

A PRAYER for the YEAR

Father, Creator of light, you shine over us in blessing and power,
 Jesus, Light of the World, you shine as the Word of Life to guide us,
 Spirit, fiery presence of God, you shine on us to bring hope and boldness.
 As we travel through 2012, with all its potential and possibilities,
 We invite you to shine in our lives, in our communities and in this nation,
 Light our way as this nation prepares to host the 2012 Games:
 Shine grace on athletes in their training;
 Shine wisdom on the authorities in their planning;
 Shine your love in our hearts as we open our doors to welcome guests from many nations.
 That all will see the light of your glory and discover your unfailing love.
 Amen.

2012 will see an unprecedented number of churches, organisations and networks taking part in this year of prayer that has been orchestrated by the Holy Spirit

We invite you to join wherever you are in the nation & the world, by taking time to pray for:

- α The presence of Jesus to fill every community
- α The power of the good news to impact every person
- α The purposes of God to be fulfilled for (y)our nations

Set your clock for 12 noon and use the Lord's Prayer as a framework

Join in with the initiatives listed and download appropriate resources

Take time on a regular basis to pray for God's blessing, for:

- α Your home, street, community, workplace
- α Her Majesty the Queen & Royal Family in this Jubilee Year
- α Our Prime Minister and for all those elected in our UK parliaments/assemblies
- α Our UK nation.



The events & initiatives listed form part of the whole 2012 calendar of prayer to be found on www.prayerforum.org

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. (NIV)

Isaiah 60:1-5

YEAR OF PRAYER 2012

ENGLISH COUNTIES CALLING FOR A YEAR OF PRAYER:

Arise Cheshire East : Together in prayer for Cheshire East "The borough, and the nation, stands at the crossroads in so many ways – social, political, financial and spiritual. At this moment therefore it is imperative that we come to the Lord for His help and healing, His forgiveness and release. Our hope for the future rests in His hands. It is time to seek the Lord." www.arisecheshireeast.org.uk

Why not Pray for a Change? "The invitation has come from heaven – 24/7 2012. We are saying 'YES'. Will you join in?" North Staffordshire Churches are inviting individuals and churches to join in continuous prayer for transformation and glory through the whole of 2012.

www.whynotprayforachange.co.uk

CHURCHES AND ORGANISATIONS:

Kingdom Come 2012. Alpha and 24-7 Prayer are uniting to resource a year of continuous prayer for the British Isles. Visit www.alpha.org/kingdomcome; www.24-7prayer.co.uk/kingdomcome for details of meetings, resources and to sign up.

More than Gold – the organisation resourcing the UK church for hospitality, service and mission for the Games is resourcing four seasons of prayer during the year under the title 'A time to Shine' taken from Isaiah 60:1-5.

Shine as the Flame travels

covering the 70 days cascade of prayer during the Olympic Torch Relay 19 May-27 July; covering the Paralympic Torch Relay 24-29 August

Shine during the Games

inviting individuals, churches and groups to 'pray locally and link nationally'

Shine for ever

linking in with different events through autumn 2012 and beyond

Street Pastors: National Year of Prayer for our streets is focussing on asking for God's blessing using the Lord's Prayer 'thy kingdom come; thy will be done'. Sign up www.streetpastors.org.uk

Youth with a Mission has launched a year of prayer to pray for the UK in this Olympic season. Brick by brick is an online calendar to enable people to join together to cover every minute, every hour and every day of 2012 in prayer. www.forever2012.com/brickbybrick/

SPECIFIC PRAYER SEASONS & EVENTS

JANUARY 2012 *The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.....* Psalm 24:1&2

Shine for the New Year

www.morethangold.org.uk/your-church/prayer

1st – 8th

HOPE Start the Year in prayer

www.hopeprayer.org.uk

1st – 30th

Olympic Park Prayer Walk <http://runtherace.biz>.

