



**A call to prayer for our communities and the nations**  
**A TIME TO SHINE**

**Daily Prayer May 14<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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DATE	TOPIC 1	TOPIC 2	NATIONS
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>  Phil 4:6 John 10:10	<b>Good Games</b> At the start of this daily prayer journey, we pray for the London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG), that they might know God's wisdom, particularly in the last minute decision making in these coming weeks so that we can have a good Games.	<b>Greece</b> Before arriving in the UK, the Olympic Torch travels around Greece, visiting several key 'high places'. Pray blessing on the nation of Greece and that its leaders would be given wisdom to find a way through the economic crisis.	<b>Pray for:</b> Greece Afghanistan Albania Algeria
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>  Joel 2:28 Ps 33:2	<b>China and Canada</b> As we prepare to receive the Olympic Flame and to host this major global event, we turn our prayers towards China and Canada, the last nations to host the Olympics. Lord, may your Word and your Spirit flood both those nations as never before.	<b>LOCOG Olympic Torch Relay</b> Pray for all those involved in making the Torch Relay happen, both nationally and locally: for good co-operation between those in the Torch's entourage and the local Police; for wisdom and energy for those involved in co-ordinating evening celebrations.	<b>Pray for:</b> China Canada Andora Angola
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>  Matt 5:16 Deut 16:19	<b>Overseas mission teams</b> Thank God for the Mission Teams coming from overseas to share God's love on our streets this summer. Pray that, in communities where love is in short supply, God's love be seen through them as they share their faith.	<b>Justice</b> The potential to make money through the Olympic and Paralympic Games is enormous. Pray that, by his power, God will stay the hand of those seeking to use this season of celebration to exploit the vulnerable for financial gain.	<b>Pray for:</b> Antigua & Barbuda Argentina & Falklands
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>  Jos 1:9 Isa 9:6	<b>Police</b> Pray that staff and officers of the Police Force will be protected, as they maintain law and order on our streets. Pray that, despite a heavy workload, they will be able to provide the 'Police presence' which people need to feel secure.	<b>100 days of peace</b> As the world gathers for the Olympics, nations are invited to observe a 100-day truce from civil and cross-border wars. Ask God to turn truce to peace in these coming months; that wars will cease and peace will prevail.	<b>Pray for:</b> Armenia Australia Austria Azerbaijan
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>  Matt 10:40 Matt 6:15	<b>Transport hubs</b> Pray for preparations to receive tens of thousands of visitors through key hubs such as airports, railway stations, ferry terminals – that all Games travel will be smooth and safe; and those who will be commuting to work can do so easily.	<b>70 day cascade of praise and prayer starting 19th May</b> Pray for all organising this: for the More Than Gold team, as well as all the churches stepping out in prayer and mission in their local area. Bless the logistics and practical arrangements.	<b>Pray for:</b> Bahamas Bahrain Bangladesh Barbados
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>  John 1:4 Ps150:6	<b>Light of Christ</b> Pray that the Light of the World will shine brightly as the Olympic Flame begins its journey. And that God's presence will draw many to himself, as the light of Christ burns and exposes the darkness in people's hearts and in our communities.	<b>The Praise Bus</b> Thank God for the Praise Bus as it follows the route of the Torch Relay – and those organising, worshiping and praying. Ask God for protection on every aspect, including mechanical. And that it will be a means of conveying joy and blessing.	<b>Pray for:</b> Belarus Belgium Belize Benin

<p><b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Matt 18:18 Matt 25:40</p>	<p><b>‘Recalibrating the Torch’</b> God’s Word says we, God’s people praying in unity, can bind and release. Agree together in prayer today that when the Torch comes through your region, the intentions of the enemy will be bound, and the light of Jesus will shine out freely.</p>	<p><b>Athletes Family Homestay</b> Christian families will soon be hosting people coming to the UK to watch their loved-ones compete in the Games, who would otherwise not be able to afford to come. May warm hospitality speak volumes about the love and kindness of God.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Bhutan Bolivia Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</p>
<p><b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p>Isa 61:1 Ac 3:1-8</p>	<p><b>Gold champions</b> Pray for those working hard to help the churches engage with the Games: for divine appointments with church leaders, and for real impact as they encourage churches to use the Games as a way to shine for Jesus in their communities.</p>	<p><b>Games Pastors</b> Pray for those getting ready to serve as Games Pastor, meeting the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of people passing through the major transport hubs. Pray the Lord will open their eyes to needs and opportunities and give them the wisdom to respond.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Botswana Brazil Brunei Bulgaria</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p>Ps 12:5 Matt 18:20</p>	<p><b>Prayer</b> Thank God for the groundswell of prayer in the UK this year, And that, in this 10 days of prayer leading up to Pentecost, people will persevere, so our prayers continue to clear the way for God to move in power.</p>	<p><b>Security</b> Pray for all the security arrangements being made for the Games and the activities of the churches. For the protection of people, buildings and open-air venues, and for the security personnel involved.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Burkina Faso Burma Burundi Cambodia</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>Deut 28:8 2 Chr 7:14</p>	<p><b>East London</b> There are inherent problems in placing an immense sporting event in a community which is home to thousands. Pray that the fragile balance will be maintained, so East London remains safe and peaceful this summer.</p>	<p><b>7:14 Prayer</b> 7:14 is an initiative to raise a ‘flash mob’ of prayer at 7:14pm in the centre of every city, town and village on the day after the Olympic Torch passes through. Pray that thousands will catch the vision to get out and pray together.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Cape Verde Central African Republic</p>
<p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>1 Tim 2:1-2 1 Cor 9:24</p>	<p><b>Hospitality</b> Pray for the Salvation Army deploying their red vans across the nation, for local churches planning to serve refreshments on torch relay routes; for those planning the water canteen stations across Greater London during the Games.</p>	<p><b>Local sports venues</b> Pray for the Church’s engagement with sport, both before and after the Games: for church sports activities, and for chaplains working in sports clubs in our communities; for wholesome and healthy activities to be organised for young people everywhere.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Chad Chile Taiwan Columbia</p>
<p><b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Phil 2:16 1 Chr 29:17</p>	<p><b>Sports ministry</b> Thank God for churches in your area who are celebrating the gift of sport and using it to help people to come closer to the Good News of Jesus. Pray that this summer of sport will be a wonderful opportunity to impact people beyond the church.</p>	<p><b>Team GB</b> Pray for our home-grown athletes, that they will be kept from injury. Pray that they will work together as a team and be a great inspiration to our young people, as they compete with integrity and grace. Pray they will know how to handle media attention.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> D.R.Congo Congo- Brazzaville Cook Islands</p>
<p><b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Ac 4:31 Ac 1:8</p>	<p><b>Come Holy Spirit</b> A prayer: Holy Spirit, we praise you for the burning love you light within us when we come together to pray and worship you. As your Spirit came at Pentecost, come again in power upon your Church across our nations, fill us with your heart to reach the lost.</p>	<p><b>Community festivals</b> Pray for the many More Than Gold community festivals to be held across the nation this summer; that churches will be given courage and boldness to host events for all ages that will build community and open doors for the gospel to be shared.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Costa Rica Cote d’Ivoire Croatia Cuba</p>
<p><b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Ac 2: 1-4 Lk 11:9</p>	<p><b>Global Day of Prayer</b> A prayer: On this Pentecost Sunday, we thank you Lord for the privilege of welcoming the nations of the world to our shores. Just as they did in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, may people of many nations and languages be added to your Church in the coming months.</p>	<p><b>Transport</b> Pray for the protection of all forms of transport from the threat of strikes, accidents and terrorist activities. Pray smooth running and safety. Pray for the safety of transport workers, for protection from accident or injury.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Cyprus Czech Republic Djibouti</p>

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mk 4:39  
1 Cor 9:22

**Olympic Torch Relay**

Pray for the remaining places where the Torch has yet to make an evening stop, that every celebration will be marked by a positive atmosphere. Pray for a block on any plan to bring disturbance or trouble-making, so peace and joy will reign.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Isa 50:4  
Col 4:5

**LOCOG Media Centre**

Pray for the 20,000 journalists and media people who will be housed in the Media Centre on the Olympic Park. Pray too for the chaplaincy team serving the media – the first time such a team has been in place.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

1 Sam 16:7  
Isa 52:7

**Inclusive Games**

God's measure of a person is always the heart, never the outward appearance. Pray that both the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be marked by the love which overlooks difference and disability and accepts every person as they are.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Ps 91:9-10  
Lev 25:39

**More Than Gold**

Pray safety over More Than Gold's staff and volunteers today, both those on the road with the Torch Relay and those at the office; for protection from illness, injury or accident for them and their loved-ones; for a shield around their office and vehicles.

**Street theatre**

A prayer: Father, we love the way you use the creative arts to tell your Good News. We pray for the blessing of your manifest presence on all street theatre taking place during the Games. May your message be heard through word and action.

**Local churches**

Pray for churches in your area, that they may be strengthened as they plan events around the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympic Games. Pray for favour with police and local councils as we take the Gospel out into our communities.

**World media**

The world's media will focus in on the UK over this Jubilee weekend and in the run-up to the Games. Pray that coverage will focus on messages of hope instead of cynicism, and that the role of the churches will be reported well.

**Human trafficking**

A prayer: God of Liberty, we thank you that hosting the 2012 Games gives us the chance to speak out on matters of global importance. Bless the many organisations working together as they highlight and respond to the evils of human trafficking.

