

Date	Theme	Prayer Prompts
Monday 22nd	<p>“Before Abraham was, I am” – John 8:58</p> <p>‘I AM’ was the term God used to describe himself when he talked to Moses (Exodus 3:4). I AM is an equivalent to Yahweh, the Hebrew name for God, which in the Old Testament we translate as LORD. Jews considered Yahweh a name too sacred to pronounce. God also described himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Exodus 3:15). Note too that I AM is present tense, not past or future. To each successive generation, God, the I AM, is in the present.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for who He is and worship Him for all He has done. • Reflect on God’s character, His love, mercy and goodness and thank Him. Spend time looking at the world around you (trees, flowers, animals, sea, sky, stars and moon etc.) Praise Him for His creation. • Find time to be quiet and reflect on the holiness of God. • Personal challenge – Do you desire to stand on God’s holy ground? Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that stops you coming into His presence.
Organised event	<p>12:00 – 12:30 Soup and roll – CBC</p> <p>12:30 – 13:15 Prayer meeting – CBC</p> <p>19:00 – 20:00 Prayer meeting – Iford Baptist Church</p>	
Tuesday 23rd	<p>“I am the Bread of life” – John 6:35</p> <p>Like in many cultures, bread was a staple in the diet of the Jewish people. When Jesus said He was the ‘bread of life’, He was saying that as bread sustains them physically, He would sustain them spiritually. They didn’t need to look elsewhere for spiritual food, for nourishment, for sustenance – HE was their life! All they needed to do was believe in Him.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for all those who regularly open up the word of God to us each week. • Pray for the leaders of our children’s and young people’s work who faithfully speak in to the lives of those they serve. • Personal challenge – Do you allow the Word of God to impact your daily life or are you guilty of being a hearer only? Reflect on Sunday’s message
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Wednesday 24th	<p>“I am the light of the world” – John 8:12</p> <p>The word light is used in connection with joy, blessing and life in contrast to sorrow, adversity and death (Genesis 1:3f; Job 10:22, 18:5f).</p> <p>At an early time it came to signify God’s presence and favour (Psalm 27:1; Isaiah 9:2; 2 Corinthians 4:6) in contrast to God’s judgement (Amos 5:18).</p> <p>From this and other sources arise the contrast between light and darkness as metaphors for the contrast between good and evil.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those who work in education, especially for Christian teachers and school governors, who are fighting against a tide of secularism. • Pray for all the Rescue services and the work they do. Pray for their families and the stress they’re under. • Pray for parents and children and their interaction with social media and the internet. • Personal challenge – Consider having a day off from using social medial, emails, internet, text, TV etc. and pray instead. Was it easy? Reflect on its power of control over your life.
Organised event	<p>12:00 – 12:30 Soup and roll – Iford Baptist Church</p> <p>12:30 – 13:15 Prayer meeting – Iford Baptist Church</p>	
Thursday 25th	<p>“I am the gate” and the “Good Shepherd” – John 10:9 & 11- 15</p> <p>After claiming to be the door for the people of God, Jesus claims also to be their shepherd – who willingly lays down His life for the sake of His own. He leads and protects those who trust in Him, and does so by giving up His very life on the cross.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those with pastoral responsibility. • Pray for all those working within the NHS. The doctors, nurses, midwives and support staff. Pray for GPs, practice nurses and care workers who cope with increased demand. Thank God for the privilege of having an NHS.
Organised event	<p>9:30 – 12:00 Come and go prayer – CBC -Prayer Room</p> <p>12:00 – 12:30 Soup and roll – CBC- Christian Centre</p> <p>12:30 – 13:15 Prayer meeting – CBC – Christian Centre</p> <p>18:45 – 19:15 Prayer meeting – CBC- Prayer Room</p>	

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Friday 26th	<p>"I am the true vine" – John 15:5</p> <p>Jesus describes Himself as a vine and His followers as branches. In order for us to bear fruit, we must be rooted and connected to Jesus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer for those who lead the home groups or mentors. Pray for those in your home group / fellowship. Personal challenge – How rooted are you in Jesus? What fruit are you producing?
Organised event	<p>12:00 – 12:30 Soup and roll – Iford Baptist Church</p> <p>12:30 – 13:15 Prayer meeting – Iford Baptist Church</p>	
Saturday 27th	<p>"I am the way and the truth" – John 14:6</p> <p>We must remain dependent on Him and resist doing things in our own strength. Why? Because without Him, we can do nothing – nothing of eternal value, anyway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for our multi-faith society which is confused about what is truth. Pray for those caught up in the effects of consumerism debt and family breakdown. Personal challenge – Review your last week's spending. Have you been seduced by consumerism?
Organised event	<p>9:30 – 10:30 Prayer walk (meet at CBC), followed by Pancakes</p> <p>9:30 – 10:30 CBC Christian Centre open for prayer</p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 Prayer walk (meet at Iford BC), followed by Tea/ Coffee</p>	
Sunday 28th	<p>"I am the resurrection and the life" – John 11:25</p> <p>Read John 11:25-26. These are undoubtedly the most powerful words ever spoken. Jesus was claiming to have power over death. He was claiming that He was the source of eternal life. He was claiming that even if a person dies physically and they believe in Him, they will never die spiritually. "Do YOU believe this?"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praise God for the certain hope we have. Pray for your friends and families who do not have the same hope we have in Christ. Pray for those abroad sharing the gospel who the church or you support Pray for those who struggle with loneliness, worry and anxiety, mental illness, poverty or homelessness.
Organised event	8:30 – 9:00 Prayer meeting – 51 Bargates	



PRAYER WEEK 22nd – 28th January 2018

Central theme for the week:

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