7th

FEBRUARY *For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them* Ephesians 2:10

Prayerworks is a new initiative from the London Institute of

starts : 1st

Contemporary Christianity with a 40 day journey of prayer

ends: 11th March

for work using the prayer pathway of blessing

www.licc.org.uk/prayerworks

FEBRUARY	
Olympic Park Prayer Walk http://runtherace.biz	4 th
More than Gold Get Set tour with prayer workshops www.morethangold.org.uk	4 th & 25 th
MARCH <i>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us Psalm 67:1</i>	
Olympic Park Prayer Walk http://runtherace.biz	3 rd
More than Gold Get Set tour with prayer workshops www.morethangold.org.uk	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , & 31 st
World Prayer Centre Conference Swanwick www.worldprayer.org.uk	19 th - 21 st
APRIL <i>Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up you ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle, He is the King of Glory..... Psalm 24:9-10</i>	
Olympic Park Prayer Walk http://runtherace.biz	7 th
Easter mission and prayer www.hopetogether.org.uk	
More than Gold Get Set tour with prayer workshops www.morethangold.org.uk	21 st & 28 th
MAY <i>For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14</i>	
Olympic Park Prayer Walk http://runtherace.biz	5 th
World Prayer Assembly www.wpa2012.org	
A global summit of Christian leaders taking place in Jakarta, Indonesia	14 th - 18 th
National Day of Prayer for Police Force; www.cpaUK.net	17 th
Start of 10 days of prayer towards Global Day of Prayer www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk	17 th
<i>The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26</i>	
Shine as the Flame travels : start of the 70 day cascade of prayer at Lands End www.morethangold.org.uk/your-church/prayer	19 th
London's Burning: Leyton Orient Stadium Prayer Event www.londonsburning2012.org.uk	26 th
Pentecost Sunday: Global Day of Prayer: www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk ; www.gdoplondon.com	27 th
JUNE <i>Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure. Proverbs 20:28</i>	
Continuation of Shine as the Flame Travels : 70 days of prayer	1 st – 30 th
Global Outreach Day – with the vision to build up a network of Christians Worldwide equipped to preach the Gospel in over 200 nations www.globaloutreachday.com	
Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations: including:	2 nd
Big Lunch www.hopetogether.org.uk	3 rd
Beacon lighting www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk	4 th
Olympic Park Prayer Walk http://runtherace.biz	7 th
Olympic 50 day peace initiative begins www.morethangold.org.uk/service/social-justice/100-days-of-peace.html	8 th

JULY When Jesus spoke again to the people he said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

Continuation of Shine as the Flame travels : 70 days of prayer	1 st – 27 th
Olympic Park Prayer Walk http://runtherace.biz	7 th
London's Burning: 30 days non stop worship & prayer in Leyton London E 10 www.londonsburning2012.org.uk	14 th (ends 12 th August)
30 days prayer during Ramadan : Starts www.30-days.net	20 th
Shine as the flame travels : 70 days of prayer ends at Olympic Stadium	27 th
Shine during the Games : Opportunities to pray locally and link nationally www.morethangold.org.uk/prayer	27 th – 31 st

AUGUST For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Continuation of Shine during the Games : Opportunities to pray locally and link nationally www.morethangold.org.uk/prayer	1 st – 12 th
30 days prayer during Ramadan : Ends	20 th
Shine as the flame travels : Paralympic Torch relay starts London continues to Belfast (25), Edinburgh (26), Cardiff (27); Stoke Mandeville (28 th) then 24 hour relay to stadium	24 th
Shine during the Paralympic Games : Opportunities to pray locally and link nationally www.morethangold.org.uk/prayer	29 th – 31 st

SEPTEMBER Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Shine as we continue during the Paralympic Games : Opportunities to pray locally and link nationally www.morethangold.org.uk/prayer	1 st – 9 th
Paralympic Games end	9 th
Shine for ever : Continuing the momentum of prayer and mission linking in with GDOPL and HOPE prayer around harvest	
Carry the Torch : National day of prayer at Wembley stadium www.gdoplondon.com	29 th

OCTOBER You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest. Isaiah 9:3(a)

Shine for ever : Continuing the momentum of prayer and mission linking in with HOPE prayer around harvest	
Closing events for 100 days of peace	28 th

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