**Pray for:**

Denmark  
Faroe  
Islands  
Greenland

**Pray for:**

Dominican  
Republic  
East Timor  
Ecuador

**Pray for:**

Egypt  
El Salvador  
Equatorial  
Guinea

**Pray for:**

Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Estonia  
Fiji



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<b>Friday 1</b> Ps 124:7 Php 2:15-16	<b>Terrorist threats</b> It is a privilege and a huge responsibility to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Pray for MI5, the border agencies, and all working to guard this nation, that they will be granted insight and boldness, and that all plans for evil will be crushed.	<b>Church in Northern Ireland</b> As the Olympic Flame makes its way to Northern Ireland this weekend, pray for Christians to rise joyfully to the task of sharing the Light of Christ with their friends and neighbours. May Jesus be made known.	<b>Pray for:</b> Finland France Gabon The Gambia
<b>Saturday 2</b> Pro 21:1 Php 1:3-6	<b>Queen Elizabeth II</b> A prayer: Our Eternal King, we bring to you in thanksgiving Elizabeth our Queen at this time of Jubilee. We praise you for her loyal devotion to her subjects, and celebrate her humble, leadership. Continue to shine upon her we pray.	<b>More Than Gold</b> Thank God for the many people working hard to help churches respond well to the Games. Pray they will be strengthened daily, remain motivated and experience God's protection from discouragement, illness and spiritual attack.	<b>Pray for:</b> Georgia Germany Ghana Granada
<b>Sunday 3</b> Lk 24:30-31 Isa 60:9	<b>Big Lunch</b> Thank God for the amazing way in which this idea, born through HOPE, has been adopted as an official part of the Jubilee celebrations. Pray for the 'Big Lunch' events in your area, that they will be a doorway to new faith and friends for many.	<b>Jubilee Flotilla</b> With huge crowds expected for the Jubilee celebrations, this can provide opportunities for those who want to cause disruption. Pray for protection for all involved in the Flotilla celebrations, and that the intent of those planning trouble & crime will be stopped.	<b>Pray for:</b> Guatemala Guinea Guinea-Bissau
<b>Monday 4</b> Rom 1:16 John 1:5	<b>Our communities</b> Thank God for seeds sown in your local community through Jubilee events during the weekend, and pray they will bear much fruit. Pray that the churches will build on what they've done this weekend, and plan even more mission around the Games.	<b>Beacons</b> A prayer: Father, we pray that the sign of flames will cause your church to awake and be filled with a fiery passion for you. As Jubilee beacons are lit throughout the UK, let hope rise like the dawn across our land.	<b>Pray for:</b> Guyana Haiti Vatican City Hungary
<b>Tuesday 5</b> Jn 13:34-35 Rom 5:3-5	<b>My friends</b> A prayer: Jesus, thank you for the gift of friends. Thank you for the people you've put in my life who make me laugh, and who share the tough times with me. Help me love my friends in such a way that they see more of who you are through me.	<b>Perseverance</b> A prayer: Father, we praise you for giving us a spirit of perseverance. May those who minister during the Games be confident of their relationship with you. As we see much perseverance in the sports arena, give your people that same determination to be bold for you.	<b>Pray for:</b> Iceland India Indonesia Iran
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Paralympic selection</b>	<b>Pray for:</b>

Isa 60:5 Rom 15:13	Today the Olympic Flame leaves the UK to visit Dublin. Pray for this city, which has known so much turmoil of late, because of Ireland's economic situation. Pray this will be a day of blessing, and that the light of Christ will shine brightly there.	Competitions are still going on to confirm the final line-up for Team GB at the Paralympics. Pray for deep peace and bright hope for every competitor, whatever the outcome. Pray for wisdom for the selectors as they make the final choice.	Iraq Ireland Israel Italy
<b>Thursday 7</b>  2Cor 1:3-4 Rev 7:9	<b>Chaplains</b> Games Chaplains have a wonderful opportunity to love and minister to athletes. Pray for them as they prepare to take up this challenge, for wisdom, pastoral hearts and really great opportunities to impact the lives of the athletes and their teams.	<b>Race relations</b> A prayer: Thank you Lord for the privilege and blessing of being a multi-cultural society. May the 2012 Games give us opportunities to learn more about how to live well and generously alongside people of all races and backgrounds.	<b>Pray for:</b> Ivory Coast Jamaica Japan Jordan
Friday 8  Ps 46:9 Lk 8:24	<b>100 days of peace</b> Traditionally the Games were surrounded by 100 days of peace – a call for truce in all civil and international wars. As this season begins today, pray this call will be heard and answered, and that God will 'make wars cease to the ends of the earth'.	<b>Peace in my life</b> A prayer: Lord, as I pray for peace in my world, I ask you to bring peace in my inner world too. Where there are war-zones of fear, anxiety or shame, speak your powerful word and still the storms. Help me to refuse those things in life which would steal my peace.	<b>Pray for:</b> Kazakhstan Kenya Kiribati North Korea
<b>Saturday 9</b>  1Cor1:23-24 2Cor 12:9	<b>Christian athletes</b> We pray for athletes who are Christians participating in the Games. May each one reflect Jesus to all they meet. May your presence be so powerfully with them that, whether they win or lose, their lives witness to the power of your love.	<b>Athlete Homestay Team</b> Give thanks for the vision of providing hospitality to the families of competing athletes. Pray for the Homestay Team, for strength as they finalise the details and brief the host families.	<b>Pray for:</b> South Korea Kosovo Kyrgyzstan Laos
<b>Sunday 10</b>  Rom 13:1 Pro 19:21	<b>Government</b> Pray for those Government ministers involved in final planning for the summer's events. Pray they will still have space to rest, and to handle the day-to-day tasks which their jobs involve.	<b>Paralympic Torch Relay</b> Pray for those involved in finalising plans for the 'Flame Festivals' to be held in London, Cardiff, Greater Belfast and Edinburgh over August Bank Holiday weekend. May their plans be directed by God's Spirit, so that he alone is glorified.	<b>Pray for:</b> Latvia Lebanon Lesotho Liberia
<b>Monday 11</b>  Ps 41:12 Mt 25:40	<b>Media</b> Pray for the media teams accompanying the Torch Relay, that they and their equipment will be kept safe, and that they will report with integrity. Pray that they will feel drawn to speak to Christians involved in prayer and outreach around the Relay.	<b>Hospitality</b> A prayer: Lord, thank you for the many churches planning to bless their communities with hospitality over the coming weeks: serving food, opening prayer spaces and holding children's clubs. May people find you as they walk through these open doors.	<b>Pray for:</b> Libya Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxemburg
<b>Tuesday 12</b>  Deut 28:8 John 12:21	<b>London residents</b> Those living in East London have already suffered significant disruption throughout the past few years, as their local area has changed beyond all recognition. Pray that these disruptions will turn into real, lasting benefits for them.	<b>Training camps</b> Teams of athletes from many nations are now in training around the UK. Pray the churches will seize the opportunity to pray for the teams training in their area, and for the nations they come from. Pray the teams will be blessed by this taste of wonderful hospitality.	<b>Pray for:</b> Macedonia Madagascar Malawi Malaysia
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	<b>London Transport</b>	<b>Athletes</b>	<b>Pray for:</b>



Ps 90:17 Ps 139:14	As final works are carried out on Crossrail and other parts of the London transport system, pray for protection for engineers, electricians and construction workers. In the rush to meet contract deadlines, pray that no mistakes will be made.	The Games are an opportunity to see the wonder of the human body God has created. Pray for the athletes preparing to compete, that the honest hard work and commitment with which they train and compete will be an example to us all.	Maldives Mali Marshall Islands
<b>Thursday 14</b>  1Ki 4:29 Deut 4:5-6	<b>Paralympic classification</b> One of the most contentious issues in the run-up to the Paralympics is that of classification – which category of disability athletes should compete in. Pray that decisions will be just and fair, and athletes will accept those decisions peacefully.	<b>The long view</b> The Games require the host nation to make significant efforts in the areas of tourism, transport systems, policing, urban planning and much more. Pray that the efforts the UK make won't just be for summer 2012, but will result in lasting improvements.	<b>Pray for:</b> Malta Mauritania Mauritius Mexico
<b>Friday 15</b>  Rom 8:28 Ps 133	<b>My family</b> A prayer: Lord, thank you for placing me in my family. Whether it's a peaceful place or a stressful one, I know that you put me here for a reason. Please work in my family today, bringing healing and new life. Show me how I can be a blessing here today.	<b>Unity in planning</b> We pray for all the planning for outreach activities happening in local communities during the Games. May each of these planning teams be united in their desire, above all, to seek God's powerful presence at the events they are holding.	<b>Pray for:</b> Micronesia Moldova Monaco Mongolia
<b>Saturday 16</b>  1Jn 4:7 Amos 5:24	<b>Friendships through the Games</b> Saviour and Lord, we praise you for the gift of friendship, and for the friends you've put in our lives. Through the guidance of your Spirit we pray that many new lasting friendships will be formed through the Olympic and Paralympic Games this year.	<b>Fair Trade</b> Millions of pounds will be spent in the UK this summer. Pray that more shops will choose to stock fair and ethically traded goods, and people will choose to buy them, so that those in the poorest parts of our world will benefit from this global event.	<b>Pray for:</b> Montenegro Morocco Mozambique Myanmar/Burma
<b>Sunday 17</b>  Pro 4:11 Ps 90:12	<b>Transport</b> Pray for all involved in transport planning in London and elsewhere for the Olympic Games, that they will have wisdom as they work to predict and prepare for any potential problems.	<b>Paralympic preparations</b> Pray for the teams of planners and workers who are preparing to make necessary alterations to Olympic venues, ready for the Paralympic Games. They will have a lot to do in the 16 days between the Games, so pray for good forward planning now.	<b>Pray for:</b> Nagorno-Karabakh Namibia Nauru
<b>Monday 18</b>  Zeph 3:17 1Jn 3:1	<b>Bells</b> As the bells ring out across our nations for the Torch Relay and Opening Ceremony, pray we may hear the sound of the Lord's new song, as He sings over us and over this nation. May his sound be heard in every village, town, city and street.	<b>Love</b> A prayer: Father, I'm praying that your love will be poured out into people's lives over the next few months, and that your Church will use this opportunity to tell people how loved they are. Through all these things, please pour your love out in me too.	<b>Pray for:</b> Nepal Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua
<b>Tuesday 19</b>  John 17:23 Deut 31:6	<b>Weymouth and Portland</b> 'Refresh 2012' is the Weymouth and Portland Churches response to the Games. Pray for Street Pastors, Healing on the Streets, acts of kindness, floats in the Carnival and Torch Relay event. Pray for an even greater unity among the churches.	<b>Courage</b> A prayer: Lord, we praise you for all those who will compete in the Paralympic Games. Give them physical and spiritual strength. Bless their lives with good things. Go with them each day and take away any fears as they prepare for the Games.	<b>Pray for:</b> Niger Nigeria Norway Oman
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	<b>70 Day Prayer Relay</b>	<b>Athletes</b>	<b>Pray for:</b>

