

Monday, 28 July - Sunday, 3 August 2025

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Introduction: The Ministry of Intercession & Prayer

Intercession isn't some specialised calling for a spiritual elite – it's the vital ministry of every believer, our divine invitation to partner with God's purposes. Jesus, our perfect model of true humanity, lived a life soaked in prayer, regularly withdrawing to commune with the Father. His words in Luke 18 ring with timeless urgency: people "ought always to pray and not lose heart." This isn't optional – it's the lifeblood of authentic discipleship. We are called to mirror His devotion to prayer, recognising it as both a privilege and a responsibility.

Intercession draws us out of self-centred spirituality into a posture of kingdom participation, a shared responsibility of the Church.

The apostles demonstrated this when they prioritised giving themselves "continually to prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4). And Paul's command to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) leaves no room for half-hearted commitment – prayer is the very rhythm of Christian life.

This week, we're devoting our Corporate Devotions entirely to this sacred work. Together, we'll intercede – not just for our own needs, but for one another, our neighbours, the wider Church, our local leaders, businesses, and every tier of authority in our borough and county. We're engaging in the holy labour of lifting burdens, releasing blessing, and seeing God's kingdom come in Ipswich as it is in heaven.

So, let's pray – not with weary obligation, but with fiery faith that expects heaven to move.



The Body of Christ in Ipswich

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Today, we focus our prayers on the **Church in Ipswich**—the living, breathing Body of Christ in our town. Across different congregations, ministries, and generations, God is at work, building His Kingdom. We lift up **Ipswich International Church (IIC) and all other local churches**, along with their leaders and members. The Church is not a building but a family, and each member of the family has a vital role to play within the whole. Let us pray for unity, strength, and fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon every believer.

Prayer Points:

1. Church Leaders (Pastors, Elders, Ministry Heads)

- o Pray for **wisdom, protection, and anointing** over all spiritual leaders in Ipswich.
- o Ask God to **refresh them** in their calling and guard them from discouragement or burnout (Isaiah 40:31).
- o Pray for **unity among churches**, that they would work together for the Gospel (John 17:21).

2. Different Church Ministries

- o Men's & Women's Groups Ask God to strengthen them in faith, fellowship, and discipleship (Titus 2:2-6).
- o Children & Youth Ministries Pray for the next generation to grow in Christ, protected from worldly influences (Proverbs 22:6).
- o Young Adults & Small Groups Pray for deep connections, accountability, and boldness in faith (Acts 2:42).
- o Age-Based Groups The Elderly, pray for comfort, physical healing & companionship. Intercede for wisdom to be embraced by younger generations.
- o Relational Status Groups Married Couples- Pray for unity, healthy communication, & spiritual leadership in homes. Singles Purpose in the now and guidance in future relationships; Divorced/Widowed healing, restoration & rediscovery of joy. Ask for divine comfort & healthy support systems.
- o Housekeeping & Functional Teams Welcome Team Worship Team Digital/Media Team Tech Support Setup/Cleanup Crew Admin Support Pray for hearts full of love, discernment, joy and energy in service. Protection and alertness during services.

3. Congregations as a Whole

- o Pray for **revival**—that believers would hunger for God's Word and live out their faith passionately.
- o Ask God to **break every division** and fill the Church with love (1 Corinthians 1:10).
- o Pray for **evangelism**, that Ipswich churches would effectively reach the lost (Matthew 28:19).

Father, we thank You for Your Church in Ipswich.

Thank You for every congregation, every minister, every believer faithfully serving You. Thank You for the worship that rises from this town, for acts of love and mercy already making a difference, and for the seeds of revival You are planting.

Strengthen pastors, leaders, and disciples with fresh anointing of Your Spirit. Give endurance in times of weariness and boldness in the face of opposition. Bring deeper unity among congregations—not for our name or comfort, but so the world may believe that Jesus is Lord.

