

# September 2021: A Time to Pray

As we journey into the coming months and years as the Church in Truro, and as we emerge from what has been a challenging time for our community and our churches, we believe it would be a good to spend the month of September praying and fasting together for Truro and the surrounding area.

To help us and unite together as we do this, we will be using the book of Nehemiah to guide us as we journey through the month. Each day there is a reading from the book of Nehemiah for us to meditate upon. We will also have a focus for prayer for different aspects of the community each day.

How the month looks will of course look different for each of us. When it comes to fasting it could involve abstaining from certain meals or foods, or activities, and then using this as a constant reminder through the month to keep lifting our eyes and hearts to Jesus in prayer.

SEPT

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WED

**7.30pm, All Saints Highertown**

An evening of worship, prayer and preparation to launch the month.

*In person and on-line via the All Saints YouTube channel*  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6\\_5N9\\_WTDFE6YuExJUCNw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6_5N9_WTDFE6YuExJUCNw)

SEPT

25  
SAT

**9am – 4pm, Truro Cathedral**

Each hour, on the hour, an opportunity to pray, led by the Cathedral chaplains.

OCT

3  
SUN

**3pm, Truro Methodist Church Forecourt**

A public worship and prayer gathering to conclude the month.

*Wet weather contingency in place.*



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# Pray for the People

Each week, there is a different theme to pray through – let's join together and ask our Heavenly Father for many good gifts.

## WEEK 1 – Public Service

**5 SEPT** Schools – All the school and childcare providers in the city.

**6 SEPT** Health Services – for GP Surgeries, hospital, community teams and care homes.

**7 SEPT** Social Services – those who care and protect vulnerable adults, children and families and those with mental health needs.

**8 SEPT** Emergency Services – for the fire, police and ambulance services – frontline and support.

**9 SEPT** City and County Councils – for the city and county council and our MP.

**10 SEPT** Housing and Homelessness – For the housing department and charities working in this area.

## WEEK 2 – Relationships

**12 SEPT** Pray that we would be a city where every race and ethnicity feels loved, accepted and at home.

**13 SEPT** Pray that children and young people know and grow in their God-given identity and worth.

**14 SEPT** Pray that the elderly in our city would be truly valued and honoured.

**15 SEPT** Pray that families would be places of nurture, safety and security.

**16 SEPT** Pray that no one would feel excluded from being part of our community due to disability

**17 SEPT** Pray that everyone in the city would love and look out for their neighbours – starting with us!

**18 SEPT** Pray that our churches would be places of welcome where everyone, regardless of identity and background, can come to and grow in a relationship with Jesus.

### WEEK 3 – Business and Commerce

**19 SEPT** The High Street. For the renewal and improvement of the high street, reducing consumerism and increasing ethical standards.

**20 SEPT** Those on the industrial estates. For the blessing of those businesses.

**21 SEPT** Businesses hit by the pandemic. For recovery, understanding from their debtors, and growth.

**22 SEPT** New businesses. To find customers, to create employment and prosperity.

**23 SEPT** Skills Development and Inclusion. For those that are currently excluded from work to find their fit.

**24 SEPT** Chamber of Commerce. That the business community may function well and collaboratively, and that Kingdom values are promoted there.

**25 SEPT** Truro Town Fund. To be used well and to the benefit of everyone in Truro, particularly those who have less of their own.

### WEEK 4 – Church

**26 SEPT** Pray that we would be a servant-hearted Church.

**27 SEPT** Pray that we would be an empowered Church – full of God’s Word, works and wonders.

**28 SEPT** Pray that we would grow in being a missionary Church.

**29 SEPT** Ask God to make us a forward-looking church; longing for and expecting Jesus’ return.

**30 SEPT** Ask that God would increase our prayerfulness as individuals and together,

**1 OCT** Pray for God to make us peacemakers across the city.

**2 OCT** Finally, ask God to make us a church full of vision for his kingdom.

# Listening to God

Let's read the account of Nehemiah's life together, and hear what He has to say to us, one and all.

- 1 SEPT Nehemiah 1.1-11
- 2 SEPT Nehemiah 2.1-8
- 3 SEPT Nehemiah 2.9-20
- 4 SEPT Nehemiah 3.1-32
- 5 SEPT Nehemiah 4.1-14
- 6 SEPT Nehemiah 4.15-23
- 7 SEPT Nehemiah 5.1-13
- 8 SEPT Nehemiah 5.14-19
- 9 SEPT Nehemiah 6.1-9
- 10 SEPT Nehemiah 6.10-19
- 11 SEPT Nehemiah 7.1-38
- 12 SEPT Nehemiah 7.39-65
- 13 SEPT Nehemiah 7.66-73
- 14 SEPT Nehemiah 8.1-8
- 15 SEPT Nehemiah 8.9-18

- 16 SEPT Nehemiah 9.1-8
- 17 SEPT Nehemiah 9.9-21
- 18 SEPT Nehemiah 9.22-37
- 19 SEPT Nehemiah 9.38-10.31
- 20 SEPT Nehemiah 10.32-39
- 21 SEPT Nehemiah 11.1-9
- 22 SEPT Nehemiah 11.10-36
- 23 SEPT Nehemiah 12.1-26
- 24 SEPT Nehemiah 12.27-43
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- 27 SEPT Nehemiah 13.6-14
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3 I thank God whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day.  
4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy.  
5 When I call to remembrance the unspiced faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois<sup>1</sup> and thy mother Eunice<sup>2</sup>, and I am persuaded that thou art also.  
6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of thy hands.  
7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of a good mind, and of love, and of a sound mind.  
8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.  
9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.  
10 And is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.  
11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.  
12 For the which cause I also suffer these things, nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have committed unto him against that day.  
13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.  
14 That good thing, which was committed unto thee, keep by the Holy Ghost, which dwelleth in us.  
15 That thou maye know, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from thee, as they did from Phileas, and Hieronymus.  
16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus, that he may find grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, inasmuch as he was not ashamed of my chain:  
17 But when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.  
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THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

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### CHAPTER 2

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace, that is in Christ Jesus.  
2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same command thee to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.  
3 And therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.  
4 No man that warreth can please himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.  
5 And if a man also strive for glory, he shall not be crowned.  
6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruit.  
7 Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.  
8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel.  
9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an athlete, but according to the rule; that I may save some unto glory: but they shall so do it, that they may have life.  
10 Therefore endure all things, for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.  
11 It is a faithful saying: If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:  
12 If we suffer, we shall also suffer with him: if we deny him, he will also deny us: if we deny him, he will also deny us:  
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20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some to honour, and some to dishonour.  
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