2Ki 3:17-18 Deut 32:4	Pray for church leaders and people involved in passing on the 'prayer baton', through all the places where the Torch stops overnight. Pray this historic, ground-breaking relay will gather momentum as it rolls onwards.	A prayer: Father, we pray for all competitors as they continue to prepare for the start of the Games. May their coaches and support teams always operate with integrity and may every nation's team be able to compete in freedom.	Pakistan Palau Panama Papua NG
<b>Thursday 21</b>  2Cor 7:1 Mt 10:32	<b>Staying healthy</b> A prayer: God of strength, thank you for the way men and women are training and preparing themselves, body, mind and spirit, to compete in the Games. Help me to be disciplined in my own life, so that I stay physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy.	<b>Canteen services</b> The Salvation Army will be spearheading the provision of mobile canteens where people can get water and other refreshments during the Games. Pray that officials at the venues will allow these teams to take their vehicles where needed.	<b>Pray for:</b> Paraguay Peru Philippines Poland
<b>Friday 22</b>  Col 3:13-15 2Cor 12:10	<b>Games Volunteers</b> Thank God for the many people giving up their time to serve the Games and the City of London this summer. Pray for a really fun sense of community that exhibits the joy of the Lord, and represents the UK well to the rest of the world.	<b>London Boroughs</b> Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Newham and Waltham Forest are the London boroughs most impacted by activities in the Olympic Park. Pray that these places will benefit from the Games.	<b>Pray for:</b> Portugal Qatar Romania Russia
<b>Saturday 23</b>  Rom 14:17-19 Ps 37:4	<b>Games Pastors</b> May each Games Pastor be so filled with God's presence that they are anointed with a gift of peace making for every situation they are involved with. May the Father's love so fill them that this abundant love spills out on everyone they meet.	<b>Torch-bearers</b> Pray today for those carrying the Olympic Flame during its journey, that they will experience God's presence and power, and find a hunger for him. Pray that they'll meet God's people praying and doing outreach in their area.	<b>Pray for:</b> Rwanda Sahrawi St Kitts & Nevis
<b>Sunday 24</b>  John 7:37 1Sam 2:8	<b>Live sites</b> Live sites across the country, with their 'big screens', provide the best opportunity for those without tickets to enjoy the Games with thousands of others. Pray that churches will see the amazing Opportunities to engage with people at these sites.	<b>Homelessness</b> The presence of homeless people is often viewed by those in authority as something to be hidden. Pray that there will be no underhand tactics to 'clear' London's streets of homeless people without helping them to find the accommodation they need.	<b>Pray for:</b> St Lucia St Vincent & Grenadines Samoa
<b>Monday 25</b>  Eph 2:10 Isa 62:4	<b>Festivals</b> Pray for churches in your area planning festivals or family fun days this summer, for all the last-minute preparations to be made in the next few weeks. Pray that, no matter how busy people become, they will remain united in heart and purpose.	<b>70-day Cascade of Prayer</b> A prayer: Father, may your manifest Presence inhabit every village, town and city in this land. May your love bring healing to the sick and salvation to the lost. May your purposes be fulfilled, as we partner with you in 'Your Kingdom come on earth as in heaven'.	<b>Pray for:</b> San Marino Sao Tome & Principe Saudi Arabia
<b>Tuesday 26</b>  Php 2:1-2 Php 2:29	<b>Church working together</b> A prayer: Father, thank you for More Than Gold, the identity which joins us together to build your Kingdom through the Games. Shine your blessings on us as we share the same love and are one in spirit and purpose. Help us always to pray for one another.	<b>Hospitality</b> Pray for all those involved in offering hospitality during the Games (to athletes, spectators, media and volunteers). May they communicate a very real sense of welcome and honour	<b>Pray for:</b> Senegal Serbia Seychelles Sierra Leone
<b>Wednesday 27</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	<b>Paralympic support teams</b>	<b>Pray for:</b>

Col 4:2 Php 4:19	The Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Games is just one month away. As final touches are put to the programme and the venue, pray that the Christian heritage of this nation will shine out strongly in all that is featured in that spectacular event.	Pray for all those who work behind the scenes to enable paralympic athletes to compete: for coaches, carers, signers, sighted guides, physiotherapists etc. Pray that God will equip them with everything they will need in the weeks to come.	Singapore Slovakia Solomon Islands
<b>Thursday 28</b> Num 6:24-27 Gen 1:1	<b>Armed Forces Day</b> Give thanks for all who serve in the Armed Forces and for their families. Pray for those deployed overseas, for protection in their duties. Pray for those deployed to guard us during the Games season, that God will show his mercy and grant us peace.	<b>Sites ready</b> A prayer: Father, you looked at creation and saw that it was good. We give thanks for the venues and event sites which have been designed and built for the 2012 Games. May these places be a good legacy for our communities to enjoy in the future.	<b>Pray for:</b> Slovenia Somalia Somaliland South Africa
<b>Friday 29</b> Eph 4:2-3 Php 3:16	<b>Unity</b> Thank God for what he is doing in bringing churches together, as they serve alongside each other during the Torch Relay and Games. Pray that this unity will be protected, and that any confusion or division will be exposed and resolved immediately.	<b>My best</b> A prayer: Lord, thank you that you don't ask me to be perfect or a super-hero before I can come to you. Thank you that you accept me as I am. But Lord I want to give you the best that I have; I want to live the best life I can for you. Please help me to do that.	<b>Pray for:</b> South Ossetia South Sudan Spain
<b>Saturday 30</b> Isa 30:21 Col 3:16	<b>More Than Gold Paralympic Team</b> Pray for those co-ordinating More Than Gold's involvement with the Paralympic Games, that they will be able to make all the plans they need to make, even though the focus is so heavily on the Torch Relay and the Olympic Games at present.	<b>More Than Gold</b> Pray for the whole More Than Gold team today, both staff and volunteers, that God will protect and preserve each one of them. As life gets busier, pray that they will still find time to rest, to be with their families and to grow in their own relationships with God.	<b>Pray for:</b> Sri Lanka Sudan Suriname Swaziland





A call to prayer for our communities and the nations

## A TIME TO SHINE

Daily Prayer May 14<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>

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DATE	TOPIC 1	TOPIC 2	NATIONS
<b>Sunday 1</b>  Micah 6:8 John 1:5	<b>Live justly</b> The eyes of the world will be on the UK in the coming weeks. What kind of nations will they see? What kind of nations do we want to be, and is the Church ready? Ask God how you can live more justly among your friends and family this summer.	<b>Torch Relay</b> Prayer: We praise you Jesus for the excitement and energy that the torch brings. We give thanks for the excitement and energy of your people as we shine prayer and unity on this land. Thank you that we can see your light shining in the darkness.	<b>Pray for:</b> Sweden Switzerland Syria Tajikistan
<b>Monday 2</b>  Ps 68:1 Rom 12:4-5	<b>Protection for London</b> Prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray for London, its residents and visitors. We pray the mighty influence of Jesus Christ to be over every street, building and person, and for all evil to be disarmed in his name.	<b>Life after festivals</b> Many places will have their first go at running a festival or fun-day this summer. Pray the results will be encouraging, and working together with other churches and organisations will inspire people to do it again.	<b>Pray for:</b> Tanzania Thailand Togo Tonga
<b>Tuesday 3</b>  Pro 16:26 Matt 19:26	<b>Athletes from 'closed' countries</b> Prayer: Holy Spirit, we ask you to speak directly into the lives of those athletes coming from nations where there is no freedom to share the good news of Jesus. In the few weeks they are here, spark a hunger to know him, and a determination to find him.	<b>Paralympics and the Armed Forces</b> The Paralympic Games were born at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, as recovering service-men looked for ways to celebrate their abilities rather than being defeated by their disabilities. Pray that this same positive spirit will pervade the 2012 Paralympics.	<b>Pray for:</b> Trinidad & Tobago Tunisia
<b>Wednesday 4</b>  Ps 23:2-3 Php 4:13	<b>Olympic Park</b> The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will be a wonderful legacy for East London. Pray for peace and security, for smooth travel and access to the park, and that, in spite of the competitive spirit, the shalom peace and order of God will be known.	<b>Final preparations</b> In these final days before the Games begin, pray for all those involved in making sure every venue and every part of the athletes' accommodation is finished, cleaned and welcoming. Pray for stamina and safety as people work very long hours.	<b>Pray for:</b> Turkey Turkmenistan Tuvalu Uganda

<p><b>Thursday 5</b></p> <p>1Cor 9:19 John 13:15</p>	<p><b>Sports Quizzes</b></p> <p>Thank God for the many churches who have made use of the sports quiz from Christians in Sport. Pray that churches will use this sport-focused season to build stronger relationships with those who tend to stay on the edges of their congregations.</p>	<p><b>Famous athletes</b></p> <p>Pray for those well known athletes who are constantly in the public eye. Pray that they will not be overwhelmed by the pressure, and that they will live with integrity so as to set good examples to those who are inspired by their talent.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Ukraine United Arab Emirates Uruguay</p>
<p><b>Friday 6</b></p> <p>Pro 2:6 Eph 5:1-2</p>	<p><b>Work/school events</b></p> <p>Are there any Olympic-themed events going on at your school or workplace in the next couple of weeks? Pray for those doing the organising, that they'll have enough time to do everything that needs doing. Pray the event will be peaceful and enjoyable.</p>	<p><b>Church involvement in the Paralympics</b></p> <p>The Paralympics have often been seen as the 'poor relation' to the Games. Pray that this attitude will not shape the Church's involvement, but that enthusiasm to make the most of Olympic opportunities will continue, and grow even stronger.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>US + overseas territories Uzbekistan Vanuatu</p>
<p><b>Saturday 7</b></p> <p>Ps 84:11 Rom 12:6</p>	<p><b>Torch Relay</b></p> <p>Pray for wisdom for the LOCOG team and security personnel; for continued protection against disruption and terrorist threats; for good relationships between More Than Gold and LOCOG, and that all the torchbearers will be kept safe.</p>	<p><b>Games Pastors</b></p> <p>Prayer: Father we thank you for all those who have committed to be Games Pastors. We pray that their skills and training will not only benefit those coming to the UK for the Olympics, but that they will be used to bless their local communities afterwards.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>UK + overseas territories Venezuela Vietnam</p>
<p><b>Sunday 8</b></p> <p>John 15:17 Isa 43:18-21</p>	<p><b>Welcoming visitors</b></p> <p>Prayer: Father, today we pray for all who will be travelling to the UK for the games, whether they will be working, taking part, or watching. May they sense your presence, and be blessed by the warmth and compassion of those who greet them.</p>	<p><b>Creativity</b></p> <p>Prayer: Creator God, we marvel at your creativity, and thank you for reflecting in us and in your church. Thank you that you inspire and challenge us to try new things in order to bring your light into our streets. Make us bold in trying new things today.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Yemen Zambia Zimbabwe</p>
<p><b>Monday 9</b></p> <p>Lk 6:27-28 Isa 60:1-3</p>	<p><b>Football stadiums</b></p> <p>Olympic Football will be played at City of Coventry, Hampden Park [Glasgow], Millennium [Cardiff], Old Trafford [Manchester], St James' Park [Newcastle] and Wembley Stadiums. Pray that every match will be free of racism and violence.</p>	<p><b>Paralympic Torch Relay</b></p> <p>Pray that churches will catch the vision for doing something to bless their neighbourhoods during the Paralympic Torch Relay at the end of August. Pray that plans will be made and communicated soon, before people go away on holiday.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Greece Afghanistan Albania Algeria</p>

