

UNLOCK PRAYER GUIDE.

This guide is arranged to use daily, or in any way you choose.

.“Remember what you were when God chose you. People...didn’t think that many of you were wise. Only a few of you were in places of power, and not many...from important families. But God chose the foolish things of this world to put the wise to shame....the weak things... to put the powerful to shame.” (1 Corinthians 1, vv 26-27)

<u>Thanksgiving for:</u>	<u>Pray for:</u>
<u>Sunday:</u> -an exciting year of new openings, and new possibilities, confirming the policy of passing on resources to local projects as being faithful to God’s calling and blessed by Him.	the National Council, and Andy Dorton in the chair, as they seek God’s guidance in the face of ever wider expansion of new work, and the urgent need to find funding both to survive and grow.
<u>Monday:</u> - the hard work of our part-time staff, with Dawn bearing a heavy burden of expanding work, with Lois and Trish in the office; and many local voluntary workers and fund raisers.	the local area workers and their support groups, Steve in Sheffield, Debbie in Birmingham, and Andy in Bristol, together with the Hull and Liverpool groups, all volunteers; also Glasgow.
<u>Tuesday:</u> - the 2010 Walk’s increase in walkers, and money raised, in hard times; those groups from churches who come together, have a fun day, learn a lot, and encourage sponsors to give.	the 2011 London Walk, in old central London, on the theme of Bible martyrs in the 400 th year of the Authorised Version, as well as our usual concerns; for many walkers, and many sponsors.
<u>Wednesday:</u> - the matching funding locally for work in Sheffield, Birmingham, and Bristol; the growth and independence now of Glasgow; the impact of resourced work done in Liverpool, and good progress now by the volunteer groups.	the targeting of new work in Manchester and Leicester; extreme money pressures, with all money we have already committed; we stand on the thin line between growing or having to close down, like many amongst whom we work.
<u>Thursday:</u> - the support of so many individuals, who are faithful in praying, walking, and giving, but find others do not share their vision for Unlock ; the sustaining promise of the Spirit.	those who use Unlock resources without contact with us, that they may understand our method well; more churches to see it as their way forward in hard places, with shared vision.
<u>Friday:</u> - the partnerships with agencies who share the same vision, especially those training people for ministry in urban areas; those grant-making trusts which do understand our purpose.	office staff, and Dawn as chief officer, as they carry forward the work, each on a part -time basis; for good communications and efficient reliable I.T.; coping with timetable deadlines.
<u>Saturday:</u> - the challenge to Christians in today’s climate to share in Christ’s compassion for the poor; His wisdom which can guide us to be faithful without being manipulated.	realism in the context of Unlock’s work, which is amongst people most liable to be damaged by the reduction in public welfare agencies; ways in which we can be channels of justice and mercy.

“Jesus felt the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit, and he said: My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that is what pleased you.” (Matthew 10, v.21)