

DAY OF PRAYER WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:16-20

Thank you for joining us in prayer!

Today is the annual Scripture Union England and Wales Day of Prayer and we're so glad you've chosen to be part of it. Scripture Union staff are setting aside the whole day to pray for the work of Scripture Union in England and Wales – for the many children and young people who are yet to know Jesus and for all those seeking to reveal Jesus to them – and we invite you to pray with us for as much or as little time as you have.

To aid your prayers, we've asked each of our staff teams to submit thanksgiving and prayer requests which are included over the next few pages. We hope this will provide you with information and inspiration to help you thank God for everything he has done over the past year and to enable you to pray effectively for SU's mission over the days to come.

So, whether you have a few minutes or a couple of hours to spare, we'd love you to commit to choosing some staff teams to pray for today. We've included some visual reminders to help. Together we can reach the 95!



YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW US ON OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS TO SEE HOW WE'RE PRAYING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



Scripture Union PRAY FOR SU TEAMS

As you put on your socks, shoes or slippers, pray for the 'boots on the ground' - those who directly work with children and young people, both in your community and across England and Wales.



NORTH TEAM

Thank God for the opportunities we have had to work alongside and to help Faith Guides as they journey with the 95. We're thankful that we have been able to help run holiday clubs and residentials across the year. Thank God that we have had opportunities to meet as a team, with Local Mission Partners and Faith Guides, to share, pray and learn together.

Pray for our team as we follow up on the conversations and connections we've made throughout the year, and as we communicate and implement support to churches through our Mission Support offering.

SOUTH EAST TEAM

Thank God for the many young people we're seeing take steps of faith. We're thankful for the Faith Guides in the region, the many new projects they have started in communities around London and their passion for sharing Jesus with Children and Young People.

Pray for our team as we creatively think of new ways to connect with children and young people and as we continue to support those working alongside them.

SOUTH WEST TEAM

Thank God for all the staff and volunteers who made our summer holidays and missions possible this year! Thank him for the connections that have been made and the seeds that were planted in hearts of the children and young people who attended.

Pray for us as we continue to work with our Local Mission Partners, Churches, Faith Guides and Volunteers. Pray for creativity as we continue to develop new holiday and resource ideas.

Scripture Union PRAY FOR SU TEAMS

As you put the kettle on or reach for a drink, pray that conversations that start over coffee and a catchup would blossom into opportunities to reach out to more children and young people



CENTRAL TEAM

Thank God for the growth we are seeing in our Faith Guide Communities, for new partnerships that have been made and for Dave, our new Volunteer Mission Pioneer based in Birmingham.

Pray for our team as we continue to support those with a passion to reach the 95. Please pray too for our Local Mission Partners and Faith Guides, that God would encourage them and inspire them as they follow his call on their lives.

WALES TEAM

Thank God for our recent residential SLAM, a fantastic learning experience where young people could explore who God is through sport, craft and outdoor activities. Thank God for the opportunities we have to share the gospel, and for our Faith Guides and volunteers who have led and supported holiday clubs, camps and beach missions over the summer.

Pray for our Faith Guides, that they will continue to be equipped to do all that God has laid on their hearts to reach the 95.

SPORTS TEAM

Thank God for the many weekly conversations we have about sport and faith with young people as we play sports together. Thank God that we could be involved with creating some brilliant new resources and be part of exciting training sessions.

Pray for the Local Mission Partners that we collaborate with and for our brilliant Faith Guides as they continue to work alongside children and young people in their communities.



As you use your hands to lift items throughout your day, pray for those children and young people who are struggling with mental health and ask God to sustain them.



MISSION EVENTS TEAM

Thank God for the holidays we've been able to run in the spring and summer. Praise him that they all ran well and safely and that we saw an increase in children and young people attending this year. We're thankful for our wonderful volunteers who made all of the holidays happen and for the stories of lives being changed and impacted by our loving God.

Please pray as we recruit a new member of our team, that God would bring the right candidate to the role and they would settle quickly. Pray also for Rachel, our newest team member, as she shapes our young leaders programme.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING TEAM

Thank God for our newest team member, Nozi, and pray for her as she develops innovative new ways to engage with a younger generation of supporters. Thank God for the opportunity we had to be at the Christian Resources Exhibition this year and for all the amazing people we encountered there. Thank God too for the opportunity we had to launch FREE Mission Support nationally and to see so many churches take up the opportunity.

Please pray for the team as we continue to promote SU's resources and activities, and as we look to improve communications processes to serve our supporters better. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we learn to use new programmes to achieve this.

SUPPORTER CARE TEAM

Thank God for the continued blessing of our Supporters who give and pray for the work that we do across the work of Scripture Union. Pray for our team as we continue to interact with supporters, especially as they process orders during busy periods of the year.



As you pay for items across your day, pray for our supporters who so generously gift into the work that we are privileged to a be a part of.



FUNDRAISING TEAM

Thank God for our new team member, Aaron, who will be serving with us to support those who donate to the work of Scripture Union. Thank God for his blessings as he provides funding at just the right moment for the needs that arise.

Please pray for continued blessings, for wisdom as we produce campaigns, for guidance in the way we ask for donations and the specific needs across the movement we fundraise for.

FINANCE AND SERVICES TEAM

Thank God for David Parsons who served on our team for 25 years. Pray that he will settle well and be blessed as he enters his season of retirement. Thank God for our new Financial controller, Craig, as he steps into David's role. Pray that he will find peace in learning new processes quickly and enjoy bringing his gifts to the team.

Pray for those we work alongside, for the Fundraising team as they engage with our supporters and for our distribution centre as they fulfil orders and send out resources.

DIGITAL SOLUTIONS TEAM

Thank God for the big projects that we have completed across the year to make sure all our IT services are secure.

Pray for us as a team as we balance the many day-to-day demands on our resources, that God would go before us in everything we do. Pray also for the brilliant Development Hub as they work on our website and create new resources.



FACILITIES TEAM

Thank God for his goodness in the day-to-day running of the office and for his provision and his blessing.

Pray for the team as we do the 'behind the scenes' work that keeps the office running safely and smoothly.

HR TEAM

Thank God for the many amazing staff we have within Scripture Union and the way we get to serve them.

Pray for this team in their day-to-day, as they support staff across the movement, and for the many tasks they perform that sometimes go unseen but are vital to the smooth running of the staff teams.

DEVELOPMENT HUB

Thank God for the content that we've been able to produce for our new Mission Support offering, including Mission Sparks and the Revealing Jesus first steps guide. Thank God for the release of our new Christmas book The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas and our new holiday club Deep Sea Divers that was launched in October.

Pray for us as we continue to create resources that are inspirational, engaging and useful for those working alongside the 95. Pray that God would continue to give us creative ideas.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7