<p><b>Tuesday 10</b></p> <p>Pro 2:12 Rom 8:39</p>	<p><b>Big Screen events</b></p> <p>Pray for those putting plans in place for Big Screen viewing in towns and cities all over the country. Pray that they will think through every eventuality in their preparations, so that crowds are well catered for, and security is tight without being intrusive.</p>	<p><b>Athletes from your area</b></p> <p>Pray for people you may know or people from your community who are competing in the games. Thank God for them and pray that they will feel supported by their local churches, and that that support will continue, no matter how well they do.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>China Canada Andora Angola</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 11</b></p> <p>Ps 7:8 Eph 5:15-17</p>	<p><b>People of character</b></p> <p>Prayer: Lord, as we pray for integrity to pervade every aspect of the 2012 Games, we invite you to challenge us personally in that area too: show us where our actions don't match our words, or where our lives tell a different story to the one Jesus told.</p>	<p><b>Paralympics and the media</b></p> <p>Pray for media coverage of the Paralympic Games, that it will be well-informed, sensitive and positive. Pray for the reporters who will cover the various events, that they will help to tell the good-news stories. Pray that those watching will be inspired.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Antigua &amp; Barbuda Argentina &amp; Falklands</p>
<p><b>Thursday 12</b></p> <p>Ps 125:2 Jud 5:9</p>	<p><b>London 2012 Festival</b></p> <p>Festival events take place across the UK, featuring artists from every competing nation. Pray for protection for all who come; for each event to happen in safety, and for the atmosphere at each event to be charged with peace and order.</p>	<p><b>Games chaplains</b></p> <p>Pray for those serving as chaplains during the Games working closely with the athletes. Pray that they will find time to prepare spiritually, that God will give them many divine appointments as they are given wisdom and discernment every day they are on duty.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Armenia Australia Austria Azerbaijan</p>
<p><b>Friday 13</b></p> <p>Matt 5:16 Acts 14:15</p>	<p><b>Shine as lights</b></p> <p>Prayer: May each Christian involved in the Games shine with your love and light. Give them boldness to testify to what you have done in their lives, and to use every available opportunity to declare your love, life and freedom to those around them.</p>	<p><b>International teams</b></p> <p>Prayer: Father God, we thank you for our brothers and sisters from around the world who have chosen to come to our nation to put faith into action and share their lives with us. May many people see the good news of salvation because of them.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Bahamas Bahrain Bangladesh Barbados</p>
<p><b>Saturday 14</b></p> <p>Jer 29:7 Heb 12:2</p>	<p><b>London venues</b></p> <p>Pray blessing on London Olympic venues: Earls Court, Excel, Greenwich Park, Horse Guards Parade, Hyde Park, Lord's Cricket Ground, North Greenwich Arena, The Mall, The Royal Artillery Barracks Woolwich, Wembley Arena and Wimbledon.</p>	<p><b>Brazil 2016</b></p> <p>As the anticipation for London 2012 rises, let's stop for a few minutes and pray for Brazil, that as their Organising Committee watch the Games here, and reps from their More than Gold team come here to learn, that they will be hearing God's voice and his plans for their nation.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Belarus Belgium Belize Benin</p>

<p><b>Sunday 15</b></p> <p>Eph 5:3-4 Rom 12:13</p>	<p><b>Purity</b></p> <p>When corruption and immorality pollute the Games, people's lives and livelihoods can be seriously damaged. Pray that the 2012 Games will be completely free of corruption and impurity of any kind, and that justice and fair-dealing will win the day.</p>	<p><b>Homeless people</b></p> <p>Pray for the many homeless people in Central London and the area surrounding the Olympic Park, that this summer will be a blessed time, and that support, shelter and hospitality will be offered to them by churches and organisations in the capital.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Bhutan Bolivia Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</p>
<p><b>Monday 16</b></p> <p>Lk 18:1 Isa 31:1</p>	<p><b>People of courage</b></p> <p>Those who compete in the Olympics push their bodies to the limits of endurance and stamina. Is there anything you need to push for in your life today? Maybe it will never win you a medal, but ask God to help you push through for it anyway.</p>	<p><b>God-awareness at the Paralympics</b></p> <p>The Paralympics is to be a celebration of human endeavour. Pray that these 12 days will indeed be a celebration of what gifted and dedicated athletes can do, but that it will also be a reminder of our need for God and his resources.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Botswana Brazil Brunei Bulgaria</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 17</b></p> <p>Acts 4:29 Pro 17:17</p>	<p><b>Freedom to witness</b></p> <p>Many churches are hosting events on streets and in public places across the UK. Pray for protection for each event, and that none will have permission withdrawn; for complete freedom to witness through preaching, performing and serving.</p>	<p><b>Athletes' loved-ones</b></p> <p>While the media spotlight falls on those getting ready to compete in the Games, let's not forget to pray for their friends and family too. Pray that they will know how to be the right kind of support, and that they will be able to enjoy this time without anxiety.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Burkina Faso Burma Burundi Cambodia</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 18</b></p> <p>Isa 26:1 Eph 3:7</p>	<p><b>Olympic Village</b></p> <p>Prayer: Father, we thank you that your plans are so much greater than ours. May the Olympic Village be filled with the power of your love and peace, and may you initiate many life-changing moments for all who will be living there.</p>	<p><b>Every opportunity</b></p> <p>Prayer: Thank you Lord for every opportunity to witness and work for you, and that the abilities, courage and power come from your strength, not from ours. May your church take every opportunity to reach out in faith and blessing over this land.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Cape Verde Central African Republic</p>
<p><b>Thursday 19</b></p> <p>John 3:16 Php 4:7</p>	<p><b>Olympic venues outside London</b></p> <p>Games events will be held at Box Hill, Eton Dorney, Hadleigh Farm, Lee Valley White Water Centre and Weymouth &amp; Portland [plus 5 football stadiums]. Pray for churches witnessing in those places, for unity and vision as they work to share God's love.</p>	<p><b>Transport systems</b></p> <p>There are concerns about the capacity of London's transport network. Pray for wisdom and alertness for those working for Transport for London, and for peace for all who travel.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Chad Chile Taiwan Columbia</p>

<p><b>Friday 20</b></p> <p>Isa 40:28 Rom 12:10</p>	<p><b>Music and street theatre</b></p> <p>Prayer: Lord, we pray for the teams of performers getting ready to take your message of hope and freedom out on to the streets through music, theatre and the arts. Inspire them in their last-minute creative moments, and protect them as they perform.</p>	<p><b>Olympic ambassadors</b> □ Pray for those volunteering to welcome people to the UK this summer, that there will be a Spirit of hospitality and joy as they serve the city; that they will have a great experience, and will represent the UK well to all the nations that are coming in!</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>D.R.Congo Congo-Brazzaville Cook Islands</p>
<p><b>Saturday 21</b></p> <p>Isa 66:12 1Sam 17:48-50</p>	<p><b>Torch in London</b></p> <p>Prayer: Father God, as the Torch travels through London, we pray that the light of Christ will burn throughout this city. We pray for unity amongst God's people, and for a spirit of prayer to sweep through the churches. May Jesus be seen and known.</p>	<p><b>Attitudes towards disability</b></p> <p>Prayer: Thank you Lord for the inspiration of watching Paralympic athletes defy the restrictions of their disabilities to excel. Help us as a nation to see that potential in every disabled person, and not to be blinded by physical limitations.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Costa Rica Cote d'Ivoire Croatia Cuba</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22</b></p> <p>Isa 54:17 Ps 133</p>	<p><b>Security</b></p> <p>Prayer: Lord, we affirm the finished work of Christ over all demonic forces, and decree that no weapon formed against your plans and purposes for the British Isles will prosper. Please release your angelic host to protect London today.</p>	<p><b>Unity in London</b></p> <p>Thank God for the way in which churches in London have made new partnerships together as a result of the Games. Pray that these partnerships will not die out after the summer, but will grow stronger and more productive in the years to come.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Cyprus Czech Republic Djibouti</p>
<p><b>Monday 23</b></p> <p>2Cor 7:5-7 Ex 33:12-17</p>	<p><b>Family</b></p> <p>As we focus on praying for cooperation and unity between churches, we also pray for those qualities in our own families; that God will help us to accept each other in love, and that we will stand together in the tough times as well as the good.</p>	<p><b>Worship in London</b></p> <p>Prayer: Father God, we praise you for all the prayer and worship going on in London at the moment. As the Games approach, we rejoice because your presence goes ahead of us, and your name is honoured. Great God, be worshipped in this place!</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Denmark Faroe Islands Greenland</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 24</b></p> <p>Lk 10:36-37 Ps 24</p>	<p><b>Transport hubs</b></p> <p>Over the next few weeks, tens of thousands of visitors will pass through key hubs such as airports and train and coach stations. Pray for smooth and safe transport; pray for Games Pastors and Ambassadors caring for those travelling through these hubs.</p>	<p><b>Opening ceremony</b></p> <p>Pray for the performers taking part in Friday's opening ceremony as they do their final rehearsals this week. Pray for protection from accident or injury, and for freedom from nerves. Pray that God will be exalted in all that happens during the event.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Dominican Republic East Timor Ecuador</p>



<p><b>Wednesday 25</b></p> <p>1Cor 2:2 Hos 6:3</p>	<p><b>The name of Jesus</b></p> <p>Give thanks to God for all the Christian involvement at the 2012 Games. As we grasp those opportunities, pray that we will have the courage and determination to preach Jesus, his life, his death and his resurrection, without compromise or fear.</p>	<p><b>More Than Gold Teams</b></p> <p>Pray for all of us at More Than Gold as we reach the culmination of years of work. Pray for continued enthusiasm and perseverance! Pray that the team will continue to work together well, and enjoy being part of this historic event.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Egypt El Salvador Equatorial Guinea</p>
<p><b>Thursday 26</b></p> <p>Ps 40:3 Col 3:1-4</p>	<p><b>Making a God-sound</b></p> <p>What kind of sound does your life make? Do you resonate with worry and negativity or graciousness and blessing? Pray today that God will tune your life to harmonise with his Spirit, and that those around you will hear his song as they interact with you.</p>	<p><b>Christian Paralympic athletes</b></p> <p>Pray for Christians competing in the Paralympics, that God will open doors for them to tell their faith stories as well as their stories of living with disability. Pray too that they will have opportunities to share their faith with their fellow competitors.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Eritrea Ethiopia Estonia Fiji</p>

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#### No 4: 27<sup>th</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August

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DAY	TOPIC	NATIONS
<b>Friday 27</b>  Psalm 57:5  Mission Teams  Creative and Performing Arts  Central Operations	<b>Bells</b> As bells ring out all over our nation today, we pray for the release of the sound of heaven, and a tangible sense of God's presence. We pray today will be a turning point in our nations. May his Kingdom come!	<b>Pray for:</b>  Finland France Gabon The Gambia
	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Give thanks for all who have planned and prepared. Pray that they will be able to enjoy what they have worked on without feeling stressed or too nervous and that God's name will be honoured through their creativity.	
	<b>Welcoming God's Glory</b> A prayer: We welcome you Father, Son and Holy Spirit in all your majesty, glory and splendour; we exalt you and magnify your name. May your light and truth be seen in this land. Glory, Honour and Praise to you, oh God!!!	
<b>Saturday 28</b>  Matthew 5:14-16  Communications  Churches  Homestay	<b>Athletes</b> As the competitions start, ask God to point you to one athlete/team who you can 'adopt' in prayer for the next few weeks. Pray that as they strive for gold medals, they will also search out eternal treasure in Jesus and draw closer to him.	<b>Pray for:</b>  Georgia Germany Ghana Granada
	<b>Olympic Park</b> Pray for all working in security, ticket collection and stewarding at the Olympic Park, that they will have wisdom to know how to handle the crowds, and insight to overcome any unexpected glitches today.	
	<b>Church &amp; media links</b> Prayer: God, we entrust to you our communication: between churches, More Than Gold and the press. We declare that you are Lord of our visual, audio and digital communication.	

