

A stylized rainbow flame rising from a mountain peak. The flame is composed of a spectrum of colors: purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. The mountain peak is dark grey with a white, jagged, snow-like outline. The background is a light purple gradient.

DREAM
BIG.
PRAY
BIGGER.

JAN 7TH - 27TH

21 DAYS OF PRAYER
AT GOLD HILL & HOPE

INTRODUCTION

From January 7th to 27th we are setting aside 21 Days of Prayer, choosing to **Dream Big, Pray Bigger**. During the month, we'll be asking God to reveal more and more of His dreams for us. We know He is able to do far more than we can dream of, so as we allow Him to birth big dreams in us, we'll be praying for His big purposes to become realities.

Each of the three weeks has a different theme. We will begin with God's dreams for **ourselves**, then for our **church**, and then for our **world**. During the second week (13th to 19th) the prayer room at Gold Hill will be open. You can book your one-hour slot at goldhill.org/dream or on a Sunday.

This is a resource to use as you journey through the month, and it includes:

Sunday details

What we'll be doing as we gather on Sundays at Gold Hill and Hope

Daily prayer guides

Daily guidance, and space to pray, write, draw and dream

Notes for groups to use

For your Life Group, family or just to discuss and pray with friends

Some more detailed prayer prompts

Specific details about our mission partners and praying for our world

Space to capture what God is saying

Make sure you don't forget what God has been saying to you this month

A diary of all the events during the month

All the things we have planned, including events and fasting days

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

SUNDAYS

On Sundays during January, we are going to be seeking God together and letting Him speak to us about the directions He has for us and the things He wants us to commit to. (At Gold Hill, we will have a similar focus in the morning and evening, from slightly different angles.) Here's the plan:



6th January

Dream Big, Pray Bigger (Eph 3:20)

13th January

Talking Jesus, with Roy Crowne

20th January

Beautiful Feet (Isaiah 52:1-12)



6th January

A Church on the Move (Acts 1–4)

13th January

Am I in God's Dream? (Acts 4–8)

20th January

God is Able! (Acts 9)

Sunday 27th January

On the final Sunday in our 21 Days of Prayer, we have a day planned to bring the whole thing to a conclusion. Both churches (Hope and Gold Hill) will be meeting together to worship and share dreams.

Share your Dreams (am)

At our morning services (8:15 and 10am), we will be creating space for everyone, young and old, to share what God's been saying to them during the month. So throughout the month, if you sense God prompting you, get in touch so we can make sure we hear all God has said!

Turning the Tide (pm)

For our evening service, we are being joined by others from local Baptist churches as part of a fresh wave of prayer for the region. This will be the first of a number of these, and we are looking forward to seeing what God will do as we turn to Him in prayer throughout our region for our region.

WEEK 1 - GOD'S DREAMS FOR YOU.

Use these guides each day to pray and seek what His heart is for you. You can use the space to capture your prayers.

MON 07 // Pray that during this week God will reveal things to you about your purpose and life. Ask that it will be a meaningful and fruitful life.

TUE 08 // Spend some time listing different areas and aspects of your life as it is at the moment. Ask God how He wants to develop each part.

WED 09 [FASTING DAY] // Pray that you would be led to one person you know who God wants to come to know Him. Then pray they would do.

THU 10 // Pray for your rhythms and routines, your daily habits, that God would show you where He wants you to invest more or less time.

FRI 11 // Pray for your family, that they would draw closer to God during 2019 whether they know Him yet or not.

SAT 12 // Spend some time writing down gifts and abilities God has given you, and then commit to use them for Him and with Him this year.

SUN 13 // Pray that, as we shift from a personal focus to a church focus, every member of our church family would find and know their place.

WEEK 2 - GOD'S DREAMS FOR the CHURCH.

Use these guides each day to pray and seek what His heart is for the Gold Hill and Hope families. You can use the space to capture your prayers.

MON 14 // Pray that during this week God will be revealing things to us all about His heart and desires for our church families.

TUE 15 [FASTING DAY] // Pray that our churches would be fruitful for the kingdom of God, seeing people coming to know Jesus this year.

