

MONTH OF PRAYER // SEPTEMBER 2017

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#HARVEST

September – Prayer Diary

This month we are focussing our prayers around the theme of Harvest. In the Bible this agricultural metaphor is often used in reference to salvation, fruitfulness and mission. Across the Elim movement let's lift up our prayers to the God of the harvest and take our place in his Kingdom mission.

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Use this prayer diary every day to join in with Elim's Month of Prayer. You can pray on your own, with family and friends, in small groups, at prayer gatherings and on your frontline.

We are called to pray and to stand in the gap on behalf of others.

We will be using a Bible verse each day to help focus our prayers. How wonderful that wherever we are each day we can pray in a united way. As you pray, make time to lift your voice and to wait and listen to what God is saying in response. Imagine the difference God will make in and through us as we join together in prayer.

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	Subject	Narrative	Bible Verse	Prayer Points
3 Sep	My Heart	The Bible talks much about our 'heart'. It's the centre of who we are. As we begin this month of prayer take some time to open your heart to God. Ask God if there is anything you need to put right. All you do flows from who you are. What does your heart treasure?	<i>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.</i> Matthew 6:21	Lord give me: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clean heart. • An open heart. • A heart after you.
4	Listening to God	There is a need to be attuned to God's voice all the time. God can speak to us when we least expect it. If our hearts are genuinely sensitive and 'tuned in' then no matter where we are or what we face, He can speak to us. Have a keen ear when you pray and on your frontline. What is God saying and showing? How can you respond?	<i>And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy.</i> 1 Samuel 3:8	Lord give me: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ear to hear Your voice. • The ability to recognise Your voice as different from anyone else's. • General discernment. Pray for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New season of openness to the prophetic and gifts of the Spirit.
5	Be the Church!	Be the church! Church is not where we meet or what we do it is who we are. We are the church in our workplace, family, when we shop and enjoy our hobbies. In all these places the gifts God has given us can be used for His glory. People are looking for something authentic. When people look at us they will get a measure of what God is like! God can use us to help establish His Kingdom.	<i>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.</i> Romans 12:4-6	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the gifts you've given. • Pray for and encourage others to be secure in their calling. • Be the church! Represent you well. • Thank God for your Church. • Pray for other churches in your area and other Elim churches.

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6	Transformation	Community transformation is when a culture is impacted by the presence of God. His supernatural power flows into the city and affects every level of society. What does transformation look like on your frontline and in the community?	<i>“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you”</i> Isaiah 60:1-2	Pray for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God’s presence to be seen and felt in increasing measure. • Humility, holiness and integrity in all levels of society. • Light in the dark areas of community.
7	Faithfulness	Scripture underlines God’s faithfulness to us. This must surely require a similar response from us. It is important that we don’t duck out of the responsibilities God puts before us whether at work, home or church. Our ‘Place of Calling’ might be at work, so let’s make sure we put our all into it, faithfully, as unto the Lord!	<i>Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.</i> Psalms 36:5	Lord give me: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grace to be as faithful as You. • Help me to take responsibility seriously and hold through! • Strength to do everything as ‘unto You’.
8	Influence	Influence is not limited to position or title but is the way we impact and affect the people we engage with. God asks us to use our influence, whether as a trusted colleague, a stay at home parent, an honest boss, innovative school governor, dedicated carer or grandparent etc. to show the way of Jesus and the way to Jesus. Our lives, words, actions, attitudes can influence others.	<i>Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’</i> John 14:6	Lord May I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show others the way to you. • Show others the way of following Jesus. • Use whatever influence you’ve given me for Your glory. Pray for Community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That we reach the least, lost and broken. • For transformation in all areas of society.

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9	Integrity	In recent years integrity has often been in question in those we see in the public eye. Yet we are part of the Kingdom of God and integrity is a key quality. Can people trust us to do what we say we will do? Are we honest in our dealings with others? As we live counter culturally people will see the difference in us; this points to the God at work in our lives.	<i>Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.</i> Proverbs 10:9	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a good example of integrity to those around me. • Make good choices even when it's tempting to cut corners. • Walk in integrity in all areas of life.
10	Leadership	Leadership is not a gift contained to church activity but seen in all walks of life. It's important that we pray for those in leadership roles. Remembering, that we can lead and be an influence to others even without title and position.	<i>...if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.</i> Romans 12:8	Lord I pray for those who lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May they know Your wisdom and grace. • God, rise up the right men and women to these places of influence. • Strengthen and give courage to those who are struggling. Pray for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastors/Leadership Team • Ministry/Team Leaders
11	Values	The values of God's Kingdom can at times be in conflict with those we see at work every day. We have an opportunity to show others the love of God and the reality of following after Jesus by the values we hold; kindness, patience, not gossiping, showing grace, righteousness, being trustworthy, loving one another and so many more.	<i>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.</i> Matthew 6:33	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uphold your values with grace and integrity. • Be courageous to not 'go with the crowd'. • Bless others as I live out values, like, kindness and patience.

