



# PRAYER DIARY

Weekly Prayer Diary for Langley Trust

**JUL, AUG, SEPT & OCT 2024**



# 01 JULY

Day of  
Prayer  
4th July

## CREATOR GOD

This month, at Langley, we are thinking about God as Creator. We believe in a God who is omnipotent to bring creation out of chaos. We see His creativity reflected in the world around us and in the people around us. We believe that the Lord is still bringing creation out of chaos today, in our own lives and in the lives of our clients.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful creation we see, giving special thanks for making each person in His own image.
- Pray for many of our clients whose lives are marked by chaos, that the Spirit would hover over them, creating order and new hope.
- Pray for our staff and volunteers who work with clients, that, where they see chaos and darkness, our Creator God would give them a vision of His plans to bring order and light.

Please join us for the annual **Langley Day of Prayer** on Thursday 4th July, 7am to 7pm - to find out more and to sign up, go to [langleytrust.org/day-of-prayer-2024](https://langleytrust.org/day-of-prayer-2024)

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'When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.'

**Genesis 1: 1-3**

# 08 JULY

## MURRAY LODGE

Murray Lodge, in Coventry, provides housing, support and resettlement services for men with multiple needs, issues relating to poor mental health and substance misuse. It also provides floating support for clients living within the community.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for Murray Lodge volunteers, who are a breath of fresh air- spending their own time with clients talking, laughing and helping. They have started a weekly breakfast provision, arranged a weekly play and game day. Their work is making an invaluable difference to clients.
- Pray for good weather that enables clients to participate in outdoor activities and to help with the big plans for the gardens.
- Pray that more clients join the Alpha course and as the good news spreads more want to participate.

'The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you'

**Numbers 6: 25**

# 15 JULY

## THE SHRUBBERY

The Shrubbery, in Kent, is a registered care home, providing a supportive environment for men with multiple and complex needs, including mental health issues, substance misuse, challenging behaviour and learning difficulties. The service provides person-centred support and one-to-one key working for everyone. Additional services are provided for clients requiring care, including physical care, psychological and mental health support. It also has large gardens and provides regular therapeutic activities. The service is well connected with local training, skills provision and community groups which help men to develop increased independence and social skills.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks to God for growing the service, both in relation to clients and staff recruitment and for the grace of having a positive working environment.
- Pray that clients and staff would encounter God in a way they understand.
- Pray that the team would not grow weary, tired, or overwhelmed in the work they do and pray for fresh anointing for staff, volunteers and the management team for the season and challenges to come.

*'So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest.'* **Galatians 6: 9**

# 22 JULY

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT Team)

The ICT Team maintains the technology that underpins much of the work done across Langley. This includes computers, telephones, apps, networks and other systems which all need to remain functional so that staff teams can carry out their work. With the rapid progress of technology, they must continually update systems to stay ahead of security threats.

The team respond to many service and support requests each month and aim to fix any issues they encounter as quickly as possible. When everything is working well, the work they do remains unseen and enables the organisation to operate efficiently and reliably.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks to God for the Christian environment the team work in.
- Pray for the team as they adapt to change.
- Pray that the team are able to take the Trust forward as their workload increases and as they learn new skills and processes.
- Pray for wisdom as some key new initiatives are implemented, aimed at supporting our people across the Trust.

'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

**Matthew 11: 28**

# 29 JULY

## DORADO

Dorado is a large service covering dispersed housing across the London area. Dorado provides housing and tenancy services for men who generally have lower support needs. However, clients who present with more entrenched support needs and who are subject to licence conditions, can also be helped. London presents its own unique challenges and our Dorado staff are skilled in working with these clients and engaging well with other local services.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the spirit & support the team have shown each other during a trying time, instilling Langley's values practically.
- Pray that the team continues to progress through staffing changes. Pray for good team working conditions in Croydon, following some disruption.
- Pray that Dorado continue to improve the service they provide for clients. Pray that they can help provide clients with the skills they need to progress in life, with the Lord's guidance.
- Pray for grace for staff, as they work out how best to support clients with large rent arrears and pray for wisdom to find the most suitable resolution.

'But His answer was: "My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak." I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me.' **2 Corinthians 12: 9**

# 05 AUGUST

## PRINCE OF PEACE

The month, at Langley, we are thinking about the Lord being the Prince of Peace. We have the privilege of knowing the all surpassing peace of God in our lives and we understand that He offers that same peace to each of our clients and teams.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the peace that He brings to the most peaceless of hearts. Give thanks for the peace He has brought to you.
- Pray for clients who have never known peace. Pray that Langley would be a peaceful place for them.
- Pray for clients and staff to come to know the peace of God in their hearts and lives.

'Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid.' **John 14: 27**

# 12 AUGUST

## CHATTERTON HEY

Chatterton Hey is a registered care home for men with health care issues, dual diagnosis of substance misuse and mental health or a learning disability. It is set in a rural location, 6 miles from Bury town centre and 11 miles from Manchester city centre. The service provides person-centred support, one-to-one key working, physical care, medical care, psychological and mental health care and in-house social and clinical supervision for those who require this service.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the slowly improving relations with the local community. The team are thankful for their support. Pray that these important relationships continue to improve.
- Pray for increased occupancy in the house and for the Lord to bring people who are ready to benefit from Chatterton Hey's support.
- Pray for new members of the staff team, as they are beginning to thrive.

'Work for the well-being of the city where I have sent you to and pray to the Lord for this. For if it is well with the city you live in, it will be well with you.' **Jeremiah 29: 7**

# 19 AUGUST

## LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT TEAM (L&D Team)

Langley's Learning and Development Team develop and deliver the specific training all our staff and volunteers need to carry out their roles well.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for this small team. Give thanks for L&D's administrator, Dami, for his never-ending commitment, dedication and hard work and for Natasha as she manages the team during a season of change.
- Give thanks that the changes introduced in training, since the beginning of the year, have already resulted in an increase in training compliance across the Trust and pray for a continuing increase in staff being equipped with knowledge and confidence to excel in their roles and continue to do the great work that they do.
- Pray for the smooth implementation of the new Learning Management System, which will transform and improve the way that training is undertaken. Moving to e-learning will make it easier and more convenient for staff teams and the L&D Team are excited to introduce this across the Trust, over the coming months.

**'But the Lord says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now!" Isaiah 43: 18-19b**

# 26 AUGUST

## KADESH

Kadesh, in Kent, offers a hostel as well as dispersed accommodation for clients who are able to live in the community with support from our staff. These clients present with a variety of needs and are usually at risk of re-offending so receiving the right level of support is really important for them. For some clients, their life skills need developing and Kadesh is an ideal place in which to learn.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks that Kadesh have been able to take homeless men and women off the streets and provide them with a home, security and support, enabling them to make life changes.
- Kadesh is Langley's newest service, pray that Kadesh grows into a vital life-changing service within Kent.
- Pray for full occupancy and for stability within the houses and hostel and pray for the staff team to continue to work together to benefit clients.

'He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me'

**Psalm 18: 19**

# 02 SEPTEMBER

## KING OF KINGS

This month, at Langley we are thinking about Jesus Christ being King of kings. We invite the Lord to reign over everything in our lives and within Langley. We hope to see our clients and our teams making Christ King of their hearts.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks to the King of kings for all He has done and is doing across Langley, in the lives of our clients and teams.
- Pray that Christ would continue to reign over Langley for future generations and that we would be known as a place of mercy and grace.
- Pray for clients for whom addictions have ruled their lives catastrophically, that they would come to know and trust in Jesus Christ, the true King and that He would deliver them from the hands of substance misuse.

'On his robe and on his thigh was written the name: "King of kings and Lord of lords."

**Revelation 19: 16**

# 09 SEPTEMBER

## HMP FOSSE WAY ADVICE SERVICE

Langley Trust is contracted, by Serco, to provide specialist accommodation and debt advice to prisoners, at HMP Fosse Way. This advice is delivered in the prison, in the Resettlement Hub or on individual wings.

HMP Fosse Way is a brand-new Category C Resettlement Prison in Leicester. It is designed with provision for education, training, and jobs for prisoners on release, with the intention to cut crime and reduce reoffending. Their goal is for prisoners to learn new skills and acquire training that will provide them with viable opportunities to work when released.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the great team dynamic; for the successful Alpha Course the team have been involved in; and for the many clients who have been supported with debt issues.
- Pray for more referrals for support with accommodation.
- Pray for strength for the team to bring hope and light to each other, and partners they work with. Pray for good relationships with Prison staff.
- Pray for the Lord to be with the families and victims of prisoners.
- Pray for more clients to come to faith.

*'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'* **Matthew: 5: 16**

# 16 SEPTEMBER

## TEKOA HOUSE

Tekoa House provides housing and tenancy services for homeless men, especially those who are local to Rochdale. The service helps men to find stability and improve their situation as well as opportunities to develop skills in maintaining a tenancy. The service is staffed 24 hours a day and provides full board for its clients. With staff support, many clients are helped into suitable move-on accommodation.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for God's favour, with plenty of referrals.
- Give thanks for the attitude of the team and for the excellent work they do.
- Pray that more staff and clients would come to know Jesus and begin to worship Him for who He is and for all He has done.