WED 16 // Pray for our spiritual health, that God would remove things that holding us back. (If you have a sense of these, share with a leader)

THU 17 // Pray for our leaders – elders, staff and church council, that they would lead faithfully as God leads them.

FRI 18 // Pray for those you know who volunteer in our churches. Thank God for them, and pray for the ministry they are part of.

SAT 19 // Pray for boldness and courage for all in our church families in sharing faith with others and making right choices even when it is hard.

SUN 20 // Pray that, as we shift from a church focus to a world focus, we would always remember the church exists for the world to know Jesus.

WEEK 3 - GOD'S DREAMS FOR the WORLD.

Use these guides each day to pray and seek what His heart is for the world we live in, locally and globally. Use the space to capture your prayers.

MON 21 // Pray that during this week God will stir passions for the world around us in all of us. Ask that because of our prayers things would change. (There is a great video to inspire you at goldhill.org/dreams)

TUE 22 // Pray for a part of the world (overseas or in the UK) that means a lot to you. Pray God's blessing over it, asking for His kingdom to come.

WED 23 // Pray for ministries of Gold Hill aimed at connecting with our local community, like the BREADHOUSE, Unique Like You and Rock House.

THU 24 [FASTING DAY] // Pray for our global mission partners (there are details about them to guide you later on in this booklet).

FRI 25 // Pray for the Muslim world, asking that God would reveal Himself to Muslims in powerful ways. (There is a page later in this booklet to guide.)

SAT 26 // Pray for our gatherings tomorrow, that as we share all that God has been saying to us we would hear Him clearly.

SUN 27 // Pray that, as our 21 Days of Prayer come to a close, we would not put down the things that He has asked us to pick up this month.

PRAYING TOGETHER

During this month of prayer, when we gather with others it would be great to dream and pray together. On these two pages are a number of ideas to spark times together in Life Groups. They are not a fully-fleshed out plan, as each group has different needs and patterns, but plenty to be using during the month of January.

Study together

In 21 Days of Prayer, why not study some parts of the Bible that teach us about prayer. You could do a 'compare and contrast', seeing what each of these contributes to a wider understanding of prayer, or dive deep into one or two of them.

Bible passages about prayer

Genesis 18:22-33	Luke 11:5-13
2 Chronicles 7:12-18	Luke 18:1-5
Matthew 6:5-15	Acts 4:23-31

In all of your discussions, ask the questions 'Why should we pray?' and 'How should we pray?' Also try to make sure you get practical, discussing:

- What do our prayer-lives look like? How do we find praying?
- Are there times that we have found it easier or harder to pray? Why?
- What do we find helps us in praying?
- How can we support each other in our prayer lives?

Dream together

Since the focus of these 21 Days is dreaming with God and asking Him to birth dreams in us, a group is a perfect place to explore that with others.

Here are some ideas for that:

- Discuss what your own dreams or goals for 2019 are, for yourselves
- Share dreams for each other, what you want to see in someone in 2019
- Pray into, talk about and write down dreams for your group

Our group's dreams for 2019 are...

As we dream together, one of the big themes for this month is about those we want (with God) to see come to know Jesus. Make sure that you have shared those people with one another so you can each be praying for the rest of the group as you seek to join with God in inviting them to faith.

Pray together!

Make sure you don't miss this! We would really encourage that you devote an extra portion of your time together during this month to actually pray. It can be really tempting to talk about praying or share areas for prayer and not get round to really praying together.

Here are some things you could pray about during your times together:

- All the things above that you have studied, discussed and dreamt
- Parts of the **daily prayer prompts** from earlier on in this booklet
- Our **mission partners**; it would be a really good thing to take time out to pray specifically for each of our global partners (details are on the next page)
- The **friends and family** you have that do not yet know Jesus
- **Boldness** for one another in seeing opportunities to share faith and then doing so
- Those you know who are **unwell** or need a particular touch from God at the moment
- The **direction and mission** of our church families in 2019 and beyond
- Your **own group**, that it would grow and be led in the directions God has for it, being a blessing to others

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

We want to cover our global mission partners in prayer during this month, so here are some basic details for them you can use in your prayers. Some of the details are deliberately vague to protect them as they serve. If you want to know more about any of these people, or to join their prayer group, get in touch with Jackie Buie and she'll point you in the right direction.



