

Day 27

Please pray for:

Churches Together in Lancashire and their staff: Debbie Peatman, Steven Hughes, Poly Mason.

TLC— a willingness to take risks in our evangelism. Pray that some pioneering projects will begin and bear fruit.



Day 28

Please pray for:

Our partners in Papua New Guinea and for their work in developing their ministerial training college.

TLC—New and imaginative ways in which the oversight of our buildings can be managed.



Day 29

Please pray for:

District Synod, Policy Committee, Leadership Team and all other task groups who give us direction and guidance.

TLC— our technology—that it will help and enhance our work and not control it.



Day 30

Please pray for:

The Rural churches in our District who face particular tensions at this time.

TLC— those churches wishing to take up the 'Environmental Church Challenge' next year. Ask God to help you discern if He is asking your church to do this.



Day 31

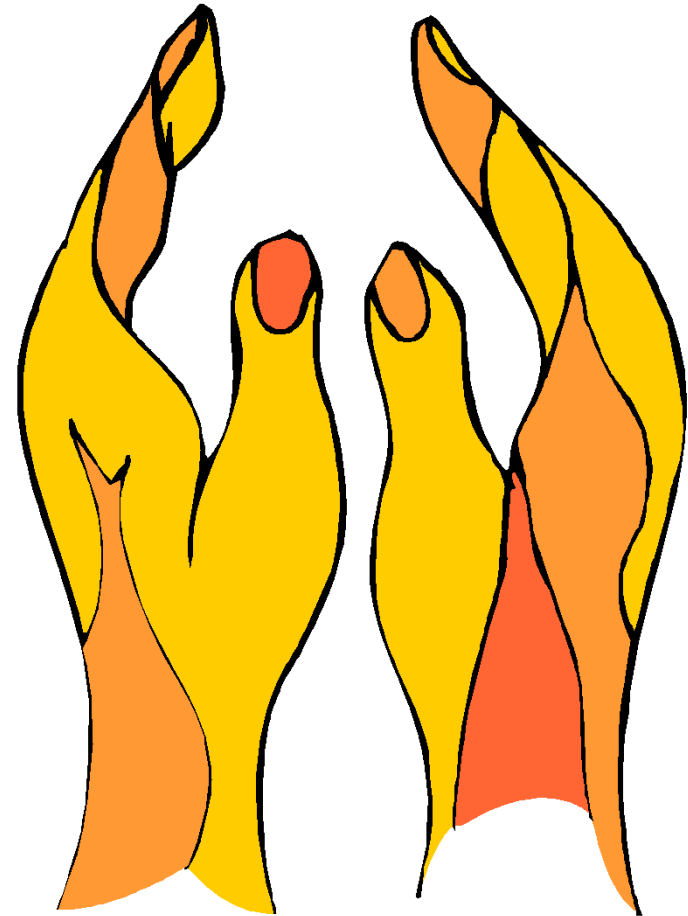
Please pray for:

Our learning & development as disciples in the world today.

TLC— a developing determination for the Methodist Church to stand up against injustice and inequality.

"I loved Soul Survivor this year... I have made lots of new friends from the district and I really felt God. I want to encourage and support a charity called 'Open Doors' to help all the persecuted Christians... After this year's Soul Survivor I feel I understand God a lot more."

Lancashire Methodist District Prayer Diary 2010-11



Welcome to our District prayer diary! As you can see we are doing things a little differently this year. Each day we will be praying for a circuit or an area of the District's life and ministry as well as an element of our new District policy 'Transforming Lives & Communities' (TLC).

Interspersed are some thoughts and prayers that were written by some of our young people after their experience at Soul Survivor.

Also please use the prayer below which is being prayed throughout the District:

Loving God,

You have called us by name and we have chosen to follow you. We rejoice that you have chosen us, to be your disciples, to live and share your love day by day. So we commit ourselves to this way of living, seeking to transform lives and communities for you.

We make these promises as a sign of our covenant with our God; father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

"This week has opened my eyes and made me think about how I can include God in my life more. It has also encouraged me to spread the word of God and bring more of my friends to Jesus. I have also learned more about my faith and it is now much stronger."

"God, thank you for making Soul Survivor amazing, from meeting new friends and coming to know you more. My friend started the week not knowing you and now does, just from me bringing him to my youth group. Thank you once again. Amen."



Day 22

Please pray for:

The 11 church schools across the District. For the headteachers and all staff who work tirelessly for those under their care.

TLC— those churches undertaking a community audit during this year that they will be able to discern where God is leading them.



Day 23

Please pray for:

Inter Faith relations throughout the District.

TLC— those who find it difficult to have their voices heard. May we be people they can turn to for help and encouragement.



Day 24

Please pray for:

The District staff team: Stephen Poxon, Wendy Beard, Alison Parker, Nick Moxon, Matt Lawley-Brown, Rachel Coates, Richard Hoyle, Ruth East.

TLC—for the Bible fresh initiative. That we will support those who work on Bible translations.



Day 25

Please pray for:

Our partners in Uruguay and our continuing relationships with them.

TLC—for a growth in social holiness that will impact our society.



Day 26

Please pray for:

Mapping the Way and the re-structuring circuits for mission.