'Those who find me find life, and the Lord will be pleased with them'

**Proverbs 8: 35**

# 23 SEPTEMBER

## Care Team

Our Care Team is responsible for securing referrals into our care homes and services, as well as working with commissioners and referrers to ensure that we understand clients' care needs and are able to meet them. The team understands the value of building trust and relationships, as there can be many months of discussion and negotiation following a client's assessment, before the package of care and costs are agreed. The Team also leads the Trust on Client Risk Management, supporting clients to make the changes needed to live offence free lives.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the way that the Shrubbery's reputation, as a provider of excellent care, is already spreading, leading to a good number of referrals for new clients who might benefit from that provision.
- Pray that the team will be able to present the excellent work of Langley, and secure further the current Ministry of Justice contract for supporting clients on probation.
- Pray that the team can move forward the Enabling Environment programme, which will help staff and clients to work and live in an environment where all can live the best versions of themselves.

'Lord our God, may your blessings be with us. Give us success in all we do!'

**Psalm 90: 17**

# 30 SEPTEMBER

## THE KNOLE

The Knole is a registered care home, in Cheltenham, for men who have offended or are at risk of offending and who have multiple needs, including mental health needs or a learning disability. The staff are deeply committed to delivering excellent care to clients with quite complex needs, and teamwork is a particularly strong feature at this service.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the Team of amazing staff who work at the Knole and the way that they create opportunities for residents to develop and grow.
- Give thanks for the Chaplain, Graham and the sacrificial way that he supports them.
- Pray that the Knole will be full and give the people they support the best opportunity for a bright future.
- Pray for more spiritual growth and maturity in the residents at the Knole and for fresh ways to engage them in conversations regarding hope and faith.

'So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.' **Colossians 1: 9**

# 07 OCTOBER

## JUSTICE

This month we are thinking about the theme of 'Justice'. We believe that God is a merciful Redeemer and Judge and that His heart is for justice to be done in the world.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for His mercy as He judges the world with love.
- Pray that Langley would reflect the justice of God, being known as an organisation that treats its staff and clients with fairness.
- Pray for those clients who have experienced injustice, that they would not become bitter and would be able to move forward with their lives.

**'But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!' Amos 5: 24**

# 14 OCTOBER

## PRISONS WEEK

Prisons Week is taking place from October 13th to 19th. For more than 40 years Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons. Langley is one of the sponsoring organisations of Prisons Week.

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank God for the organisations who come together to create the Prisons Week campaign.
- Pray that this year's campaign would raise awareness and generate prayer for all those affected by prisons.
- Pray that all those affected by prisons (prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system) would have hope for the future.
- Use the information on the Prisons Week ([prisonsweek.org](http://prisonsweek.org)) to direct your prayers.

'I was in prison and you came to visit me... The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

**Matthew 25: 36b & 40**

# 21 OCTOBER

## HOUSE OF ST. MARTIN

House of St. Martin (HSM) is a registered care home for men who have offended or are at risk of offending, and who present with multiple needs, including substance misuse, mental health needs or a learning disability. It is located three miles from Taunton and is particularly suitable for those with mobility issues

## PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for a full team of staff at HSM.
- Give thanks and celebrate the life of the HSM client who died, this year.
- Pray for clients who move on from HSM, that they would successfully settle in the community. Pray especially for a client who recently moved on from HSM, that he would be happy in his new home.
- Pray for a previous client that he would find peace and support within the community.

'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.' **Deuteronomy 31: 81**

# 28 OCTOBER

## **HUMAN RESOURCES Team (HR Team)**

Our HR Team (HR) are responsible for supporting volunteers, staff and managers from before they join us, through to the end of their time with Langley.

They are usually the first point of contact with candidates to Langley (first impressions count!) and engage with new joiners as they prepare to join their teams. HR administrators play a vital role for everyone who works or volunteers at Langley- truly partnering with our Services to provide HR support on recruitment; performance management; attendance at work; Wellbeing; Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (ED&I); as well as providing expert advice on employment law and supporting compliance with our HR Policies and Procedures.

## **PRAYER TOPICS**

- Give thanks for new team members who have brought their skills, experience and passion to the Trust.
- Pray for the successful implementation of key projects this year which will touch every staff member, like the new flexible benefit offering.
- Pray for the partnership with a new payroll provider, which will help the workload across the team.

**'Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.'**

**Proverbs 16: 3**

**everyone  
deserves  
another  
chance**



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