Andy Buie

Wycliffe Bible Translators - UK based

Andy supports Wycliffe in Bible Translation by the use and development of technology within the UK and Sub-Saharan Africa, helping others in the organisation make the best use of technology in their roles.



Kev & Debs

West Africa (among the 41m unreached Fula cousins)

Kev and Debs and their 3 children are working among the Fula doing contextualised discipleship, leadership training, prayer mobilisation, networking & development projects. They dream of having a place for persecuted

believers to be nurtured and a safe place to grow.



Liz Thomson

SIL - UK based

Liz works for SIL International, a partner organisation to Wycliffe Bible Translators, overseeing a group of consultants, advisors and trainers who support the Bible translation and language development work carried out

by SIL in various African countries. She also serves on the SIL International Board and on the board of JAARS, a subsidiary of SIL that provides transport and technical solutions for the Bible translation movement.



Jonny & Fiona Thiessen

Operation Mobilisation (OM) – USA based

Jonathan leads OM's Marketplace Workers Initiative globally through an online platform called 'Scatter Global' and through a Recruiting Company, placing intentional workers in countries where Jesus is little

known. Fiona supports this role by taking care of home and family and teaching ESOL & Bible studies to local Japanese & Mexican women.



Stuart & Jenny Oliphant

Global – UK based

Stuart and Jenny are based in the UK, serving globally. Stuart cares pastorally for mission partners sent from the UK or Latin America. He also works as a counsellor. Jenny works full time in prayer mobilisation for

unreached people groups, serving with Ethne network and 24:14. She also continues as a consultant with Latin Link International for strategic prayer.



Jude Moulds

Southeast Asia

Christian schools are an amazing opportunity to disciple and reach out with the good news. Jude trains Christian teachers, mobilising them for missions. Jude is also now studying part-time for a PhD.



Paul & Lucy

Southeast Asia

Paul and Lucy allocate most of their time to the work of The Source in 'Sparks City'. The Source started as a drugs rehab work in 2001 and has become a growing family church with emerging groups in nearby cities. From

their base in South London, Paul and Lucy have daily contact and make regular trips to their base in 'Sparks City'. Paul & Lucy are passionate about seeing the next generation released into mission.

PRAYING FOR OUR WORLD

There are many things to pray for in our world, and if there are things you feel strongly about, pray for them! But we also wanted to give some specific focus. Here's something to prompt your prayers for the Muslim world.

Prayer for the Muslim world

Countless stories are being shared of Muslims turning to Jesus; Imam leaders, whole mosques, Isis terrorists and communities are coming to follow Jesus across the Muslim world. We are living in unprecedented times.

Today in Iran, those who work in that country and are sharing the good news of Jesus wait for people to approach them to tell them of a dream they received. **"I saw a man in shiny white with His arms outstretched to me. Please tell me who this is?"** The prisons in Iran are not large enough to contain the revival of people who are obeying Jesus. Pray for Iranian believers to be scattered across the nations as they endure persecution for obeying Jesus. Pray that they will choose to go to the hard high places in Central Asia.

In Dubai, a friend was queuing up for his pizza collection. He wore a T-Shirt with the words "Amazing Grace". A lady approached him and asked, "What do you know about grace?"

He replied "I live by grace and am saved by grace"

"Me too, There are many of us, we cannot talk about it" she answered.

Pray for Muslims across the world to receive dreams and visions of Jesus. They are becoming common-place, in answer to our prayers.

Pray that households of Muslims would turn and believe in Jesus, particularly amongst Arabs.

For more information on Dreaming Bigger and Praying Bigger for God's heart for the lost around the world, download the free booklet, **'Pray for the 31'** at www.go31.org/order.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING?

It is so important to make sure that as we listen to God we are noting the things we sense He is saying to us, and the commitments we are making to Him. These pages are for you to use to do that. Some of these will be used in our Sunday gatherings, but they are all for you to use as you spend time with God. The headings are prompts, but use them any way you wish to!

What have I been saying to God this month?

What has God been saying to me this month?

Have I seen any prayers answered?

What are my dreams with God for...

...myself?

...our church?

...our world?

Who am I praying will come to know God?