TLC—God to reveal ways in which you can best use the gifts He has given you.

Day 16

Please pray for:

The Garstang circuit and their staff: Stephen Poxon, Paul Critchley, Roger Bradley, Derek North, Rachel Coates.

TLC—for the Bible fresh initiative. That we will all deepen our knowledge of God’s word.



Day 17

Please pray for:

The Lancaster circuit and their staff: David Tidswell, Peter Brown, Juliet Wriglesworth, Elwyn Arnold, Annette Arnold.

TLC—God to energise our prayer life as individuals and as a Church.



Day 18

Please pray for:

The Morecambe & Heysham circuit and their staff: Stephen Poxon, Paul Beard, Mary Neal.

TLC— a growth in young leaders and people to mentor them.



Day 19

Please pray for:

The Connexional team led by Martyn Atkins

TLC— a willingness to take risks in the way we serve our Church and community.



Day 20

Please pray for:

Our partners in Sierra Leone helping with education, training and health care.

TLC—God to give us an openness and willingness to work with and share resources with our ecumenical neighbours.



Day 21

Please pray for:

The District Policy ‘Transforming Lives and Communities’

TLC— God’s strength to stand up against those who abuse modern technology.

Day 1

Please pray for:

The Burnley circuit and their staff: Philip Clarke, Denise Free, Gareth Higgs, Garo Kilagi, Richard Hoyle.

TLC— growth in discipleship throughout the District that we will all take seriously our own personal holiness.



Day 2

Please pray for:

The Blackburn circuit and their staff: Yvonne Pearson, William Grady, Christine Jones, Jim Jones, Gail Pegg.

TLC— all those who hold leadership roles in the Church. Ask for God’s strength and guidance as they serve Him.



Day 3

Please pray for:

The Great Harwood circuit and their staff: Pat Brown, Wilfred Robinson.

TLC—a willingness to take risks in our worship through our preaching, prayers and songs.



Day 4

Please pray for:

The Darwen circuit and their staff: Yvonne Pearson, Keith Richardson.

TLC—Thank God for the buildings we have that can help us serve the community.



Day 5

Please pray for:

The Accrington & Haslingden circuit and their staff: Roger Brown, Christine Leach.

TLC— Give thanks that we can use many different types of media to communicate the Good News of Jesus with each other and the world.

Day 6

Please pray for:

The Pendle circuit and their staff: Andrew Turner, Chris Free, Derek Oldham, Elizabeth Timmins, Christine Beggs, Alison Adlum, Mark Clegg.

TLC— Pray that your Church may be salt and light in your community.



Day 7

Please pray for:

Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and all who contribute to worship in our churches week by week. Pray for those who will be leading worship in your church this coming Sunday.

TLC— A strengthening in our ability and confidence to engage in conversation and activities with local people of other faiths, agnostics and people of no faith.

“Dear God, I thank you Lord that I have met you in person and that you have brought so many people together in amazing worship.”



Day 8

Please pray for:

Fellowship groups within our churches.

TLC—for the Bible fresh initiative—that we will all deepen our engagement with God’s word.



Day 9

Please pray for:

The Clitheroe circuit and their staff: Tim Thorpe, Katy Thomas, Geoffrey Nadin.

TLC— Pray for the challenge for each circuit to release 15% of their resources to work with children, young people and families over the next 3 years.



Day 10

Please pray for:

The Chorley & Leyland circuit and their staff: Andrew Mashiter, Janet Clasper, Graham Cutler, Phil Gough, Sylvie Philips Janet Pybon, Ellen Monk-Winstanley, Matt Lawley-Brown

TLC— a growth of people offering their time and gifts to leadership in the Church.

Day 11

Please pray for:

The Preston Ribble circuit and their staff: Paul Davis, Katharine Bland, Susan Griffiths, Myrtle Poxon, Peter Sheasby, Mark Slaney, Paul Spencer, Sylvia Lee, Helen Higgin-Botham, Chris Cheeseman, Malcolm Maymand

TLC— a willingness to take risks in our caring for those around us.



Day 12

Please pray for:

The Blackpool circuit and their staff: Daniel Taylor, Beverley Ramsden, Judith Wray, Alan Clarke, Stuart Furnival, Janet Smith.

TLC—God to reveal to your Church how you can use your building to bless the community.



Day 13

Please pray for:

Those involved in chaplaincy work in schools, colleges, universities, prisons and hospitals.

TLC— for younger people who use social media sites to encourage and challenge us in using this technology within our churches.

“Lord, thanks you so much for really touching me with the Holy Spirit this week and healing my pain that has been bottled up. Also for showing me I am accepted and loved and I’m not alone because you’re always with me. Amen.”



Day 14

Please pray for:

The South Fylde circuit and their staff: Michael Hughes, Lynda Hughes, Paul Ruddick, Anita Shaw, Clare Harris.

TLC— God to direct you and your Church into areas of local community involvement such as politics, schools, charities and other voluntary groups.



Day 15

Please pray for:

The North Fylde circuit and their staff: Barrie Lees, Mark Hammond, Anne Jeffrey, Michael Payne, Lindsay Pettigrew, Ruth East, Jo Critchley, Sheila Dawson.

TLC— God’s grace to get alongside those who are vulnerable in your community.