<p><b>Sunday 29</b></p> <p>Isaiah 61:10</p> <p>Games Pastors</p> <p>Prayer Hubs</p> <p>Social Justice</p>	<p><b>Weather</b> Pray God's blessing on our weather systems: that the weather will not put anyone at risk of harm or accident, and that it will not disrupt the schedule in such a way that events can't be run or completed.</p> <p><b>Christian heritage</b> Our Common Law is founded on Christianity. Often these Islands have known God's protection. Pray that all the current blessings, declarations and repentance will re-clothe Britain in Christ's righteousness.</p> <p><b>Trusting God</b> As the nations begins to cheer people on to success in their various sports, take a moment to reflect on what success looks like for you. Are you succeeding in doing things in your own strength, or are you succeeding in trusting God?</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Guatemala Guinea Guinea-Bissau</p>
<p><b>Monday 30</b></p> <p>Luke 19:41-42</p> <p>Festivals Team</p> <p>Chaplains</p> <p>Water Distribution</p>	<p><b>Hospitality Centres</b> Pray for those staffing these places of welcome and refreshment, which are located in key areas around London, that they will shine with the love of Christ and have God's compassion as they care for those who drop in.</p> <p><b>Games Pastors</b> Pray that Games Pastors will be able to show Gods love to everyone they meet. Pray they will know how to help lost and confused travellers, and that they will have opportunities to share their faith with many people.</p> <p><b>Paralympic athletes</b> Pray for those getting ready to compete in the Paralympics later this summer, that their training schedules won't be seriously disrupted by the Games going on at the moment. Pray for focus and discipline.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Guyana Haiti Vatican City Hungary</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 31</b></p> <p>Romans 12:8</p> <p>Mission Teams</p> <p>CAPA</p> <p>Communications</p>	<p><b>LOCOG</b> With the Games underway, pray for the LOCOG team as they plan each day, and respond to crises and opportunities as they arise. May they be given great wisdom to handle each situation in a way which honours all involved.</p> <p><b>More Than Gold Volunteers</b> Prayer: We praise you Lord for our volunteers and for their willingness to contribute to the needs of others. Thank you for their generosity of spirit in giving so that others are blessed.</p> <p><b>Water Stations</b> Prayer: Jesus you are the good shepherd who knows our needs. Bless those who receive the free gift of water at Salvation Army Water Stations, that they will be refreshed in every way.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b></p> <p>Iceland India Indonesia Iran</p>

<b>Wednesday 1</b> Ephesians 4:1 Central Ops Homestay Churches	<b>Mission teams</b> Over 2000 people have come to the UK to work with churches on mission teams. Pray for protection over all their travel, and for safety, health and wisdom in all they undertake.	<b>Pray for:</b> Iraq Ireland Israel Italy
	<b>No corruption</b> Corruption has tarnished previous Games: drug-taking, bribery, cheating, touting. Pray for corruption-free Olympics, for sportsmanship, integrity, honesty and fairness to shape the Games, and to shape our own attitudes too.	
	<b>Communication</b> These Games are being broadcast to 4 billion people around the world ... but how is communication in your life? Take time to pray for really good communication within your family/friendship groups today.	
<b>Thursday 2</b> Matthew 14:30-33 Games Pastors Prayer Hubs Social Justice	<b>Chaplains</b> Pray they will be in the right place at the right time, be filled with compassion and wisdom, be bold in their witness for God, and be carriers of God's presence wherever they go.	<b>Pray for:</b> Ivory Coast Jamaica Japan Jordan
	<b>Paralympic Torch Relay</b> Pray for those working towards the Flame Festivals and 24-hour Torch Relay which will precede the Paralympics, that they will be able to do all they need to do in spite of the disruption of holidays and Olympic fever.	
	<b>Weymouth &amp; Portland</b> Pray for the full schedule of races today, for good weather, for the chaplaincy at the Sailing Village in Portland, and for the local churches' outreach to visitors. Pray God's Spirit will preside over everything that happens.	
<b>Friday 3</b> Isaiah 60:3 Festivals Team Water Distribution Chaplains	<b>Mission Team Leaders</b> As mission teams serve in London and across the nation, pray for team leaders in all their responsibilities. May they and their teams be kept safe, and may they be guided by God as they plan today's activities.	<b>Pray for:</b> Kazakhstan Kenya Kiribati North Korea
	<b>Welcoming the nations</b> Prayer: Lord we declare together that the nations are welcome in this land. We thank you for the privilege of receiving so many visitors, and praise you for the freedom we have in sharing the good news of Jesus with them.	
	<b>Athlete Family Homestay</b> Prayer: Father, thank you that you created families. You are a generous God. Help those who are opening their homes to athletes' families to display your	

	heart of hospitality and love.	
<b>Saturday 4</b> Psalm 46:1 Mission Teams Central Ops Communications	<b>Hospitality Centres</b> Hospitality builds relationships. Strangers are welcomed; the downcast are uplifted; visitors are refreshed. Pray that Jesus will truly be at the centre of these centres, providing refuge for the lost, the last and the least. <b>Transport</b> The rail, bus and road networks are carrying unusually large numbers of people. Pray for protection for everyone travelling. Pray safety for all Olympic vehicles. Pray for vigilance for those providing security at our ports and airports. <b>Cleaners &amp; maintenance staff</b> Thank God for the staff who serve these events in practical ways. Pray that they will feel valued by competitors and the public, and that they will enjoy being part of this historic occasion.	<b>Pray for:</b> South Korea Kosovo Kyrgyzstan Laos
<b>Sunday 5</b> Ephesians 3:20 Homestay Churches Prayer Hubs	<b>Purity</b> As we continue to pray for a corruption-free Olympics, let's pray for ourselves, that we will welcome God's Spirit to highlight any areas where we are living in compromise or lack of integrity. Let's chase after holiness today. <b>Creative &amp; Performing Arts</b> Arts can transcend culture and preconceptions. Pray God's presence will fill every performance, and that the reality of his love will reach into people's lives in a powerful way through every artist and every performer. <b>Paralympics</b> In spite of holiday time, pray that churches will have the foresight to look beyond the Closing Ceremony and think about how they might make the most of the mission opportunities offered by the Paralympics in the next few weeks.	<b>Pray for:</b> Latvia Lebanon Lesotho Liberia
<b>Monday 6</b> Matthew 25:35 Social Justice Chaplains Games Pastors	<b>Mission Teams</b> As we move into Week 2 of the Games, pray for all serving on Mission Teams, for perseverance, team unity and energy. Pray that the Gospel will begin to make a strong impact in the communities they are serving. <b>Games-makers</b> Pray for volunteers doing all jobs in and around the Games venues, that this will be the experience of a lifetime for them. Pray for guidance as they are deployed, that gifts, skills and servant hearts will be honoured. <b>Water Stations</b> Thank you God that your people are responding to Jesus' command to	<b>Pray for:</b> Libya Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxemburg



	give water to the thirsty and welcome the stranger. We praise you for every gift of water given in your name and every encouragement given in your love.	
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<b>Tuesday 7</b> Micah 6:8 CAPA Water Distribution Festivals	<b>Anti-trafficking</b> Prayer: God, you command us to do justice and love mercy. Help us to know how to walk in obedience to you, and to speak and act for freedom in the face of the evil injustice that is slavery.	<b>Pray for:</b> Macedonia Madagascar Malawi Malaysia
	<b>Emergency &amp; Security Services</b> These are on 24/7 alert at this time. Pray for wisdom in handling unforeseen incidents under pressure. Pray particularly for the handling of any protests, that they may be contained and non-violent.	
	<b>Justice that just is</b> May God's justice roll on like a river, his righteousness like a never-failing stream! Pray that Light will expose the dark deeds of exploitation being practised in our nation, bringing release for captives and freedom for slaves.	
<b>Wednesday 8</b> John 17:22-23 Mission Teams Central Ops Homestay	<b>Church outreach</b> Pray for local churches doing outreach, that whether it be large and far-reaching, or a small group of people stepping out for the first time, God's powerful presence will fill each activity and there will be a harvest.	<b>Pray for:</b> Maldives Mali Marshall Islands
	<b>Competitors who have lost</b> – Pray for those who have experienced the disappointment of missing out on medals. Pray that they will be able to hold on to the joy of competing, without feeling too crushed or resentful. Pray for hope to rise in them again.	
	<b>Accepting failure</b> Part of being an athlete is learning to handle losing. Pray that God will give you grace to accept those situations where you haven't done as well as you'd hoped, and that he will help you know how completely he loves you.	
<b>Thursday 9</b> 1 Peter 1:7 Communications Churches Games Pastors	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> As details are finalised, pray especially for the handover to Brazil for Rio de Janeiro 2016, that it will be a powerful moment as we pass on the legacy of a prayer-soaked Olympic Games to God's people in that nation.	<b>Pray for:</b> Malta Mauritania Mauritius Mexico
	<b>Teamwork</b> Pray for all those who have competed/are competing in the Olympics as teams. Pray that the experience of training and performing together will have deepened their understanding of themselves, of one another and of what truly matters in life.	

