we **go** as one church in six locations.
- For our 'online presence.'" To keep reaching. For us to **go** wider through events, social media and videos.
- For us all to be personal witnesses of Jesus. To **go** and carry the good news.

For walls of cynicism, hatred, scepticism, mistrust and accusation to come tumbling down.

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Tuesday

Grow

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. - John 15:5-7

Praying for growth in all areas of our lives:-

-For every follower to **grow** in love, faith, courage, wisdom and grace.

-For our lives to be changed (pruned) and produce lasting fruit.

-For God to establish His work in every location so every campus is strong, maturing, disciplined and financially strong, in Belper, Ilkeston, Ilkeston Hub, Mansfield, Nottingham and Toulouse, France. For **growth** in every campus without exception.

-For our ministry impact and influence to **grow** in every community.

-For a deepening of discipleship in all of our lives. For us to live with a continual knowledge of His presence in our lives.

-For God's word to be planted deeper in our hearts as we read, study and meditate on the word.

Pray that each campus would experience the life transforming power of His presence.

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Wednesday

Grow

In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. - Colossians 1:6

Praying that we would grow and be committed to growing:-

- Pray for **growth** in Arena vision. Multiplication, acceleration and exponential growth.
- **Growth** in our groups with new leaders and people being added.
- For new leaders to arise who are willing, called, capable and committed.
- **Grow** in number. We are believing for 200 first-time decisions, monthly baptisms, **growth** tracks and new people's events.
- For healthy **growth** in childrens, young peoples and seniors ministries.
- For our Arena Ministry School to **grow** in number and influence, for students, leaders and pastors to be trained.
- **Growth** in our serving teams, dream teams and ministries as we discover our purpose.
- **Growth** in our financial base. A 15% increase in our giving, both in tithes and Legacy Builders.

For prodigals to return, lives to be saved, addicts set free and for baptisms to become a monthly occurrence in every location.

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Thursday

Love

'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.' - John 13:35

May love be the hallmark of our lives:-

- May we 'Raise the Praise.' Worship is an expression of our **love** for God. May our worship and services be marked with **love** for God. May this be seen, felt and heard.
- For us to **love** one another more deeply, expressed in sharing, serving, encouraging, caring and generously giving.
- For **love** and prayers for Arena pastors, staff, ministry leaders, the board and their families.
- For **love** and prayers for the A-Z of Arena
- For us to contend for unity, worship, God's word and the gatherings.
- For us to urgently share and give away God's **love** to everyone.

For our gatherings large or small to be filled with God's love. May we encounter Jesus more. Reach down to the broken, lonely and hurting and encourage one another in the Lord.

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Friday

Serve

'Now that I your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet you also should wash one another's feet.' - John 13:14

Serving is what we do. We are saved to serve. Flowing from a heart of gratitude we are so pleased that we 'get to' serve individually and in Arena Dream Teams.

Pray:-

- For our Community **servicing** teams. The staff and volunteers. For protection, strength and wisdom.
- For the most broken, disadvantaged, disillusioned and disenfranchised in our locations to be helped, loved and **served**.
- For generational walls and cycles in our locations to be broken, healed and made whole. Significant 'known' families to be loved, **served**, and saved. Whole family trees to be shaken by God's power.
- For everybody to know that they are somebody. For the community to feel like they've come home and they belong.
- For resources to be in abundance; Finance through individuals, businesses and grants. Thousands of pounds needed each year to do more. For windows of heaven to open. For donations of food, clothing and furniture; and for more volunteers.

For the different, lost, broken, addicted, poor, wealthy, angry, confused, hopeless and indifferent people to experience the love and grace of Jesus as we practically engage, serve and help all people.

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Saturday

Our World

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.' - Acts 1:8

We are committed to going with the good news locally and globally. Our world is our parish:-

- Pray for a spiritual atmosphere change across neighbourhoods, villages, towns and cities within the East Midlands and its 5.2 million population (as of 2020). Across the 1.2 million people living in Toulouse and the region.
- Pray for the Moving Forward Partnership that is led from Arena Church. This is a partnership with around a dozen leaders and churches from Scotland down to London across the Midlands and onto the East coast. Many of these leaders are pioneering or repurposing churches with small resources, budgets and teams. Pray that God would protect their families.
- For strong, uncompromising Christian voices to arise in politics, media, sports, government, business and the arts.
- For businesses, civic leaders, MP's, local councillors, schools, police, emergency services, healthcare providers, courts, doctors' surgeries and hospitals to have wisdom, integrity and righteousness.
- We pray for the King and his family. The Government, all the armed forces and Civil Servants to have wisdom, blessing and protection across the British Isles.
- For business owners. Influential and wealthy people. The rich and famous to have an encounter with Jesus.

