

**Worrying does not change anything or achieve anything, but it is difficult not to worry!**

Often we go over our concerns in our minds again and again, exploring all the 'what ifs', getting tense and focusing inward. But Jesus said 'Do not worry' and Paul said 'Do not be anxious'. God knows our needs. It is hard to do, but we need to let go of our worries and learn to trust God. Worries are not easily solved, nor do all our problems disappear once they have been prayed for.

But what we can seek to do through prayer is bring our worries to a Father who loves us and hand them over to Him so we can take the focus off ourselves.

**The Lord is near.  
6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4**

## World Events

**Use the news as a source of prayer pointers. Pray for:**

- those in Mexico as they seek to recover from the recent earthquake.
- those in the Caribbean recovering from the recent destructive hurricanes.
- the tens of thousands left homeless after floods in Niger.
- Christian families returning to their bomb-damaged homes in the liberated towns of Iraq.
- the continuing tensions with North Korea and its neighbours.

## Personal Renewal

**Use Tim Hughes' song as your prayer and personal soundtrack for October?**

There must be more than this  
O breath of God, come breathe within

There must be more than this  
Spirit of God we wait for You  
Fill us anew we pray  
Fill us anew we pray

Consuming fire  
Fan into flame  
A passion for Your name  
Spirit of God  
Fall in this place  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way  
With us

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following the way of Jesus

loving God, one another  
and the world



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## Frontline Mission

As a church we recognise that God is interested in our whole lives. Each month we pray for our lives on our 'frontlines' - the places where we as TBC members spend our Monday to Saturday lives. This month we are praying for those who are involved in engineering.

I work for a large engineering consultancy, mostly doing structural analysis of power stations and aeroplanes. The people I work with are generally professional and friendly. However, like most organisations there is constant pressure to do more, better, faster and cheaper. My faith helps me to deal with the pressure by trying to see situations from God's perspective and praying about difficult situations.

Most of my work is on limited duration projects, so the clients and colleagues that I work with change frequently. This means that there are plenty of opportunities to meet new people, but it can be difficult to build deeper relationships.

**Pray for:**

- the ability to remain prayerful in all situations.
- opportunities to build deeper relationships.
- confidence to talk about my faith.



Robin Dickenson

## Community Mission

Open House - its name describes what this group is about. It meets in the upper Youth Block on Thursday at 13.00 – 15.00. It is an opportunity for folk to get together, to share, drink tea, eat biscuits, play pool, listen to music, karaoke (particularly if

Michael is there!), and much, much more.



The purpose of the group is friendship and support. So, if you would like to come you would be most welcome – it truly is a lovely group.

### Pray for:

- some new members to join the group.
- friendships to grow and flourish.
- opportunities to actively share Christ amongst us.

Use the weekly notice sheet and e-news to pray for **healing needs** in the church.

## Local/UK Mission Partners

StreetSpace is the initiative started by TBC and supported by the Churches Together working with young people in the town to 'make positive changes in their own lives and in the community'. Over the years the emphasis has fluxed and changed slightly, but we continue to particularly aim to build positive relationships with those who are struggling or on the margins.

### Pray for:

- those experiencing isolation and poor mental health, that they would find healing in connection and support.
- families struggling with things like parenting, broken relationships, or children with challenging needs / behaviours.
- Jason as he joins to support the street-based 'detached' team on a Friday night – that he connects well and is fulfilled.
- various young people beginning to step into volunteer support roles in various ways – that their character, gifts and skills would grow fruitfully.
- our work in developing the skate park area, REKRE8, alongside the young people, Town Council and Krunch.

## Mission Partners

Mark, Tammy, Bethany and David Baker were sent out from TBC to North Borneo in 1999 to

re-pioneer the work of YWAM, a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups and Christian traditions. With a team of Malaysians, they have trained more than a thousand young people and young adults to fulfil YWAM's vision "to know God and make him known"!



### Pray for:

- their team as they organise and host the Go Fest Missions Outreach Conference to be held 11-15 December 2017, that will train and release 500 youths and young adults.
- their Discipleship Training School that over 6 months( from January to June 2018) will lead students on a journey of growing deeper with God and impacting the world, all in a community environment.
- their family, as: Bethany works to complete her degree in Animation in December; David working to complete his GCSE equivalent exams in November; mark and Tammy as they lead their Family and Team to Finish Well in 2017.

## Children & Young People

### Pray for:

- one child,
- one children or youth worker and
- one child/youth group/activity connected with TBC.

All of our mission partners are listed under the 'mission' tab on our church website, so do search there for more information. Many also have their own websites, and you will find those links in their listing on the church website.

## Salvation

**We believe that Jesus is the Saviour of all people, and that all people need to be saved.**

### Pray for:

- **Empowering:** ask for the Holy Spirit to give you the boldness to speak to others about your faith.
- **Opportunity:** ask that God opens a door to share with one of your own friends, neighbours or colleagues on your frontline
- **Discernmmnent:** ask for the on-the-spot insight to know how to respond to the opportunity that God will send you.
- **Boldness:** ask for the courage to say the right thing at the right time.