	<b>Paralympics</b> Pray for those who will be travelling to compete in the Paralympics over the next few weeks. Many will need special travel arrangements due to their disability; pray that each journey will happen smoothly and safely.	
<b>Friday 10</b> Colossians 1:11-12 Chaplains Festivals Social Justice	<b>Heads of State</b> Many nations send their senior leaders to watch their teams, particularly for the Closing Ceremony. Pray for protection for them, their families and colleagues as they travel. Pray for protection on their embassies and representatives.  <b>Personal best</b> Prayer: Father you created us to be inspired to great things and to aspire to high goals. We praise you for the courage, endurance and determination shown by our Olympic sportsmen and women as they strive to achieve their best.  <b>Christian artists</b> Prayer: Lord of all creation, you are the inspiration behind our creativity. We thank you for every artist performing in the UK this summer who carries your message of hope. Inspire them today.	<b>Pray for:</b>  Micronesia Moldova Monaco Mongolia
<b>Saturday 11</b> Romans 10:14 Prayer Hubs CAPA Water Distribution	<b>Setting goals</b> Athletes improve by setting themselves goals to reach. What are your goals for the coming months? Take some time today to listen to God, asking him to speak to you about the things he wants you to aim for this year.  <b>Visitors from overseas</b> Pray for those visiting the UK who never get to hear about Jesus in their home countries. Pray that they will experience the love of Jesus through people they meet here, and that they will hear the gospel while they are in the UK.  <b>Homelessness</b> When the nation parties, those sleeping rough often get attacked or abused. Pray for those living on the streets of our towns and cities tonight, that they will be treated with respect by those out celebrating the end of the Games.	<b>Pray for:</b>  Montenegro Morocco Mozambique Myanmar/Burma
<b>Sunday 12</b> Philippians 1:6 Games Pastors Churches Mission Teams	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> Pray that, amidst all the celebrations and memories, God will be remembered and glorified. Pray that every participant and every spectator will leave with an imprint of God's love, truth and power on their lives.  <b>Olympic Stadium</b> – Pray God's presence and power over the Olympic Stadium as the Games come to an end, that the final celebrations will run smoothly, and that the clean-up effort will be straightforward. Pray for a great outpouring of God's Spirit in that place today.  <b>Thanksgiving</b> Prayer: Gracious God we thank	<b>Pray for:</b>  Nagorno-Karabakh Namibia Nauru

	<p>you for every good and beautiful thing we have seen in this nation during the Games. We thank you for the lives you have touched and the wonders you have done. To you be all the glory and praise!</p>	
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### **More Than Gold's teams and partners**

The following gives you an outline of those who need your prayers either as More Than Gold's teams or our partners.

**CAPA - Creative & Performing Arts** – Christian performers and artists from all over the world who will be performing in venues across London and more widely

**Central Operations** – More Than Gold's Core Admin Team

**Chaplains** – working in and around Athletes' accommodation and Olympic Village venues, giving spiritual support to competitors, officials, coaches and media personnel

**Communications** – More Than Gold's Communications Team that is running a Media Centre throughout the Games to help share the news of what God is doing through the churches

**Festivals Team** – helping churches to run community festivals alongside the Games

**Games Pastors** – meeting, greeting and assisting visitors, mainly at transport hubs around London

**Homestay = Athlete Family Homestay** – co-ordinating athletes' family members staying with families from London churches

**Mission Teams** – over 2,000 people from overseas who have come to do outreach in the UK during the Games

**Prayer Hubs** – prayer centres around the UK who are providing prayer cover for the Games

**Social Justice** – More Than Gold's Social Justice Team involved in activities raising awareness of social issues such as trafficking

**Water Distribution** – looking after the stations where visitors can get free drinks of water



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## **A TIME TO SHINE**

### **Daily Prayer May 14<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**No 5: 13<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC 1</b>	<b>TOPIC 2</b>	<b>NATIONS</b>
<b>Monday 13</b>  Ps 78:4	<b>Athletes returning home</b> Pray for safe travel for all returning home after competing ; for protection and warm welcome as they re-enter their nations, regardless of how well they did.	<b>Stories of God</b> A prayer: Jesus, as people hear stories of you, we pray the sense of your presence will multiply, causing even more to turn to you to be healed and saved. May the harvest be plentiful.	<b>Pray for:</b> Nepal Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua
<b>Tuesday 14</b>  Jn 15:16	<b>Planning for Paralympic Torch Relay</b> As many take a break between the Games, pray for the strength and vision to be renewed for those whose workload is reaching its height in the run-up to the next Torch Relay..	<b>Fruit that will last</b> A prayer: Lord, we pray for protection for all the seeds of the gospel that have been sown in hearts and minds during the Games. May they bear fruit in salvation and transformed lives.	<b>Pray for:</b> Niger Nigeria Norway Oman
<b>Wednesday 15</b>  Lk 19:5-6	<b>Praise stories</b> A prayer: Thank you, history-maker God, that we are living in days that will be recorded for ever in the archives of our hearts. Bless all those who share their individual praise story today.	<b>Athletes Village</b> Having provided Olympic athletes with quality accommodation and facilities, pray for the staff as they adapt the village to cater for new arrivals with a variety of disabilities.	<b>Pray for:</b> Pakistan Palau Panama Papua NG
<b>Thursday 16</b>  2 Pet 3:9	<b>Paralympic athletes</b> Pray for Paralympic athletes as they enter their final stages of training, that they will stay free from injury, and that anticipation and joy will overcome any anxiety at the thought of competing.	<b>Friends to find Jesus</b> The many mission events happening this summer are a reminder to pray for our friends to receive Jesus as their Saviour. Take time to pray for five of your friends.	<b>Pray for:</b> Paraguay Peru Philippines Poland
<b>Friday 17</b>  Zech 4:6	<b>Mission teams</b> A prayer: God, you are good and you see all people. We declare a spirit of love and excellence over the Paralympic mission teams. As they come to serve, may they find your rest and your power.	<b>Human trafficking</b> Pray for all who visited the 'not a gift' boxes in London, raising awareness of the issue of trafficking. Pray they will be compelled to keep praying and acting till trafficking is ended.	<b>Pray for:</b> Portugal Qatar Romania Russia
<b>Saturday 18</b>  Joel 2:28	<b>People living in London</b> Pray for London residents, whose lives have been significantly impacted by the Games this summer. Pray that the Games will bring them a lasting legacy for good.	<b>Eid-Ul-Fitr</b> Pray that God's Spirit will be at work in this weekend's festivals marking the end of Ramadan; that Jesus will reveal himself in love and power, speaking to people in dreams and visions.	<b>Pray for:</b> Rwanda Sahrawi St Kitts & Nevis
<b>Sunday 19</b>  Isa 11:2	<b>Paralympics and media</b> Pray for those who will be reporting on the Games, that they will be well-informed on the complexities of Paralympic competition, and that their reporting will be accurate and inspiring.	<b>LOCOG and More Than Gold</b> A prayer: Father, we pray for your help as both teams debrief. Help them as they plan the Paralympic Games, and to help the church to engage with them.	<b>Pray for:</b> St Lucia St Vincent & Grenadines Samoa

<p><b>Monday 20</b></p> <p>Jam 2:1</p>	<p><b>Paralympic nations</b> A prayer: Father, thank you that more countries than ever before are participating in the Paralympics. May the Games help to improve attitudes towards disability in each of those nations.</p>	<p><b>My church</b> How accessible is my church to those with disabilities? How do we treat and care for people with disabilities? Pray for an inclusive response that expresses God's love.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> San Marino Sao Tome &amp; Principe Saudi Arabia</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 21</b></p> <p>Isa 55:1</p>	<p><b>Transport and travel</b> Pray for those involved in the logistics of transporting athletes to their venues; for provision as they locate the vehicles they need, and for wisdom as they make final arrangements.</p>	<p><b>Family and holiday time</b> Pray for your family this summer, that you will all be refreshed. Whatever you're doing, pray that God will lift your burdens and bring you peace. Pray you'll know his presence and power.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Senegal Serbia Seychelles Sierra Leone</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 22</b></p> <p>Ps 46:10</p>	<p><b>Mission in Weymouth and Portland</b> A prayer: Thank you God that you are Lord over land and sea. We pray for outreach in Portland and Weymouth, that your word will go out with power so that many people will hear and respond.</p>	<p><b>100 days of peace</b> Pray for the nation of Syria, that God's peace will cut through the seemingly intractable political situation, and that the violence will end. Pray that a peaceful way forward will be found.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Singapore Slovakia Solomon Islands</p>
<p><b>Thursday 23</b></p> <p>Hab 3:2</p>	<p><b>Police and security personnel</b> Give thanks for the hard work of thousands of Police and security personnel. Pray that God will renew their strength as they prepare to provide security for the Paralympics.</p>	<p><b>Churches in East London</b> A prayer: Father let your glory fall on every church in East London, filling them with the knowledge and experience of your love and mighty power. Let your river flow in every dry and barren place.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Slovenia Somalia Somaliland South Africa</p>
<p><b>Friday 24</b></p> <p>Heb 12:28-29</p>	<p><b>Coaches, trainers and support teams</b> Pray for all those working with Paralympic athletes: that final details will fall into place, and that they will be able to be where they need to be and do what they need to do in order to help those athletes produce the best performance of their lives.</p>	<p><b>Flame Festivals and celebration events</b> A prayer: Lord, we pray for your protection over the 38 places where these events are happening. We pray for wisdom for those handling the security and safety of all who attend.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> South Ossetia South Sudan Spain</p>
<p><b>Saturday 25</b></p> <p>Zech 2:5</p>	<p><b>Communities involved in Flame Festivals</b> A prayer: Thank you Lord that your flame of hope is lighting this land as communities celebrate together. Thank you that in equality and diversity there can be unity and understanding.</p>	<p><b>Stoke Mandeville Hospital</b> Praise God for the exceptional work done in their National Spinal Injuries Centre, and for their vision in running the Games there, in 1948, which eventually became the Paralympics.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Sri Lanka Sudan Suriname Swaziland</p>
<p><b>Sunday 26</b></p> <p>Phil 2:14-16</p>	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b> After the tremendous success of the London 2012 Opening Ceremony last month, pray that this Opening Ceremony will bring a different but equally powerful flavour of our nation.</p>	<p><b>Light a lantern – be a lantern</b> As the Paralympic Torch Relay is taking place and people are lighting lanterns around the nation, pray that God will help you be a light, reflecting him in your home and community.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Sweden Switzerland Syria Tajikistan</p>
<p><b>Monday 27</b></p> <p>Heb 4:12</p>	<p><b>More Than Gold media contacts</b> A prayer: Lord, you made words and created communication. We agree together for good communication and connection between More Than Gold and the media throughout the coming Games.</p>	<p><b>Making the most of the opportunities</b> Pray that God will prompt churches who have not yet planned their Paralympic outreach – that they'll have vision for what to do. Pray that no opportunity to share Jesus will be missed.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Tanzania Thailand Togo Tonga</p>