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Sunday

Our World

We are pleased to partner with the below ministries across the nations. We partner in prayer, significant financial support and communication with:-

- Mission India: supporting 5 church planters and their families in Assam, North East India.
- Compassion International particularly in the Mugumo Village, Kenya: Many people support over 80 children with education, schooling, clothing, medicine and food for them and their families.
- Rachel Wilson in Albania: Reaching children as well as teaching and training.
- Ghita Ritisan in Romania: APME, a missions sending ministry.
- Sandu and Marinela Maghiar in Namibia: Church planting and children's ministry.
- Stefan and Jamilla Pap in Slovakia: Church planting and Bible training amongst the Roma community.
- Patrick and Lucile in France: Their small team in Toulouse. Church planting in one of France's largest cities.
- The Shafati family in Greece: Serving and church planting in Thessaloniki amongst Persians.
- Open Doors (opendoorsuk.org, a charity doing tremendous work supporting the persecuted church worldwide). 340 million Christians are in a persecuted context. We pray for those people who love God yet are persecuted or are in prison for their faith.

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Sunday

Our World

- For terror groups to be caught and thwarted in their plans.
- For people affected by war who have been displaced.
- For those who are trafficked, abused and in slavery.
- For refugees. Those who are starving due to famine, those in prison and subject to violence and wickedness.
- For those in the world in great need without food, clean water and medicines.

'Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.' - Psalm 2:8

**3 People
I am
praying for
to find
Jesus:**

1

2

3

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Pray as
though
everything
depends
on God
and work
as though
everything
depends
on you


St Augustine

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Draw the Circle

STOP. DROP. PRAY.
Draw some circles...

Around the promises that sit over my life

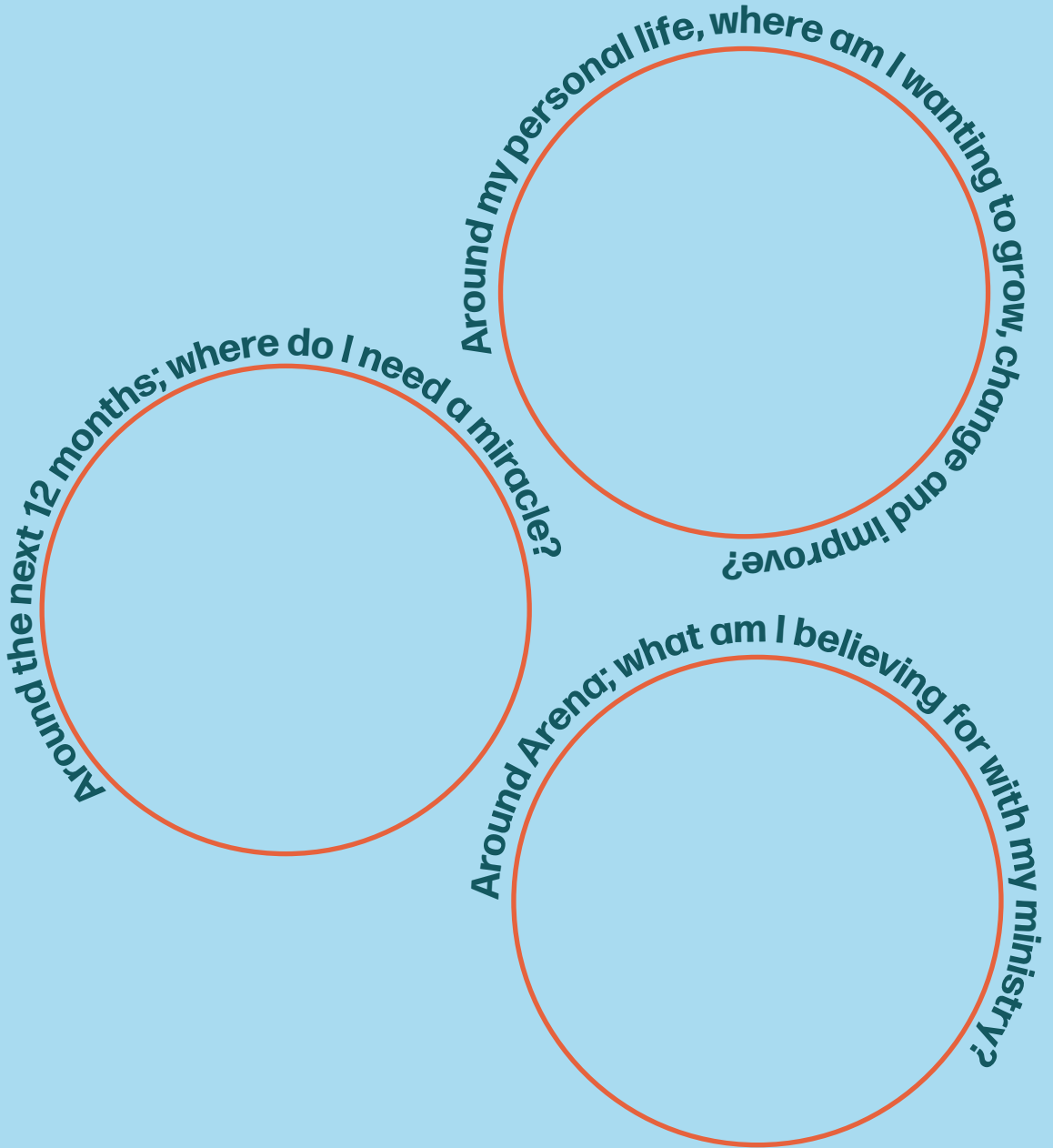


Around my family



Dream big, pray hard, think long.

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Recommended reading:

The Circle Maker - Mark Batterson
Fasting - Jentezen Franklin



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"NEVER STOP PRAYING."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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