

# Prayers from the District

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Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of Christ,  
the wind of your love  
has swirled through creation  
throughout all ages,  
breathing life upon the earth,  
and animating the souls of your servants;  
from the apostles of the early Church,  
through to John and Charles Wesley,  
to those of your Church today,  
and those of tomorrow.  
Rekindle in us your fire,  
that we may bear bold and powerful witness  
to your lavish love,  
your transforming holiness,  
and your promise of life in all its fullness.  
This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

For all the people of Israel and Palestine; for reconciliation, and an end to conflict; for peace and lasting security for all; and for all who devote their lives to these ends.

For all who have recently joined, or are preparing to enter into, Membership of the Church; here at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, and throughout the district.

For our district ordinands: Esther Akam, Matt Lunn, Ken Kingston and Kathy Johnson, as they prepare for ordination next month, and a life of dedication and service.

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What occur'd on Wedn. 24. I think best to relate at large, after premising what may make it the better understood. Let him that cannot receive it, ask of the Father of Lights, that he would give more Light both to him and me.

I think it was about five this Morning, that I opened my Testament on those Words. *Ta pnyisa halya & uana emasyeula diedowlan, wa yemds being nownow of plosas. There are given unto us exceeding great and precious Promises, even that ye should be Partakers of the divine Nature. 2 Pet. i. 4.* Just as I went out, I open'd it again on those Words, *Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God.* In the Afternoon I was ask'd to go to St. Paul's. The Anthem was, *Out of the Deep have I call'd unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my Voice. O let thine Ears consider well the Voice of my Complaints. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who shall abide it? But there is Mercy with thee; therefore thou shalt be feared. O Israel, trust in the Lord: For with the Lord there is Mercy, and with him is plenteous Redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his Sins.*

14. In the Evening I went very unwillingly to a Society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a Quarter before nine, while he was describing the Change which God works in the Heart thro' Faith in Christ, I felt my Heart strangely warm'd. I felt I did trust in Christ. Christ alone for Salvation: And an Assurance was given me, That He had taken away my Sins, even mine, and saved me from the Law of Sin and Death.

JOHN WESLEY.