

# 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 Hightown

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\\_5Nq\\_WTDfE6YuExJUICNw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6_5Nq_WTDfE6YuExJUICNw)

SEPT

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SAT

9am – 4pm, Truro Cathedral

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

OCT

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SUN

3pm, Truro Methodist Church Forecourt

A public worship and prayer gathering to conclude the month.

*Wet weather contingency in place.*

# 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.



