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**Week of Prayer
22 – 28 March 2015**

Feedback

We asked for some feedback from those who prayed over the 168 hours of the Week of Prayer. As well as some thoughts and specifics about what people did, there were some “pictures” and “words” that God seemed to give. As with all such things, please weigh them carefully and ask God for further revelation where appropriate in the context of Scripture.

Here is a summary of what has been reported back. I have removed the names of those who wrote them for confidentiality:

- God said to take intercessors deeper and nudge them during the night.
- “While 3 of us were praying during our 7pm prayer slot yesterday a lady who couldn't join us till 7.30 came in and when she sat with us to pray she had this picture: she saw a huge cauldron over a fire and more and more logs were being added so that the cauldron was bubbling over and in it food was being cooked to provide for many”.
- Some ladies “prayer walked” the City Centre. Prayed for our Street Pastors and a decrease in alcohol related incidents of a night-time. Prayed for law and order by the Shire Hall; for the Cathedral - staff and those who worship there; the Cities parks – users and grounds staff; those who work in the lavatories; for some soldiers doing recruitment in High Chelmer; for those who had made a contribution to the life of Chelmsford; for the Market and traders. They also sat under an olive tree in High Chelmer and thought about olives being mentioned in the Bible.

Additionally the following “words” came out of this prayer time:

Excessive litter had been observed in the park and it was felt the Lord was saying the litter represents my word and it is treated like garbage, thrown on the floor and trampled under foot. Ezekiel 34 v 18,19 immediately came to mind (*Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?).*

They prayed by the river was that God would raise up people to pray in Chelmsford and across the UK. In the middle of that night, the question was asked of God, “How on earth do we get `women` to pray across the UK. God said `the land army girls, ` “. The next day, the person read up about the role of the land army in WWII and felt God giving spiritual parallels. They often worked, one in one field, two in another, maybe unable to see each other. At the time it was said, “The land army girls saved our nation from starvation` Gods people are called NOW to do the same spiritually”.

- I am really pleased to say our hour of prayer here last Wednesday felt really positive, truly anointed by the Spirit. The group that met was just three but the hour was filled with intercession.
- “At exactly 4pm to start and 5 pm to finish I had a very clear impression of picking up a baton and then laying it down again after the hour had passed. I looked at my watch both times as the impression was so clear and unusual for me.
I had a clear picture of a furrowed field which was what the week of prayer was doing - preparing the soil in Chelmsford for the work of God go forward and seed to be sown. I felt that as a result of the prayer and the seeds sown, that a crop of worship would result all over the town in all churches whatever their style of worship; I felt that the power of the prayer would release a fresh new anointing of worship and the fruit of the prayer and worship together would release a wave of freedom that would sweep over our town. I specifically prayed for the HOTS team - that they would experience miracles in a new way and that people would see the power of God to change and heal their lives; I felt that God wanted to bring fruit from the work of the street pastors - that their faithful work would be rewarded and people would start to ask questions that would bring them to God; I also prayed for the SYM workers in schools that there would be a new work among the young people there”.
- “I prayed at 11am in [our] prayer chapel with 3 others. We had a picture with the thought that as walls were going up in Chelmsford with the new buildings, walls between churches were coming down but we needed to stay in a place of forgiveness when we'd been hurt by other Christians; also a picture of pieces being inserted into a jigsaw puzzle and the thought that God was building His big picture.
[We] also used the Monday evening prayer meeting for 24-7 prayer and there were others praying in the church between 9am and 2pm on the Friday. Our youth groups prayed through the night on Friday, combining prayer with a sleepover”.
- “We prayed for Chelmsford at our 4 house groups, we used the suggested list from your web site, and found that to be very helpful, we actually divided the topics listed into 4 so each group concentrated on different things and hopefully everything was covered in prayer.
We produce a monthly prayer guide and I will endeavour each month to include specific prayer for our city.
It was wonderful to know that so many churches were praying and although we were all in our own churches it felt we were all united. May God bless this initiative and help us to remember that we need to keep praying for Chelmsford and all those who live here and have not yet found Christ”.
- “[Three of us] met in our [church] side room... We alternated quietness with each of our prayers using our own and the 'official' prompt sheet to provoke us. It was good to review how much there is going on in our city and to pray for it and give thanks for it. No deeper insights than that except perhaps to note that a number of people did not join in when invited. So we learn how hard it is for folk to pray and thus give more thanks for those who did”.
- “Hi, Just thought I would let you know what happened when I prayed. I was alone in the room, and I felt led to sing praise and proclaim God's victory over the whole of Chelmsford first. I did that for quite a while, and then I prayed for the prison, its staff and inmates, and for the Jewish people of the town, as well as more general prayers for the people of Chelmsford”.
- In response to your request for feedback following the week of prayer I wanted to let you know that as I came to the end of my two hours on the Saturday evening, I had an overwhelming sense that the tide of continuous prayer that had built up through the week would of itself 'flush' out any darkness in high places of authority and elsewhere in Chelmsford. Effectively this was a powerful act of spiritual warfare. Only time will tell what the long-term effects will be. Praise be!

The final three are from the same person:

- On the 22nd March God said to me I'm calling my church to Arise and shine in Chelmsford. I heard 3 words: awake - align with God - arise
"The word gave life to everything that was created and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1:4,5. I felt to prophesy this over Chelmsford
- As I awoke to pray at 4am on 23rd March God spoke to me. First of all it was a struggle to wake up- so unnatural to wake at this time as sleep had set in! As I struggled to wake up enough to pray I sensed this was a spiritual picture of the church in Chelmsford. We are used to sleeping through things but God is calling us to awake and pray.
Lord I call the church out of slumber in this city. That we would be those that awaken the dawn of the new things God is doing. 4-5am is just before dawn.
Nicki Sims (pastor at Christian Growth Centre, Chelmsford) song Awaken the Dawn, came to me. What is the skylark song that needs to be sung over our City? I heard the father's song of love over Chelmsford Song of grace and love. Wounds healing. Jesus took the wounds of the church in Chelmsford when he died on the cross. I speak out healing, reconciliation, connection, no more isolation.
I started to pray for truth to rise up, honest hearts before God, where the church has been in deception. Show us our hearts, show us your heart of love. That walls will come down, strongholds will be broken across our city.
That apathy will be broken, masks of unity will be taken off and true unity replaced. For strength and courage to raise up in the church of Chelmsford. Had Psalm 121. The Lord himself watches over Chelmsford. The Lord stands before you as your protective shade. He does not sleep. Indeed he who watches over Chelmsford never slum ears or sleeps.
- March 24th I heard again Nicki Sims song Wake the Dawn for Chelmsford. Prophetic song for Chelmsford
"Though it's dark outside
We refuse to be afraid
In the still of the night we lift a song of praise
We will wait for the morning
For a new day is dawning
We will trust in the name of the Lord our God
We will stand on the word of the Lord our rock
And we'll wake the dawn
With one voice, with one heart
We will sing salvations song
We won't stop ,we won't sleep
Till we see your kingdom come
We will call forth the morning for a new day is dawning
We will sing in the darkness
We will tell of your goodness
We will trust in the name of the Lord our God."

Ps 108:2
I will awake the dawn with my song

Ps 57:8
Wake up, my heart
Wake up, O lyre and harp
I will wake the dawn with my song