



**Christian  
Ambulance  
Association**

## Prayer Diary November 2021

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

The Bible | Thessalonians 5:16-18

### 1st-7th November

*Diwali, Guy Fawkes and Fireworks*

Diwali is celebrated on 4th November by the Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths. Whilst we as Christians don't share the same faith as other religions, we do respect their right to live out their faith, as we expect to do. Pray for and look for opportunities to sensitively discuss your faith with colleagues as opportunities arise. 'Bonfire night' promises to be a busy one for the emergency services as usual and especially because it falls across the weekend this year. Pray for safety for those in our communities as they celebrate bonfire night and Diwali, also for our colleagues in the fire services and our friends in Firefighters for Christ. Pray for our colleagues in the ambulance services, for safety at this time of high spirits and equally high demand.

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12

### 8th-14th November

*Pray for Practical Needs*

There will be many in society starting to struggle financially and materially as winter sets in. Plenty of our patients are from sections of the community which have less and struggle more. There is a combined challenge from the effects of COVID and Brexit, which have begun to impact on transport and some food availability, jobs not being done due to vacancies and people having reduced income in real terms, due to the ending of the temporary increase to their Universal Credit. In amongst this mess, gas prices have exploded (excuse the pun). Prices are going up and it looks like incomes are flat or going down in real terms.

Amongst our friends and colleagues in the ambulance services there will be those who are worrying about fuel bills alongside increasing food costs and then there's the expectation of a lavish Christmas for their families. Given the increasing size of CAA, some of our members will be personally caught up in this too.

Please pray for the safety, health and resources of those in our communities and also of our colleagues and CAA members around us. Look out for those you work alongside. If someone is in hardship, encourage them to seek appropriate help which could include their employer and The Ambulance Staff Charity (TASC). Is there something you, along with other local CAA members or churches can do to help?

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*One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*  
Proverbs 11:24

### 15th-21st November

#### *'Winter Pressures'*

For many years now, we have talked about the annual cycle of winter pressures which would be well-and-truly started by now... normally. However, the health and social care system has been full to bursting for many months already. The NHS, social care and the organisations that work alongside and support them need our prayers, as do those who work within them. Pray for our politicians and senior health leaders, that they will make wise choices to maximise capacity and the most effective use of resources. Pray for everyone working in the health and social care sectors, regardless of their role. For example, in ambulance services please pray for those who clean our stations and maintain and clean our vehicles and equipment, for those who support us in HR and finance departments as well as other services and for those in 'control' rooms as well as everyone working face to face in the community.

Pray also for our colleagues in the wider system including those who have been working long hours for little recognition in social care and also for our colleagues in primary and secondary care. Remember to pray for our friends in the Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF).

It's going to be a tough winter— there can be little doubt of that. Please pray that together we can make it safe and responsive for one-another, our colleagues and our communities.

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.*

1 Corinthians 15:58

### 22nd-28th November

#### *Students, Apprentices and New Starters*

Plenty of people have told us how hard it can be to get started in an ambulance service, somehow feeling they need to gain the respect and acceptance of others and be adopted into the group. Please pray for those who have recently started a new role or a new course or placement, that they will be welcomed, encouraged, supported and nurtured. Pray especially for students and apprentices who are dependant on their established colleagues for their support, progression and sign-offs. We've also heard from student and apprentice CAA members who have told us how hard they feel it is to be accepted as a Christian or as someone with faith.

Please pray for our members as they serve Him in the ambulance community, whether we are new to the work or have been here many years. Pray that we will find support and acceptance to bring our whole selves to work, as we in turn support others doing the same.

If you are a Christian student or apprentice, contact us at [students@caauk.org](mailto:students@caauk.org) and we will look to buddy you up with another of our members.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding*

Proverbs 3:5



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