<b>Tuesday 28</b>  Jn 8:12	<b>Torch Relay participants</b> Pray for all the teams of people getting ready to escort the Flame from Stoke Mandeville and through London from tonight. Pray they will sense God's presence in those special moments.	<b>Paralympic Torch Relay</b> A prayer: May hearts once more be turned to Jesus, the Light of the World, throughout the 24hour relay in London, and may the mighty presence of God fill every street and every dwelling.	<b>Pray for:</b> Transnistria Trinidad & Tobago Tunisia
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## A TIME TO SHINE



### Daily Prayer May 14<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>

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To maintain consistent prayer for More Than Gold and its partners during the Paralympic Games, you will find the names of various groups to pray for each day in the left-hand column. You'll find a fuller description of them at the end. And more about our teams at [www.morethangold.org.uk](http://www.morethangold.org.uk)

DAY	TOPICS	NATIONS
<b>Wednesday 29</b> Isa 60:1 Central Ops Chaplains Churches	<p><b>Torch Relay</b> As this crosses London today, pray for blessing on every Torch-bearer, for protection for the whole route, for a safe arrival at Olympic Park and for the Paralympic Games to start without any disruption.</p> <p><b>Games Pastors</b> A prayer: Thank you Jesus that you are the Good Shepherd. We declare your love and compassion over the Games Pastors, and ask you to surround them with your protection as they model your kindness to visitors and residents.</p> <p><b>Opening Ceremony</b> After the tremendous success of the Olympic Opening Ceremony, pray that this evening's event will be the unique, distinctive and innovative show it needs to be, and that God's presence will shine clearly and brightly throughout.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Turkey Turkmenistan Tuvalu Uganda
<b>Thursday 30</b> Phil 3:12-14 Communications Festivals Games Pastors	<p><b>Competitors' example</b> A prayer: Father, we offer praises for each person competing, for their perseverance and courage, the example they set, and their ability to inspire others. May their place in the spotlight not be a burden or pressure to them today.</p> <p><b>Venues</b> Following the Opening Ceremony last night, pray for the athletes, their trainers and staff, and for the workforce at each venue as they swing into action. Pray for energy for those taking part and for a positive atmosphere at every venue.</p> <p><b>Referees and judges</b> Pray for all those charged with judging at events, that their vision will be sharp, their judgement sound and their hearts free from any corruption. Pray for protection from any abusive behaviour.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Ukraine United Arab Emirates Uruguay
<b>Friday 31</b> Isa 45:8	<p><b>Weather</b> A prayer: Lord we thank you for the sunny weather we've had since the start of the Games. We pray that the weather will remain good, so that athletes can compete safely and</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> US + overseas territories Uzbekistan

Homestay	events run to time.	Vanuatu
Mission Teams	<b>New things</b> For many the Autumn is the time for new things. Pray for the new things you're involved in which are starting soon, that God will breathe his breath into them and into you. Pray they will start well.	
Prayer Hubs	<b>God's presence</b> A prayer: Lord, you are the one whose presence can turn our sorrows into joy and our difficulties into hopefulness. May every participant at the Paralympic Games experience your unconditional love and care for them.	
<b>Saturday 1</b>	<b>Sharing stories</b> A prayer: God, you are our Creator and command us to walk in excellence. As Paralympic athletes share their stories of disability, and Christians share their stories of faith, may you be glorified and made known.	<b>Pray for:</b> UK + overseas territories Venezuela Vietnam
Mark 9:35	<b>Prejudice ended</b> A prayer: Gracious God we thank you that the Paralympics give people an opportunity to see and better understand disability. We pray you'll use these Games to break down walls of prejudice and preconception in all for our nations.	
Social Justice	<b>Health and security</b> Pray for God's protection for all aspects of security, and pray that every competitor & every visitor will be kept well and safe, free from injury, ill health or harm of any kind.	
Water Distribution		
Central Ops		
<b>Sunday 2</b>	<b>Athletes' support teams</b> Thank God for everyone involved in giving practical, medical and moral support to the athletes; for wisdom to know how to help them perform at their best, and for insight to give the right advice at the right moment.	<b>Pray for:</b> Yemen Zambia Zimbabwe
Jude 1:20-21	<b>London</b> A prayer: Father, we know you love our capital city and everyone who lives, works and plays there. May your love invade every corner of London, so that our city will be transformed, and your presence will be witnessed by everyone.	
Chaplains	<b>Athlete Homestay</b> Pray for athletes' families being hosted by members of London churches during the Paralympics, that strong and life-changing relationships will be formed between hosts and visitors.	
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<b>Monday 3</b>	<b>Spectators and transport</b> Pray for protection for all transport hubs, that all those travelling will be able to do so with no disruption. Pray especially for those travelling back to work today, for protection and peace.	<b>Pray for:</b> Greece Afghanistan Albania Algeria
Psalm 5:11	<b>Media</b> Pray for all working in the Olympic Media Centre. May they have wisdom and confidence in their commentary on events, in interviewing athletes and coaches and in their	
Festivals		
Games Pastors		
Homestay		

	<p>presentation of the Paralympics.</p> <p><b>Churches</b> A prayer: We praise you, God, for the prayers of churches across the UK as the events of the Games unfold. Thank you for inspiring your church to be involved. Help us remember the authority and influence we can have for your Kingdom.</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 4</b></p> <p>Matt 5:14-16</p> <p>Mission Teams</p> <p>Prayer Hubs</p> <p>Social Justice</p>	<p><b>Water distribution</b> Pray for all those preparing to distribute water during the Marathons at the weekend, that God will once again give them many opportunities to bless, encourage and spur on those who are racing. Pray that their preparations will go well.</p> <p><b>Venues outside Olympic Park</b> Pray for safety and blessing on everything happening at Brands Hatch, Eton Dorney, Excel Arena, Greenwich Park, North Greenwich Arena, Woolwich Arsenal and Weymouth and Portland.</p> <p><b>Trusting God</b> The Olympic and Paralympic values focus strongly on human endeavour and perseverance. Pray that God will help you trust him rather than your own achievements and success.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> China Canada Andorra Angola</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 5</b></p> <p>Matt 5:37-40</p> <p>Water Distribution</p> <p>Central Ops</p> <p>Chaplains</p>	<p><b>Olympic Village</b> Pray for all those accommodated in the Olympic Village, that the atmosphere there will be warm and supportive in spite of the competitive nature of the Games. Pray that purity, integrity and kindness will rule in that place.</p> <p><b>Competitiveness</b> One of the toughest things about being an athlete can be having to compete against your friends. Pray for situations where you feel like you're in competition with those you love. Ask God for his wisdom to keep things in balance.</p> <p><b>Transport hubs</b> With the end of the Games in sight, pray for vigilance and alertness for all those involved in security, and for untiring compassion for Games Pastors and others involved in caring for visitors.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Antigua &amp; Barbuda Argentina &amp; Falklands</p>
<p><b>Thursday 6</b></p> <p>Hosea 6:3</p> <p>Churches</p> <p>Communications</p> <p>Festivals</p>	<p><b>More Than Gold</b> A prayer: Lord, your love never fails. We declare your faithfulness and blessing over all those working with More Than Gold today. We ask you to bless them with new resources of strength, vision and hope in all they do.</p> <p><b>Disability and sport</b> In the year that the Paralympic Games have 'come home' to their birthplace, pray for a legacy of increased investment in providing sporting equipment and activities for those who feel isolated and limited by their disability.</p> <p><b>Pick a sport</b></p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Armenia Australia Austria Azerbaijan</p>

	Now that you've had a chance to familiarise yourself with the various Paralympic sports, why not pick one and commit to praying for every person competing in it, from today until the Closing Ceremony.	
<b>Friday 7</b> Ex 15:26 <b>Games Pastors</b> Homestay Mission Teams	<b>Chaplains</b> A prayer: All of our wisdom comes from you God. We proclaim your wisdom and understanding over the chaplains today. As they talk with people, may they know the right words to say and the best prayers to pray to bring blessing and truth. <b>Medical advance</b> A prayer: Lord we thank you for the ground-breaking medical and surgical work which made the first Paralympics in 1948. Give those working in our medical profession today the boldness to dream the impossible. <b>National teams</b> Pray for vigilance for those guarding the athletes and their teams, that throughout these crucial final days of the Games, all teams will be kept safe and able to compete without any fears for their security.	<b>Pray for:</b> Bahamas Bahrain Bangladesh Barbados
<b>Saturday 8</b> Judges 5:9 Prayer Hubs Social Justice Central Ops	<b>Games Makers</b> Give thanks for the work of the Games Makers, who have given the Games a friendly and welcoming atmosphere throughout the summer. Pray that they will know God's guidance for their future, and will keep hold of the friends they've made. <b>Light of Christ</b> May the light of Jesus draw to himself any who are in despair or living in darkness. May that light explode in healing, salvation, hope and creativity, touching all involved in the Paralympics and reaching out into every area of society. <b>HOPE Together Prayer Weekend</b> Give thanks for the thousands of people praying together around the UK this weekend, seeking inspiration and equipping to reach their communities in mission. May God plant seeds of hope everywhere.	<b>Pray for:</b> Belarus Belgium Belize Benin
<b>Sunday 9</b> Isa 55:1 Water Distribution Chaplains Churches	<b>Final day</b> A prayer: On this final day of competition, we ask for protection for all venues and for all who compete. We pray for protection over the Closing Ceremony, and for safety as many travel home over the next few days. <b>Winners and losers</b> Pray for each athlete today, regardless of their achievements at the Games, that they will be able to celebrate the privilege of having taken part. Pray they will carry away with them blessing rather than disappointment. <b>Closing Ceremony</b> As the Paralympic Flame is extinguished and the Games come to an end, pray that this will be a time of exuberant celebration in our nations, but also a time when God is remembered.	<b>Pray for:</b> Bhutan Bolivia Bosnia & Herzegovina
<b>Monday 10</b>	<b>LOCOG</b>	<b>Pray for:</b>



