



# Prayer thoughts for September, 2015

## **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Heavenly Father we pray for our world. We pray for all the countries who are unable to live in peace with their neighbours. We pray for our near neighbours. We pray for understanding of our differences, patience as we seek to mend wrongs and love to be the measure of our dealings with each other.

## **Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September**

We bring before you all who are unwell and in need of healing – in mind, body and spirit. We pray for members of our GFS family who are particularly not well. We pray for those who grieve and mourn for the special members of our GFS family who are not with us now. We think especially of Lesley Briggs (Australia) as she mourns the loss of her beloved husband, Austin. We give thanks for all who we fondly remember from their examples to us.

## **Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September**

We pray for new beginnings. As many start a new school year we pray for their anxieties as they face changes. We pray for those who teach and give thanks for their God given gifts to do this. We bring before you all the areas of our own lives that need a new beginning. Help us to cast off the ways that hinder and hold us back and limit us from living a life devoted to seeking you in all that we do.

## **Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September**

We pray for the World team. We lift before you Val as she leads as World President and remember her husband, Paul as he continues with treatment. We pray for strength to continue with the task before her and Kate to assist, and for wisdom that comes from always seeking God's guidance. We pray for the treasurer and secretary who work away often unseen and yet a vital part of the team to ensure smooth and effective running of the organisation at the world level. We give thanks for the guidance and constant direction to see God as given by our world chaplain and assistant.

## **Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September**

We pray for fathers as some celebrate "Father's Day" in September. We often focus on the roles of women and girls within our organisation but we lift before you at this time the men who support and bring a new element to GFS. We give thanks and pray for those who are husbands supporting wives who serve in GFS. We thank you for the contribution of our own fathers in our family. We sing praises of our Heavenly Father who shows us what it is to nurture those younger with loving care.



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**We pray for our link countries.**

## **Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October**

We pray for the United Kingdom (England, Wales and Ireland) and their link country of Ghana. We also remember our sisters in the USA. We pray for all in leadership, in small groups and within each country- presidents, chairman and all with executive responsibilities.

WE pray especially for Honduras, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico as they begin their GFS journey and for those who will be mentoring to them. We pray for the 138 years of GFS in USA. We bring before you Adele Ray who continues to be an inspiration to all who have the privilege of meeting with her. We pray for her continued good health.

## **Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October**

We pray for the south pacific region with Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands and PNG.

We pray for Val as she visits PNG in the coming weeks and for a fruitful time with the people of PNG. We thank you for the progress being made in the plans for World Council.

## **Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October**

We pray for the region with the countries of Sri Lanka, Philippines, South Korea and Japan.

We give thanks for all the work that is happening in these countries. We give thanks for the use of the GFS Hall in Sri Lanka that enables many programs to be held to gather together Christian women. As the world project continues, we give thanks for the work of GFS in Japan to bring hope to the survivors of the Tsunami. We urge everyone to continue to consider how they might also support the project.

## **Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> October**

We pray for the African countries of South Africa, Liberia, Lesotho, Kenya, Tanzania, Sierra Leone and Uganda, Zambia.

We pray for Thembeke as she continues to work to bring the good news of GFS to many. We give thanks for the excitement of so many more coming to know Jesus each day. We pray for the new countries and seek wise leadership to help them grow into thriving countries of GFS members.



# Prayer thoughts for November, 2015

## **Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

We pray for the youngest in our society. We pray for the newest countries to join in with GFS. We pray for those who are leading these groups, for the responsibilities to establish good structures and wise counsel as they make decisions.

We pray for the youngest children who come in all their excitement to be nurtured into a life of Christian living. We pray for those who are entrusted with the responsibility to build relationships, to share with these children as they discover all that is good in God.

## **Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November**

We pray for an increase in numbers to be involved in GFS in the age group from late teens to early adult. We pray for wise programs to fully engage them, to allow for their growth and nurturing in the Christian faith. We pray for them to find mentors to help them along life's journey.

## **Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November**

We pray for the Youth exchange program and those who are planning and seeking the way forward with this program. We pray for clarity of vision to continue to bring this program into fruition. We especially pray for Tegan Hudson (Youth Officer) as she fits all the many elements of her life to find time to devote to this project. We give thanks for her enthusiasm and constantly seeking God to be her guide and strength.

## **Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

We pray especially for the Youth who are travelling to Sri Lanka on the 26<sup>th</sup> to meet together and learn from each other and especially those in Sri Lanka. We pray for blessings on their time together, for their hosts in Sri Lanka and all who will meet with them. We pray for safety in travelling.