Ignite a passion for worship and prayer that overflows into mission, justice, and compassion. Raise up disciples in every generation who live out their faith in homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

May Your Church in Ipswich shine as a beacon of hope, truth, and love, drawing many to Jesus. And we declare in faith: *The gates of hell will not prevail against it!* In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Unison Declaration for the Church in Ipswich

We declare that the Church in Ipswich is built on the rock of Christ, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon His people, anointing them to bring good news to the poor, freedom to the captive, and hope to the broken-hearted. (Luke 4:18)

We believe the Church will walk in unity, love, and power, shining as a light in this town and drawing many to Jesus. (John 17:21, Matthew 5:14)

For Yours, Lord, is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever! Amen. (Matthew 6:13)



Ipswich Town & Local Government

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Today, we shift our prayers beyond the church walls to **Ipswich town, its people, and those in authority**. God cares deeply about our communities, and He calls us to intercede for our leaders—not just to critique them, but to pray for wisdom, integrity, and divine guidance. Whether in the **town centre, borough council, or county leadership**, God's hand can shape policies, foster justice, and bring peace. Let us stand in the gap for Ipswich and Suffolk, believing that prayer can transform our region.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Ipswich Town & Its People
 - Pray for God's blessing over the town centre—businesses, shoppers, visitors, and public spaces.
 - Ask for safety, reduced crime, and a spirit of community (Psalm 122:7).
 - Pray for gospel opportunities, that believers would shine as lights in workplaces and streets (Matthew 5:14-16).

2. Local Government Leaders

- Ipswich Borough Council & Suffolk County Council Pray for wisdom, integrity, and servant-hearted leadership (Proverbs 11:14).
- The Mayor of Ipswich & Councillors Ask God to guide their decisions for the good of all residents.
- Pray for cooperation instead of division, and for policies that uphold justice, compassion and policies that foster wealth creation (Micah 6:8).

3. Key Issues Facing Ipswich & Suffolk

- Housing & Homelessness Pray for solutions that provide dignity and shelter for the vulnerable (Isaiah 58:7).
- Economic Growth & Employment Ask God to strengthen local businesses and create sustainable jobs and wisdom for wealth creation opportunities (Jeremiah 29:7).
- Healthcare & Education Pray for schools, colleges, and the NHS, that they would serve people effectively.
- Social Unity Pray against division and for harmony among different communities in Ipswich.

Lord of all nations and communities,

Thank You for Ipswich and Suffolk—the history, the beauty, the diverse people who call this place home, and the many good things already happening here. Thank You for every leader, worker, volunteer, and neighbour who serves the common good.

We ask You to give our leaders wisdom beyond their own understanding and courage to act with integrity and compassion. Bring prosperity that lifts the whole community, especially the vulnerable. Protect our streets from violence and fear. Let compassion guide every decision and let fairness and justice shape every system.

Above all, let Your presence be seen in transformed lives, united communities, and hope rising in unexpected places. May Ipswich and Suffolk be known not just for their past or present achievements but for being a place where Your kingdom breaks in. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Unison Declaration for Ipswich & Suffolk

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

We declare that wisdom, justice, and compassion will guide our leaders. (Proverbs 2:6-8)

The Lord will bless our town with peace within its borders and provision for all its people. (Psalm 147:14)

We believe Ipswich and Suffolk will be a place where God's presence transforms lives and His kingdom purposes are revealed. In Jesus' name, Amen!





Local Businesses & Economic Flourishing



May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands. (Psalm

90:17)

Today, we lift up **Ipswich's economic life**—the shops, markets, tradespeople, and workplaces that form the backbone of our community. From the **Cornhill marketplace** to the **Waterfront businesses**, from family-run shops to major employers, God cares about the dignity of work and just economic systems. As we pray, we declare God's blessing over ethical commerce, fair employment, and creative solutions to financial struggles.

Prayer Points:

1. Business Owners & Workers

- Small Businesses & Startups: Pray for resilience against rising costs, divine wisdom for owners, and God's provision (Proverbs 16:3).
- **Employees:** Ask for fair wages, safe working conditions, and protection from exploitation (James 5:4).
- Christians in the Workplace: Pray they would model integrity, excellence, and Christlike love (Colossians 3:23).

2. Key Economic Areas in Ipswich

- Town Centre & Shopping Districts (Cornhill, Sailmakers, Tavern Street): Pray for foot traffic, reduced vacancies, and a vibrant local economy.
- Waterfront Development: Ask God to guide ethical investments and sustainable growth.
- Industrial & Trade Sectors (Port of Ipswich, Engineering Firms): Pray for innovation, worker safety, and stable employment.