	<p>As the London Organising Committee begin the process of debriefing the Games, pray that this process will be a truthful one; that the negatives as well as the positives will be aired, and that real lessons will be learnt and implemented.</p>	<p>Botswana Brazil Brunei Bulgaria</p>
	<p><b>Thanksgiving</b> A prayer: Father, today we celebrate your wonderful presence among us, and thank you for all you have done. May we never forget that you have chosen to dwell with us, and have demonstrated your love so powerfully in these days. Bless all the athletes who will be honoured today.</p>	
<p>Tuesday 11 James 1:17</p>	<p><b>Thanks for the Paralympics</b> A prayer: Father God we bless and thank you for every good and perfect gift you gave our nations through the Paralympic Games. Please help us keep and invest what you have given, rather than forgetting and losing it.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Burkina Faso Burma Burundi Cambodia</p>
	<p><b>Lessons learnt</b> Pray for wisdom for our government as they reflect on lessons learned from the Games, and as they make key decisions about where money needs to be released in order to assist those in our nations who are disabled.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 12 Prov 8:15</p>	<p><b>Jubilee Year</b> A prayer: Lord, we praise you for the Queens 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations which inspired the people of the world to rejoice in a sovereign who rules with compassion and fairness. Bless her in these last months of her celebration year.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Cape Verde Central African Republic</p>
	<p><b>Legacy outside London</b> Nationwide, churches working together have had mission and prayer on their agenda, perhaps as never before. Pray that this will continue as part of the Olympic legacy.</p>	
<p>Thursday 13 Phil 3:13-14</p>	<p><b>Athletes at home</b> Pray for the athletes as they arrive home and settle back into their day-to-day lives, for protection from the damaging effects of severe anticlimax, and that they will find it easy to step forward into the next season of their lives.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Chad Chile Taiwan Columbia</p>
	<p><b>Learning from the Games</b> The Bible uses training and competing to illustrate how we are to live as Christian disciples. Take time to think about what God has taught you as you've watched the Games this summer. How will you put that into practise?</p>	
<p>Friday 14 2 Chron 20:15</p>	<p><b>Planning for National Day of Praise &amp; Prayer (29.9.12)</b> A prayer: Thank you God that you know all things. We declare wisdom, discernment, and favor over the people preparing the NDOP. Show them what you want them to focus their attention on today.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> D.R.Congo Congo-Brazzaville Cook Islands</p>
	<p><b>Legacy for venues outside London</b> Pray for discussions on the future use of venues around the UK which were specially built or fitted out for the Games, that a use will be found for them which blesses and enhances</p>	

	the communities in which they are situated.	
<b>Saturday 15</b> Phil 1:6	<p><b>Rio 2016</b> Pray for those involved in the Organising Committee of the 2016 Games as their work moves into a new gear. Pray that they will have an exciting vision for how to stage the Games in a truly Brazilian way.</p> <p><b>More Than Gold</b> Pray for the team as we close down our work here in the UK, that we will be able to finish well and move on with enthusiasm to the things God has for us next, whilst keeping hold of good memories and good friendships.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Costa Rica Cote d'Ivoire Croatia Cuba
<b>Sunday 16</b> Luke 10:17-20	<p><b>Hope raised</b> Give thanks for the Paralympic athletes who now face new possibilities and openings in life as a result of having competed. Pray for wisdom to know which offers to accept, and how to make the most of what lies ahead.</p> <p><b>Future of Olympic Village</b> Pray for protection on all plans made to date to make the Village a vibrant new community with all the necessary amenities. Pray for those charged with delivering this vision, that money will not distort or wrongly influence.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Cyprus Czech Republic Djibouti
<b>Monday 17</b> Revelation 7:9-10	<p><b>Happy and glorious Games</b> A prayer: Loving God, we have seen special days during the summer of 2012: days of joy and celebration, days of prayer and praise, days of glory and power. Thank you for showering us with your blessings.</p> <p><b>Wembley Stadium</b> Pray for the Wembley staff, and for continued favour in the final negotiations with the National Day of Prayer team. Pray for protection for all involved in the lead up to the event.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Denmark Faroe Islands Greenland
<b>Tuesday 18</b> Gal 5:22-23	<p><b>Future competitors</b> Pray for all those already in training for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, for perseverance to keep developing their skills over the coming years. Pray too for stamina for their loved-ones who will journey with them.</p> <p><b>National Day of Praise &amp; Prayer 29.9.12</b> Pray that God will inspire his people as they seek him together. Pray that those going from your area will bring back something fresh and new from God.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Dominican Republic East Timor Ecuador
<b>Wednesday 19</b> Luke 18:1	<p><b>Investment in sport</b> Pray for clubs and charities running sport activities for young people, that this season of sporting enthusiasm will help them in bringing in fresh funding for the work they do.</p> <p><b>Prayer resources</b> A prayer: Lord we thank you for all those who have used the prayer resources which were made available to help people pray for the Games and for the nations this summer. May they continue to pray as a new season dawns.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Egypt El Salvador Equatorial Guinea
<b>Thursday 20</b>	<b>Prayer Relay leaders</b>	<b>Pray for:</b>

Gal 4:19	<p>Give thanks for all those who received and passed on the Prayer Baton during the Torch Relay. Pray that they will know how to develop united, region-wide prayer in their areas and that the momentum will continue to grow.</p> <p><b>New believers</b> Pray for all who came to faith over the past weeks, that they will know God's presence, an assurance of how precious they are to him. May they know the fullness of his love.</p>	Eritrea Ethiopia Estonia Fiji
Friday 21 Isa 60:17	<p><b>More Than Gold Brazil</b> Pray for the setting up of More Than Gold in Brazil, that the work of teaching churches about the amazing opportunities the Games can bring will go smoothly, and that unity will come quickly.</p> <p><b>Security personnel</b> Pray God's richest blessing on all the armed forces, the police and MI5 who have been involved in security for London 2012, and ask for God's continued protection over each of them and their families.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Finland France Gabon The Gambia
Saturday 22 Isa 48:15	<p><b>Mission teams</b> A prayer: Lord God, you called out and brought forth those mission team members who came to the UK from other lands. We praise you for them, and pray for all who met and talked with them, that the seeds sown will bear fruit as it is watered by your Spirit.</p> <p><b>Moving forward</b> Now that the Games are over, have you a better understanding of the community you serve? Pray for vision to see what God is doing in your local neighbourhood, and to know how he would have you take this forward.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Guatemala Guinea Guinea-Bissau
Sunday 23 Rom 12:1-2	<p><b>Lifestyle of mission</b> Give thanks for all churches who used sport as a springboard for mission. Pray for protection on this vision, so that it is not neglected or 'moved on from' now that the Games are over, but instead grows even stronger.</p> <p><b>Follow-up</b> Pray for those you know who made commitments to Jesus over the summer, that they will get the teaching and support they need as new Christians. Pray God will help them grow their roots deep in him.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Guyana Haiti Vatican City Hungary
Monday 24 Psalm 68:5	<p><b>Media</b> A prayer: Lord we thank you that your name will be lifted high at Wembley Stadium on Saturday. Jesus, we proclaim you King over the airways in this nations. We pray you will open the eyes of the media to this historic event and to report if faithfully.</p> <p><b>Justice issues</b> Give thanks for the tireless efforts of More Than Gold's Social Justice Team, working to bring Games-related justice issues to people's attention. Pray that the legacy will be a more compassionate, more aware Great Britain.</p>	<b>Pray for:</b> Iceland India Indonesia Iran

<p><b>Tuesday 25</b> Eccl 3:14</p>	<p><b>HOPE Together</b> Pray for HOPE Together as they help churches build on this summer's mission. Pray that their vision and resources will be picked up and used to build up sustainable long-term mission strategies in our communities.</p> <p><b>Prayer grows</b> A prayer: Father, you have begun many things during this extraordinary time. We thank you for the mighty wave of prayer we've seen, both planned and spontaneous. Help us to keep up the momentum of all that has been started.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Iraq Ireland Israel Italy</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 26</b> Eph 4:3-4</p>	<p><b>Athletes recovering</b> Pray for athletes who were injured while competing at the Games, that their injuries will heal fast and their bodies return to fitness with no long-term problems. Pray for wisdom for their doctors and physiotherapists.</p> <p><b>Guarding unity</b> A prayer: Lord we give thanks for all the ways churches have worked together this summer in mission, and pray that you will help us to guard this unity with passion and determinations as we make plans for the coming year.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Ivory Coast Jamaica Japan Jordan</p>
<p><b>Thursday 27</b> 1Chron 29:10</p>	<p><b>Praise Bus</b> A prayer: Father, as the worshippers praised and lifted your name in every community, we offer our exultant praises for the way the praise bus was welcomed and appreciated. Bless its faithful team.</p> <p><b>Brazil 2016</b> Bless the city of Rio de Janeiro as they prepare to welcome the world in 2016. Bless the church in Brazil as they rise to the challenge. Pray for More Than Gold as they start their work in that nations, for favour and good connections.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Kazakhstan Kenya Kiribati North Korea</p>
<p><b>Friday 28</b> Psalm 103:1</p>	<p><b>National Day of Praise &amp; Prayer</b> A prayer: Father, we pray for tomorrow's event. Let your presence be astounding, your favour be on all those involved, and your grace be in every relationship. Above all things, Lord, we need your manifest presence there.</p> <p><b>Blessing</b> What has God done for you over the past few months? Give thanks for something specific which he has done for you. Pray for boldness to tell someone else your story of God's faithfulness this week.</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> South Korea Kosovo Kyrgyzstan Laos</p>
<p><b>Saturday 29</b> Matt 6:10</p>	<p><b>Travel to Wembley</b> As thousands travel to the National Day of Praise &amp; Prayer today, ask for Gods protection on every form of transport. Pray for all those driving vehicles, and that everyone will arrive safely and on time with no disruptions. We ask for God's purposes to be fulfilled today.</p> <p><b>Thank you!</b> On this 139<sup>th</sup> day of More Than Gold's Daily Prayer, we thank God for you and your faithfulness in walking this amazing, inspiring season with us in prayer. May God's Kingdom</p>	<p><b>Pray for:</b> Latvia Lebanon Lesotho Liberia</p>

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**Teams & Partners:**

**Central Ops** – More Than Gold’s Core Admin Team

**Chaplains** –giving spiritual support to competitors, staff and volunteers and the media

**Churches** – local churches working in partnership with the Mission Teams

**Communications** – More Than Gold’s Communications Team

**Festivals Team** – helping churches to run community festivals alongside the Games

**Games Pastors** –assisting visitors, mainly at transport hubs around London

**Homestay** - Athlete Family Homestay providing hosts for athletes’ family members

**Mission Teams** – people from overseas who have come to do outreach in the UK during the Games

**Prayer Hubs** – prayer centres around the UK who are providing prayer cover for the Games

**Social Justice** – More Than Gold’s Social Justice Team involved in raising awareness of social issues such as trafficking and homelessness

**Water Distribution** – distributing water to visitors around London and during the Marathons