

**Worcester Park Baptist Church**

**Seeking God  
for a  
New Minister**

**Week of Prayer**

**13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

## Introduction

“What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer” – lyrics from “What a friend we have in Jesus” remind us of the benefits of a loving Heavenly Father who longs for a relationship with us.

As we journey throughout this week of prayer spending time with God, it’s not just about the end result of hearing from God and what He is saying to us about the Church and a new minister. It’s all about spending time with our Creator – giving praise and thanks, acknowledging our reliance on Him for rescue from our sins and only as we spend more time with Him do we learn more of His heart of love.

We’re using the Lord’s Prayer throughout the work as the focus for our prayers.

## Guidelines for praying

Allow about ten minutes a day for this prayer activity.

If you can, try and find somewhere quiet and at a regular time for the week.

Let God speak to you – it might be through your thoughts, the Bible, or a friend.

Expect to hear from God and if you do, write it down and share what He says with a friend.

If you feel God is saying something to you about the Church, please let a deacon know or write it down and email it to [hello@wpbc.org.uk](mailto:hello@wpbc.org.uk).

Don’t feel that you are a failure if you miss a day or don’t spend ten minutes per day.

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Our Father In Heaven

Abba Father – Daddy

Jesus knew God was His Father and prayed to His Father.

Read Genesis 1

Prayer Activity

This evening spend a few moments looking at the night sky. Try to see the moon and stars. Thank God that even though he is the creator of the entire universe He cares for you like a Father.

Prayer Pointers

1. Acknowledge that in everything, God is in control
2. Pray for our Baptist Union Regional Minister, Phil Barnard, who is responsible for introducing us to potential new ministers.

Pray the Lord's Prayer (See back page)

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Hallowed be Your name

Jehovah Mekoddishkem – God who makes us holy

Jesus was without sin – because of this He can save us from death.

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16

Prayer Activity

Today see if you can count the times that someone says your name. Thank God that He knows your name and He wants you to know him too.

Prayer Pointers

1. "Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit until the work on earth is done."
2. Thank God that He already knows who the next minister is going to be! Pray that whoever the minister is, their relationship God would strengthen, and they would hear and respond to God's call.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven

Jehovah Hamelech – God is King

God reigns in our lives, our community, our country and the world.

Read

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Prayer Activity

Today when you are walking somewhere or travelling by car or bus ask God to go with you. Ask God to be with someone that you see today.

Prayer Pointers

1. Ask God to help you be a good witness to His love on your frontline.
2. Ask God to bless our Church ministries reaching out to the community.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Give us today our daily bread

Jehovah Jireh – God who provides

Even before we ask, God knows what we need!

Read

Philippians 4:19-20

Prayer Activity

While you are eating a meal today stop and look at all the lovely food you have to eat. Thank God for everything he provides for you every day.

Prayer Pointers

1. "All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love."
2. Ask God to strengthen your relationship with Him – by His Spirit.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Forgive us our sins

Jehovah Rophe – God who heals

God's grace is freely given – we just need to come repentant.

Read

Ephesians 4:25-32

Prayer Activity

Every time you throw something in the bin today stop and think of something you would like to say sorry to God for. Thank God that he forgives us when we are sorry for what we have done wrong.

Prayer Pointers

1. We can boldly approach God's throne because of Jesus. Thank God!
2. Ask God to show you His plans for Worcester Park Baptist Church.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – As we forgive those who sin against us

Jehovah Rophe – God who heals

We are to be peace bringers. We forgive because we have been forgiven.

Read

Luke 17:1-4

Prayer Activity

Every time you wash your hands today stop and think of someone who has upset you or made you feel angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person.

Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for unity at Worcester Park Baptist Church that as one people we will come together to share God's love with each other.
2. Ask God to show you how you can be involved in sharing His love.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Jehovah Magen – God who protects

God is our strength and our refuge.

Read James 4:7-10

### Prayer Activity

While you are cleaning your teeth today stop and ask God to help you to follow him. Thank God that he protects us and looks after us every day.

### Prayer Pointers

1. "Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all."
2. God, help us not get too busy that we lose sight of serving the King of kings rather than going through the motions.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – For yours in the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.

Jehovah Uzi – God who comforts

God never leaves nor forsakes us. He is always with us.

Read Isaiah 43:1-3a

### Prayer Activity

This evening take another moment to look at the night sky. Thank God that He is always there, and He will always be there for us - forever.

### Prayer Pointers

1. Pray that we would have more opportunities to share God's love with our family, neighbours, friends, colleagues and community.
2. Pray for the Deacons and Charis that as they lead the Church and the search for a new minister, they will clearly know God's comfort, presence and will

Pray the Lord's Prayer

# What Next?

What is God saying to me?

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What is God saying about my circumstances?

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What is God saying to Worcester Park Baptist Church?

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# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and for ever.  
Amen.