

Please pray for those who owe money to others and for debt advice services and credit unions, who are trying to help.

21. **The Entertainment Industry:** Milton Keynes has a broad range of entertainment opportunities - from pubs and cinemas to theatres and casinos. Please pray for those who work anti-social hours to meet other people's needs, and for those who struggle with excess or addiction.
22. **Woodhill Prison:** Please pray for all staff and residents at HMP Woodhill; for the victims of crime whose lives have been changed; for families of those in prison; for Prison Fellowship and all involved in Restorative Justice programmes; and for the multi-faith chaplaincy team.
23. **Mental Illness:** One in four people suffer from some form of mental illness each year, with anxiety and depression the most common complaints. Please pray for those who suffer, and for those who care for them.
24. **The Elderly:** The population of Milton Keynes is changing as the number of older people increases. Retirement can be a time of great opportunity for some, but others struggle with poverty or isolation. Please pray for all older people, that they may be able to enjoy life and find the help and support that they need.
25. **The Hospice:** Please pray for all those facing the end of life; for their families and those who care for them. Please pray particularly for the hospice and the staff who work hard to help people through difficult times.
26. **Health Care in the Community:** The NHS and private providers work together to give community care to people of all ages.

Please pray for Clinical Commissioning Groups allocating funding, for GPs and the staff of their surgeries, and for other community based health care professionals. Please also pray for residential care homes in the city and for the work they do.

27. **Those who work with young people:** Let us thank God for organisations that work with young people. Please pray for those who run these organisations, and for volunteers who give their time.
28. **Faith Communities:** Milton Keynes has become a very diverse community, with a huge range of groups from different parts of the world. This diversity brings huge richness, but it also brings challenges. Please pray for those who are working to bring faith communities together, in particular the Council of Faiths and Interfaith MK.
29. **Inclusion and Diversity:** We live in a large city with a very diverse population. Ask God to help us understand each other better, and find ways to work together for the common good.
30. **The Armed Forces:** There are many people in our city who have served, or are serving in the armed forces. Please pray for those who are far from home, and for their families.
31. **The Mission Partnership:** The Milton Keynes Mission Partnership exists to bring churches together for mission. Please pray for the Director of Ecumenical Mission; for the presidents, the trustees and the members of the Mission Partnership; for the Partnership's work with adult learning, communication and daily prayer; and for the opportunities that exist in our city for ecumenical mission.

**MK Mission Partnership**



## Prayer for Milton Keynes

The Mission Partnership is producing a new range of resources for prayer. These will include a monthly cycle of prayer, daily reflections and more...

We will be making this material available in various formats - from bookmarks and leaflets to web sites...

This leaflet contains themes for daily prayer through the month.

**Themes for  
Prayer 2014**

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## Themes for Prayer in 2014:

1. **Local Government:** We depend on local government for a range of services, from road repairs to library services. Please pray for elected members from all parties and for council employees.
2. **The Emergency Services:** The police, fire and ambulance services are there for us when we need them. Please pray for those who work hard to keep our communities safe and secure, and for those who risk their lives for other people.
3. **Children and Parents:** Childhood is a very significant stage of life, as children grow and their personalities are formed. Please pray for children and those who look after them. Pray also for vulnerable young people and those who find parenthood difficult.
4. **Education and Schools:** Education is crucial for the well being of our young people and the future of our community. Please pray for teachers and other staff members, and for our young people as they face a variety of challenges.
5. **Relationships and Marriage:** Please pray for all those in long term relationships; for those who find themselves alone after the loss of a loved one; for those who struggle with difficult relationships, and for those who work with them.
6. **Civil Society and Community Engagement:** Many people feel that they are powerless. They don't matter and what they think or say is irrelevant. Please pray for our communities, for those who feel helpless, and for those who are struggling to be heard.
7. **Further and Higher Education:** Education enriches people's lives and provides access to new opportunities. Please pray for the staff and students of Milton Keynes College, The Open University, and UCMK.
8. **Homelessness:** Increasing numbers of people are homeless and vulnerably housed in Milton Keynes. Please pray for them and agencies, churches and individuals who are working to support people to find ways out of homelessness into hope.
9. **The Unemployed:** When people can't find work, the consequences can be difficult. Unemployment affect people in many different ways, from money problems, to loss of self-confidence and strained relationships. Please pray for those who are out of work.
10. **Outreach and Communication:** Churches in Milton Keynes are working together to share the Christian message and advertise their events. Please pray that our churches would get better at sharing good news.
11. **Shops:** Please pray for all those who work in the retail sector - from local shops and high streets to shopping centres and supermarkets. It would also be good to remember the thousands of people who visit our city each week.
12. **Oakhill STC:** The Secure Training Centre looks after young people who have been remanded or sentenced to a period of detention. It works to break cycles of offending and ensure the trainees are given access to education. Please pray for staff and trainees, and for the chaplaincy team.
13. **The Environment:** Our modern lifestyle does incredible damage to God's world. Pray for those who suffer from the effects of climate change, and for those who work to make a difference.
14. **The Media:** Please pray for those who work in media and for the impact that mass communications have on our lives. Ask God to give wisdom to those who decide what messages are to be given the highest priority.
15. **Charities and Agencies:** There are many charities and agencies based in Milton Keynes. Some of them have a focus on the wider world. Please pray for their staff and those they work with. Please also pray for charities that are supported by our churches.
16. **Hospitals:** Specialist health care is in some way used by most people at some time. We need to pray for all who work in this area, caring for patients or in supporting roles, and also for patients and their loved ones.
17. **Transport:** Please pray for those who are travelling today, and for those who find mobility difficult. Please pray particularly for those who don't have access to a car in a city designed around grid roads.
18. **The Christian Foundation:** The Christian Foundation is a local charity that creates opportunities for people and communities to learn, grow and achieve. Please pray for the staff and the work they do through education and social enterprise.
19. **Hunger:** Please pray for the work of the Food Bank and for those involved in the distribution of food to those who need it.
20. **Those in Debt:** Many people have debts that are unsustainable, or find themselves trapped in a vicious cycle of rising debt.