One of the big themes and dreams for this month is about how we can share faith with others. Use this space to write the name(s) of the person/people you are praying would come to know God during 2019.

SPECIAL EVENTS

As well as praying individually and in our families during these 21 days, we are also creating space to pray together and have a corporate element to our dreaming together with God. Do not try to come to everything! But do consider which of these you will come to.

WEEK 1: God's dreams for ourselves

Since this is a week to focus on God's dreams for us as individuals, we are not having gathered times, so only one thing this week:

Wed 9th **FASTING DAY** (see next page for guidance)

WEEK 2: God's dreams for our church

Every day this week, the **prayer room** at church will be open to book slots to pray; sign up at goldhill.org/dream. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, there will be a 'Lectio Divina' style prayer time together at lunchtime (12:30pm) with soup and rolls. Additionally, there will be:

Mon 14th, 7pm **Worship Lab** – evening of worship and prayer for all, with space for any expression of worship

Tue 15th **FASTING DAY, ending with...**

Tue 15th, 7:30pm **2:42 Night** – food, prayer and time together

Wed 16th, 8pm **Compline** – closing the day together

Thu 17th, 7:30pm **Soaking Night** – resting in God's presence

WEEK 3: God's dreams for our world

As we turn our face towards our world and ask God what His dreams are for the communities He has placed us in, these are the plans:

Wed 23rd, 8pm **Prayer for Chalfont** at the BREADHOUSE and, for those that wish, prayer walking the streets of CSP

Thu 24th **FASTING DAY** (see next page for guidance)

Full details for these events will be available on ChurchSuite or the website.

FASTING DAYS

As part of our rhythm for this month, we are asking for our church family to set aside a day each week to fast: **Wed 9th**, **Tue 15th** and **Thu 24th**.

Some of us may be used to fasting regularly, and others won't be. Fasting is not about being super-spiritual so God or others think we are impressive – Jesus has some strong words to say about that (Matthew 6:16-18)! It is an act of devotion to God, choosing to go without in order to express our total dependence on God. It is also an act of creating space (in our day, our mind and our time) to focus instead on God in prayer. Fasting can look like lots of things, and people of all ages can do it! For you, fasting could mean:

- Going without one meal
- Not eating at all until the evening
- Simplifying (e.g. only water instead of hot drinks or fizzy drinks)
- Not having the snack we normally would
- Giving up something that isn't food, like screen time or our phone

So have a think and decide how you'll fast on those days and really focus on the prayer points in the daily plan earlier in this booklet.

KEEP ON DREAMING...

The dream doesn't end in February! We have plans to keep it alive and to continue seeking God for the things He has birthed in us... Here are two!

'Night of Prayer for Healing'

Tue 12th February

An evening set aside to pray for those who are unwell, anoint with oil and seek God's restoration of bodies, minds and hearts. Who do you know who you could invite to be prayed for on this evening?

'Keep the Dream Alive...'

Friday 22nd March

A prayer and worship night, led by our young people where we will look back at what we sensed God say during this month and choose to hold on to it, claim it and press forward into it. Not to be missed!

We also have some training opportunities coming up that tie in with what we are doing this month. God has told us one of His dreams in the Bible:

“God our Saviour...wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

(1 Timothy 2:3-4)

If God wants all people to be saved and to come to know Him, then we do well to make sure we are trained and equipped to be part of that. We have a course coming up starting in February for just that.

‘Talking Jesus’ – a six week course

(starting Feb 28th)

This course comes from Roy Crowne (who is speaking at Gold Hill’s 10am and 7pm services on 13th January). It is practical, gives encouragement and guidance on how to speak with people about Jesus. If this is something you want to do, but are not always sure how, then this course is for you!

You can find out more information and book via the Gold Hill website.

As well as the course, we have another two Saturdays booked in for one-day training events helping us with sharing our faith. Very practical and hands-on, they will be really encouraging days!

‘Following and Fishing’ – one-day training

(January 26th and June 22nd)

We ran some of these events last year and they were really helpful for everyone who came. Based on some simple ways of telling our own stories and telling God’s story, they are really practical training days, giving confidence and skills in sharing faith.

Again, booking and information is via the Gold Hill website.



goldhill.org/dream