3. Overcoming Challenges

- Cost-of-Living Crisis: Pray for struggling families and businesses (Philippians 4:19).
- Unemployment & Training: Ask God to open doors for job seekers and apprenticeships.
- Ethical Business Practices: Pray against greed and corruption; bless those who prioritise people over profit (Proverbs 11:1).

Lord of all provision,

Thank You for the businesses, workers, entrepreneurs, and community initiatives that already sustain life in Ipswich. Thank You for every skill, idea, and opportunity that comes as a gift from You.

We commit our town's economy into Your hands. Bless the work of every business that seeks to serve with integrity. Strengthen those facing financial strain and provide for families in need. Transform unjust practices and bring wisdom to leaders who shape economic decisions.

May Ipswich be a place where fair employment thrives, where creativity and innovation reflect Your image, and where the vulnerable are protected. Help Your people to live out Your justice and generosity in every workplace, so that commerce becomes a channel of blessing, not oppression.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Unison Declaration for Ipswich's Economy

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

We declare that righteousness and justice will be the foundation of our town's commerce. (Proverbs 11:1, Psalm 89:14)

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to bless the work of our hands. (Deuteronomy 28:12)

We believe Ipswich will be a place of fair employment, honest trade, and generous provision that reflects God's kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen!



Schools, Youth & Mental Wellbeing

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6, BSB)

He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3, BSB)

Today we focus on **Ipswich's young people** - our children, teens and young adults navigating an increasingly complex world. From primary schools to university campuses, young hearts are facing unprecedented pressures: academic stress, social media harm, identity crises, and a devastating mental health epidemic. Yet God sees each one, and His heart breaks with love for them.

We also lift up the **educators, counsellors and youth workers** on the frontlines of this crisis. Let's intercede for divine protection, wisdom and revival among the next generation.

Pray for:

1. Schools & Colleges

- Primary/Secondary Schools: Pray for teachers overwhelmed by behavioural issues and shrinking resources
- Special Educational Needs: Ask God to strengthen Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs) and support staff
- · Sixth Forms & Colleges: Intercede for students facing exam pressure & future anxiety
- University of Suffolk: Pray against the issue of isolation among students in on-campus housing such as Waterfront residences and Athena Hall. Pray for Christian witness on campus

2. Youth Mental Health Crisis

- · Anxiety/Depression Epidemic: Bind spirits of despair attacking young minds
- · Self-Harm/Suicide Prevention: Pray Psalm 91 over vulnerable youth
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) & Mental Health Services: Ask God to reduce waitlists and improve care
- Social Media Impact: Pray for discernment against comparison and cyberbullying

3. Youth Ministries & Safe Spaces

- · Churches' Youth Work: Pray for energy and creativity in outreach
- · Community Programs: Bless The Mix, YMCA and other youth centres
- · Sports/Music Initiatives: Ask God to use these as channels of hope
- · Christians with vision to reach and disciple young adults (18-30)

4. Spiritual Hunger & Protection

- · Pray for school Christian unions to flourish
- Break generational cycles of addiction and trauma
- Ask God to raise up a new wave of young worshippers

Father of mercy and hope,

We thank You for the young people of Ipswich—their energy, creativity, and potential. Thank You for those who already know and love You, and for the seeds of faith You are planting in many hearts.

Heal anxious minds and comfort those carrying hidden pain. Speak peace where there is fear, and hope where there is despair. Where the enemy brings confusion, reveal the truth of who they are in Christ—deeply loved and wonderfully made.

Strengthen teachers, parents, and youth workers with wisdom, compassion, and resilience as they guide and care for this generation.

Lord, raise up a generation who not only know Your love but also live with courage, purpose, and joy. Let them be leaders in bringing kindness, justice, and renewal to their schools, families, and communities.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Unison Declaration for the Next Generation

We declare that the young people of Ipswich are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)

They will know the truth, and the truth will set them free. (John 8:32)

The Lord has plans to prosper them and not to harm them, plans to give them hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

We believe they will be a generation who know God's love, carry His light, and walk in His purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen!



The Vulnerable & Marginalised

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed." (Psalm 82:3)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners..." (Luke 4:18)

Today we turn our prayers toward those often overlooked in our community - the homeless, the addicted, the lonely, the elderly, and those trapped in cycles of poverty. In Ipswich, these hidden struggles exist alongside our bustling town centre and thriving waterfront. Jesus spent His ministry reaching out to society's outcasts, and He calls us to do the same - both through practical compassion and fervent prayer.

