



Scripture Union

# Scripture Union Day of Prayer

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Monday 30 September 2019



## BIBLE

Jesus said to the crowd who'd been hungry and were then miraculously fed by him:

<sup>37</sup>All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

<sup>40</sup> For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

### John 6:37-40

## Reflect and pray

- Read verses 1 to 36 as the context for this short passage. Jesus feeds five thousand, walks on water and describes himself as the bread of life – the only One who can permanently satisfy spiritual hunger.
- Now read verses 37 to 40 again, and let them fill you with thankfulness for what they say about the good news of Jesus.
- 95% of children and young people in England and Wales (The 95) aren't in church. That's around 12 million of them. Picture those you yourself know being welcomed into Jesus' loving embrace (v 37). He won't turn away anyone who comes to him in need. Tell God just how much that's what you want to see happen, for those you know.
- Thank God for his plan for those who come to Jesus to be saved (vs 39,40).

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# PRAYER

## Prayer for The 95

Lord God, our Father in heaven, we delight to be called your children, because that's exactly what we are – known, loved and kept by you for eternity. But today, Lord, our hearts are heavy for the 12 million children and young people in England and Wales who aren't in church to hear how much you love them. We long for them to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Please inspire, guide and equip the whole Scripture Union movement as we work on new ways of connecting with them, sharing your love with them, introducing them to Jesus, and helping them to grow into lifelong disciples.

## Prayer for the future

- Join with us in praying for SU as we discern the next steps in reaching the 95% and helping them become lifelong disciples.

- Pray that churches all over England and Wales will continue to see the 95% as a priority as they reach out to their communities.
- Pray for those who work with the 95% – in schools, from churches, out in the community – that they'll develop good, lasting relationships with children and young people.
- Pray for The 95, that they'll be open to exploring the difference Jesus can make to the adventures and challenges of their lives.
- Pray for SU staff, volunteers, local mission partners, trustees and Council members as they continue to help shape the way forward. Pray for wisdom and boldness as they plan, and that God will provide the funding and resource needed to reach this new generation.

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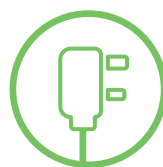
## Praying throughout the day

Here are some ideas for how the things you see in everyday life could remind you to pray:



### STAIRS

Every time you go up or down stairs, pray for the SU teams as they discern the next steps.



### PLUGS

When you plug something in, pray for good connections between churches and The 95 in their community, and that those relationships will be life-giving.



### CURTAINS

As you open the curtains and let light into a room, pray for those working with The 95 as they share the good news of Jesus; pray that as the children and young people hear about Jesus, it will be like light flooding in.



### SPICES

If you're cooking, use the spices as a reminder to pray that The 95 will be open to exploring the difference Jesus can make, just as herbs and spices make a difference to the flavour of a meal.