



Whitley Bay Baptist Church Week of Prayer 2026 28th September- 4th October



WBBC Week of Prayer Autumn 2026

Drawing Close to God

This week we are setting aside time to draw close to God, as individuals and together as a church family. Our intention is to seek his face and listen to his voice.

Daily Prayer Themes:

Each day there is a different theme to help us draw close to God. You might like to consider these

- Monday: What do I/we need to leave behind?
- Tuesday: What might stand in my/our way?
- Wednesday: Where is God at work right now?
- Thursday: What is the next step I/we need to take?
- Friday: What might help me/us grow as a disciple/disciples?
- Saturday: Who should I/we be helping grow as disciples?

Morning and Evening Prayers:

You'll find in this booklet some prayers written just for us this week. These prayers should be repeated each morning and evening during the week. If possible please pray them as close to 8am and 8pm as you can so that many of us will be praying together. If these times are tricky for you the most important thing is to pray, at whatever time you are able.

Praying in the church building:

Each day this week the church will be open for people to come and pray. There will be some resources set out in the sanctuary to help facilitate your prayers.

Feel free to come to church alone to pray or arrange to meet others at church to pray together.

You are especially encouraged to come to church for 8pm each day to pray our evening prayers together.

Church Opening Times:

Monday	5pm-7pm	7pm-8pm
Tuesday	11am-2pm	7pm-8pm
Wednesday	7am-10am	7pm-8pm
Thursday	5pm-7pm	7pm-8pm
Friday	10am-1pm	7pm-8pm
Saturday	9am-12noon	7pm-8pm

Fasting:

Fasting can be a good way to set aside time to focus on God. If you are physically well, and able to do so you might consider fasting between 8am and 8pm each day.

Morning Prayers:

[You are encouraged to pray these prayers aloud as close to 8am as you are able.]

Praise

Light of light,
Lord of Lords,
God of this world
and the next,
We give you thanks
for the promise of this day to come,
We give you thanks
for the challenges of this day to come,
We give you thanks
for the blessings of this day to come.

Light of light,
Lord of Lords,
God of this world
and the next,
We give you thanks.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip –
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you –
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm –
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore..

Psalm 121

Scripture Reading

[Please read the relevant scripture for today]

Monday:	Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Matthew 8:18-27
Wednesday:	Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday:	Matthew 14:22-29
Friday:	Matthew 16:24-27
Saturday:	Matthew 28:16-20

Reflection

Having read today's scripture consider the following questions:

1. What does this passage tell us about Jesus?
2. What does this passage tell us about what it means to be a disciple?
3. What might God be saying to you through his word today?
4. What might God be saying to our church through his word today?

Seeking God's will

'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

Almighty God,
Help my eyes to remain ever upon you,
Instruct me in your ways
And guide me in what is right.
Show me today what you would have of me.
Shape me today into the likeness of Jesus.
Fill me today with the power of your Spirit
That your kingdom might come
And your will might be done.

[Silence is kept]

Spend some time praying about today's theme, consider how today's passage might help you respond to the question of the day:

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1. What is God saying to you about this?
2. What might be God calling you to do about this?

Blessing

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
pleasing in your sight, Lord my Rock and My Redeemer.

Psalms 19:14

May the Lord be with me in all I do this day,
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Amen

Evening Prayers:

[You are encouraged to pray these prayers aloud as close to 8pm as you are able.]

Opening words

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

[Silence is kept.]

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

O glorious God,
your whole creation sings your marvellous work;
may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts
that we may be good ambassadors of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

God our great Father,
We thank you for your presence with us today.
We thank you that you have been with us
in the day's highlights and its difficulties,
We thank you for the ways in which you have spoken to us and guided
us, protected us, uplifted and supported us.

Almighty God

We thank you that you love us,

That you have bound us to yourself and to one another,

That we might support and be supported,

Serve and be served

Love and be loved.

Help us to continue to set our eyes upon your face,

Tune our ears towards your voice,

Set our hearts upon your love,

And turn our hands to your works.

In Jesus holy name.

Amen

[Silence is kept]

Affirming our Church Values

We affirm together the values that God has placed at the centre of our lives together at Whitley Bay Baptist Church and recommit ourselves to them.

Christ Centred - We believe in the authority of Jesus Christ the Word of God and aim to put him at the centre of our lives together. He has given us the bible which reveals Him to us and guides our living.

Discipling - We believe we are called to grow together as we learn more about our faith and become more like Jesus. We are called to equip and enable every person in our church family, from the youngest to the oldest, to explore their gifts and to serve among us.

Family - We believe we are called to be a family. To love one another, to forge cross-generational relationships, to support and care for one another and to work together. We believe that when and wherever we come together as church it should feel like home.

Generous - We believe in a loving, generous God and that we are called to be generous toward others. We do this by supporting individuals and organisations sharing the good news of Jesus across the world, by serving one another and our community with our gifts, time and finances and by using our building for the sake of God's Kingdom.

Mission focused - We believe God has called us to share the good news of Jesus with the people of Whitley Bay. We do this in word and action, by serving our community, and proclaiming what God has done for us in Jesus.

Welcoming - We believe God calls us to be truly welcoming and inclusive, integrating new people into our family in a way that enables them to flourish. We want to build a bigger table so that there is room here for everyone.

Worshipping - We believe we are called to come before God together to bring glory to his name in worship and in prayer. Our worship involves both speaking to him and listening for his voice.

We believe every member of our church family is called to play a role in realising all of our values. We believe God is calling us to journey together in a spirit of adventure, to try new things, to take risks, to not be afraid to fail and, where possible, to have fun doing it!

'And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.'

Colossians 3:14

The Lords Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God with us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Conclusion

May The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face towards you
and give you peace.
Amen.

Numbers 6:24-27



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