Prayer Points:

1. Homelessness & Housing Crisis

- Ipswich Winter Night Shelter & Chapman Centre: Pray for volunteers, resources, and lasting solutions
- **Hidden Homeless:** Those sofa-surfing or in temporary accommodation
- Housing Policies: Wisdom for leaders addressing the shortage

2. Addiction & Recovery

- Drug/Alcohol Services: Iceni Project, Turning Point and other recovery programs
- Families Affected: Children of addicts and exhausted relatives
- Breaking Cycles: Generational patterns of substance abuse

3. Elderly & Isolated

- Loneliness Epidemic: Especially post-pandemic isolation
- Care Homes: Staff patience and resident dignity
- Community Connections: Church visiting programs and befriending schemes

4. Refugees & Immigrants

- RASHA (Refugee & Asylum Seeker Help): Resources and volunteer support
- Language Barriers: Effective ESOL programs
- Community Integration: Overcoming prejudice and fear

5. Prisoners & Ex-Offenders

- Ipswich Prison Ministry: Chaplains and rehabilitation programs
- Employment Barriers: For those seeking fresh starts
- **The National Probabtion Service** discernment and compassion for probation officers guiding individuals towards restoration.

Compassionate Father

We thank You that You are the God who sees—the One who watches over the poor, the broken, and the forgotten. Thank You for the ways You are already at work in Ipswich through acts of kindness, through charities, shelters, social workers, and faithful believers who serve quietly. Thank You that even in the darkest corners, Your light is never absent.

Lord, we remember those sleeping rough tonight.

Thank You for every volunteer, every warm meal, every safe bed provided. We ask for greater provision—safe places of shelter, pathways out of homelessness, and hope for those who feel trapped in despair.

We remember those battling addiction.

Thank You for stories of recovery, for counsellors, friends, and support networks. Bring freedom and healing through the power of Christ. Restore dignity to those who have lost hope.

We remember the lonely elderly.

Thank You for neighbours, carers, and community groups who reach out. Send true companionship, comfort, and peace. Help Your Church to honour and cherish the wisdom of older generations.

We remember refugees and migrants.

Thank You for those offering welcome and hospitality. Grant safety, healing from trauma, and new beginnings in this community. May they encounter love that reflects Your heart for the stranger.

We remember prisoners.

Thank You for chaplains, mentors, and programs that bring transformation. Open doors for true redemption—restored lives, reconciled families, and hearts renewed by the Gospel.

And now, Lord, stir Your Church.

Awaken us from complacency. Show us how to be Your hands and feet, not only meeting immediate needs but also working for justice and long-term change. May we love not only with words but with deeds of mercy, so that Ipswich would be a place where no one feels forgotten.

We hold onto Your promise: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

And we trust that Your kingdom is coming—on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.



Arts, Culture & Media in Ipswich

Whatever is true, whatever is noble... think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)

"Your light must shine before people, so they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Today we pray for the storytellers, creators, and influencers who shape Ipswich's cultural landscape. From the historic Wolsey Theatre to the vibrant street art scene, from local journalists to musicians in our pubs, these cultural gatekeepers profoundly impact how our community sees itself and the world. We ask God to raise up redemptive voices that bring truth, beauty, and hope to our town.

Prayer Points:

1. Theatres & Performance Arts

- New Wolsey Theatre & Regent Theatre: Pray for productions that uplift and inspire towards the Divine.
- DanceEast: Creativity that expresses human dignity and divine beauty.
- Local playwrights & actors: Opportunities to tell meaningful stories showing the love of GOD

2. Music & Nightlife

- Music venues (The Smokehouse, John Peel Centre): Protection from addiction culture
- Local musicians: Divine inspiration in their craft
- Pub/club owners: Wisdom to create safe spaces

3. Visual Arts & Public Spaces

- Ipswich Art Society & galleries: Artists who reveal God's beauty
- Street art/murals: That they would reflect community identity
- Christchurch Mansion & museums: Exhibits that educate and unite

4. Local Media & Journalism

- East Anglian Daily Times & BBC Radio Suffolk: Ethical reporting that builds community
- Social media influencers: Responsibility on their platforms to inspire in godly ways.
- Truth in storytelling: Protection against sensationalism

5. Sports & Community Identity

- **Ipswich Town FC:** Positive role models and community impact
- Local sports clubs: Healthy outlets for youth
- Waterfront development: Spaces that foster connection

Father, You are the Creator God,

We thank You for the gift of art, music, storytelling, and all forms of creativity that reflect Your image in us. Thank You for the artists, writers, performers, and cultural voices in Ipswich—both those who know You and those who are yet to.

