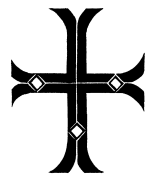


Prayer  
in the  
Maranatha  
Community



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*Our prayer is, Come, Lord Jesus!*

## **A Community of Prayer and Love**

The Maranatha Community is a praying community of Christian believers who are active in all the main churches. We are a pilgrim people scattered all over the United Kingdom and in many countries abroad. We pray the prayer of the Early Church - 'Maranatha' - 'Come Lord Jesus!' We are committed to praying, working, praising, learning, witnessing and serving together. We are not a breakaway group. We are not a church. We endeavour positively to strengthen and encourage local churches.

In seeking first the Kingdom we believe there should be less debate and more prayer. Therefore, all decisions in the life of the Community are made through listening and waiting before God. Every aspect of the Community's work is the subject of prayer and we do nothing unless we are of one heart and mind in the Lord.

We stand firm on the truth that Jesus Christ is the Saviour and Healer of the world and that we may encounter His living presence in our lives here and now.

As Christians we are committed to the **unity** of all believers, a fuller understanding of Christ's **healing** ministry and the **renewal** of the Faith in our land and in our churches. We are little brothers and sisters of Jesus who endeavour to live and speak the Gospel in **simplicity** and in spiritual **poverty**. We sense a great **urgency** in the call of God to His people today.

## **A Daily Pattern of Prayer**

Members of the Maranatha Community endeavour to pray for one another each day. Many pray for the Community early every morning, others pray particularly at 10 pm, often using the Maranatha 'Compline'.

At the Maranatha office there is a simple Prayer Room which is regularly in use for private and corporate prayers. The room contains many reminders of Maranatha links with Christians in different parts of the world. It is open to everyone and all are welcome.

Each working day at 12 noon we pray a 'Daily Office' of prayer in the Prayer Room. This coincides with midday prayers at Kalah House, Helmsdale, Scotland, where prayers are also said for the Community and midday reading and prayer at The Ark, Flixton.

## **The Maranatha Prayer Network**

The International and Nationwide Prayer Network consists of large numbers of individuals who commit themselves to pray regularly with us. They receive, along with the Maranatha Newsletter, a sheet of intercessions and also a sheet of supplementary prayers. These are distributed quarterly. In addition, regional prayer co-ordinators receive and pass on urgent requests for prayer. This great movement of prayer draws us closer together in Christ.

## **Maranatha Prayer Cells**

In addition to the Prayer Network there are groups of Prayer Cells which commit themselves to pray for the requests made to the Community - usually on a weekly basis. Contact is made weekly with each prayer cell to ensure the maximum amount of sharing and feedback.

## **Local Maranatha Groups**

Local Maranatha Groups - large and small - meet in many parts of the country and pray together. There are also regular Maranatha Gatherings in churches of every denomination.

## **Links with other Prayer Networks**

The Maranatha Community has established close and loving relationships with many other prayer groups and networks throughout the British Isles and overseas. We are being drawn together as one in Christ. We are also linked with various prayer centres throughout the world. In the Maranatha Community we are convinced that God is today urgently calling His people to repentance and belief through prayer. We pray for the Church. We pray for the nations. We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom.

## **Maranatha Courses on Prayer**

Maranatha arranges regular courses to lead people into a deeper relationship with God in prayer. These include 'Light out of Darkness' and 'Waiting with God in the Desert' residential retreats, a conference, 'Out of the Courtroom and into the Father's House' and retreat 'Living in the Father's House', residential weekends and Quiet Days.

Prayer pilgrimages and 'Schools of Prayer' are arranged from time to time and it is possible to book a 3-day stay at 'The Ark' in Flixton for a personal prayer retreat 'Deeper Times'. In addition to this, full weeks of prayer for the Church and the Nation are held at Kalah House in Scotland.

## **Maranatha Prayers for Healing**

The Community is constantly engaged in praying with and for people who seek help, and at every Maranatha Gathering there are prayers for healing. Maranatha teams offer Life Prayer - a prayer for inner healing for individuals and are available to advise on prayer for specific situations.

## **Contemplative Prayer**

There is a great hunger for a deeper encounter with God. Pope John Paul II said that there will be no revival without contemplative prayer. Maranatha Quiet Days are an introduction to contemplative prayer and the Maranatha retreats 'Light out of Darkness' and 'Waiting with God in the Desert' are for those who wish to develop their spiritual journey further.

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'The Ark' - Linda Stalley or Marie Robertson 0161 748 7058

## Publications on Prayer

The following is a selection of Maranatha publications on prayer:

### FOLDERS & NOTES

Christian Healing (A Summary)	£0.30
Christian Prayer	£0.30
The Shalom Prayer (A preparatory prayer for healing)	£0.30
About Love	£0.30
A Life Prayer (Offering up our life to God in prayer)	£0.30
Contemplative Prayer	£0.30
Liturgy of Faith, Hope & Power	£0.30
Micro Prayers (a pack of 11 prayers)	£3.00
Awareness (A devotional sheet of affirming scripture statements)	£0.30
Listening	£0.30
A Spiritual Check-up	£0.30
Maranatha Prayer Folder	£0.30
Maranatha 'Compline'	£0.30
The Daily Office (set of 4 weeks of 5 days)	£2.00
The Healing Ministry - Life Prayer (Teaching notes)	£3.50

### OTHER RESOURCES

Shalom CD	£9.99
About Love CD	£9.99
<u>Books</u>	
Encounter with God	£6.99
Walking with God	£0.50
From Darkness into Light - Facing human unhappiness	£7.99
Prayers and Meditations Today	£2.50
The Cross of Christ	£1.75

All these resources can be purchased from our online bookshop  
[www.maranathacommunity.org.uk/bookshop](http://www.maranathacommunity.org.uk/bookshop)

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