Pour out Your Spirit on our creative community. Inspire works of beauty and truth that awaken hearts to wonder, justice, and hope. May our theatres tell stories that reveal glimpses of Your kingdom, our galleries display beauty that stirs the soul, and our media carry words that build up rather than tear down.

Raise up Christian artists and journalists to be faithful witnesses, but also work through all who seek what is true, good, and beautiful. Help Your Church to engage culture with humility and love, partnering in ways that honour Christ.

May every cultural space in our town become a place where echoes of Your glory can be seen and heard. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Spiritual Breakthrough & Revival for Ipswich

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? (Psalm 85:6) "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)

On this final day, we stand in faith for **spiritual awakening in Ipswich** - a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit that transforms lives, heals our community, and brings glory to Jesus. From its Saxon Christian roots to the modern multicultural town, Ipswich has known seasons of spiritual vitality. We pray for a new move of God that:

- Breaks every stronghold
- Unites churches in purpose
- Brings record numbers to Christ
- Establishes lasting revival

Prayer Points:

1. Breaking Spiritual Strongholds

- Historical occult influences (Witchfinder General Hopkins' legacy)
- Generational addictions and family brokenness
- Apathy and secularism blinding hearts to truth

2. Unity Across the Church

- IIC & all congregations working together
- Prayer networks sustaining revival fire
- Shared mission to reach every neighbourhood

3. Evangelism & Discipleship

- **Bold witness** in workplaces/schools
- New believers rooted in faith
- Revival in the University and among youth

4. Supernatural Signs & Wonders

- Healings that testify to Jesus' power
- Deliverance from demonic oppression
- Prophetic words directing the church

5. Cultural Transformation

- Righteous leadership in civic spheres
- Redemptive influence in media/arts
- Community-wide repentance and renewal

Father Almighty,

We thank You that You have already come to us in Jesus Christ, and that Your Spirit now dwells within Your people. Through the cross and resurrection, You have broken every chain of sin and darkness. We don't wait for You to come down again—we ask that You awaken us, Your Church in Ipswich & Suffolk, to rise up in the power You've already given. Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit. Ignite our hearts with love for the Gospel. Give us boldness to proclaim Christ, compassion to serve, and courage to live as witnesses of Your kingdom.

Let salvation flow through Your people so that multitudes hear and respond to the Good News. Heal broken lives, restore families, and bring justice and mercy to our communities.

May Ipswich become known—not for our works—but as a place where the life of Jesus is evident, where Your love is displayed through transformed people.

We hold to Your promise that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14). Let us be faithful partners in that mission. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Unison Declaration

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

We will arise and shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us! (Isaiah 60:1)

The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. We will proclaim it with boldness, in the name of Jesus! (Romans 1:16)

Closing Challenge:

Now go carry the fire of this prayer week into your daily life - be a revival catalyst wherever God places you!

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much." (James 5:16)

Do You Think Prayer Is Trying To Convince A Hostile, Unwilling And High-handed God To Do Something He Doesn't Want To Do?

THEN YOU SHOULD READ

The Paternoster Code

A Novel On Prayer



"The book illustrates God's mysterious ways, like His ability to draw straight with crooked lines. It calls attention to all to appreciate that God is everywhere and meets us irrespective of time, space, or agency. A compelling read."

Bishop Matthew Kukah

The picture of God as a loving and caring Father, and not a hostile, unwilling and high-handed Judge, is well-painted in the book. A number of other fundamental matters about prayer have been succinctly captured and aptly illustrated.

Pastor Tony Akinyemi

"A succinctly written book on prayer that is one-of-a-kind.

"A great book with many revelations. I'd say it's more than a book on prayer; it's about developing a relationship with God.

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