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12	One can make a difference	Throughout the Bible and Church history God consistently looks for those who are willing to step out in faith and obedience to make a difference. God calls each of us to make an impact where we are. If we don't feel sure we can do it we are in good company, neither did Moses or Gideon! Empowered by the Spirit we can be an influence for good and for God.	<i>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'</i> Isaiah 6:8	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe that you can make a difference through me. • Look for opportunities to make an impact. • Walk by faith and act in faith! If you serve – pray for the team you serve in. Pray for increased impact and fruitfulness for God. If you don't serve yet – ask God to show you where you can serve.
13	REACH	Our mission is to reach the lost and reach into the broken places of our communities to bring the love and life of God. God is a God of transformation, of changed lives, of fresh starts, of healing and wholeness. Think about places and people you get to Reach into. Think of the reach of the church. We get to take the life and love of God to reach those who don't yet know Jesus.	<i>Where the river flows, life grows...</i> Ezekiel 47:9	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for and be bold with the opportunities you give me to reach others. • Be prayerful and mindful of the lost. • Reach others with the Good News of Jesus. • Thank God for opportunities to reach.
14	RAISE	We want to see church full of disciples who love Jesus and love others. A people who are faithful and faith-filled. A church that grows to be more like Jesus. How are you growing in God? What needs to change in your life? Who are you discipling and helping to grow in faith?	<i>Then he [Jesus] said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."</i> Luke 9:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you that you've called me to be your disciple. • Help me to keep growing in faith and becoming more like you. • Help me to invest in others and raise disciples.

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15	RELEASE	We believe everyone is uniquely made and gifted by God. Each of us is made on purpose, with purpose. God shapes us to contribute to the Kingdom and find our place in the body of Christ. All different but all equally valuable. We want everyone released into their purpose and from anything that holds them back. What is yours?	<i>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.</i> 1 Corinthians 12:4-7	Father God: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help me to find my gifts and purpose in you. • Thank you that you have given me gifts for the common good. • Give me boldness and opportunity. • Pray for those to discover their gifts and be released into calling.
16	Thought Life	Action is conceived in thought. Often the biggest battleground is in our minds. We may believe that our whole life belongs to God and can be used for His glory but the sometimes mundane routine challenges that. We may believe that we can make a difference but a thought may make us feel inferior. We may believe that what we matters and then the next minute feel insecure. We may be tempted to think on things that are not good for us.	<i>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.</i> Philippians 4:8	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe what you say about me rather than others or my own insecurities. • Not allow wrong thoughts to motivate me but take every thought captive. • Honour you with my thoughts and think on what is true and pure.
17	Seasoned Speech	Words have such power, they can hurt and heal. Decide that you will be a person who uses your words to help and heal, to encourage and build up. Be slow to speak and quick to listen. Commit yourself to not being drawn into any unhealthy cultures of gossip, back-biting and unwholesome talk.	<i>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.</i> Colossians 2:4, 5-6	Lord help me: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To speak well of you and others. • To use my words to encourage and strengthen. • To not get drawn into unhealthy conversations.

18	Commitment	A pig and a chicken walk down the road and see some hungry children. The chicken says, "Let's give them some breakfast of bacon and eggs". The pig replies "For you that's a small sacrifice but for me it's total commitment!" Let's be a people who are committed, faithful and reliable in all of our 'frontline' areas of work, rest and play and the mission of God.	<i>Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.</i> Colossians 3:23	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a reliable and committed person in my work and home life. • See everything I do as serving you. • Show your faithfulness in my life. • Thank God for the many people who serve with such commitment.
19	Perseverance	Perseverance is a quality that grows when we face obstacles and difficulties. We follow God who is an Overcomer and He can help us to keep going in spite of tough days, deadlines and disasters. In God's Kingdom a willingness to not quit but persevere will speak of his ability to enable and empower.	<i>May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.</i> 2 Thessalonians 3:5	Lord May I be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who shows your empowering through my perseverance. • A person who strengthens and cheers others on to keep going. • A person who knows your peace on those tough days.
20	Being There	One of the most important things we can do is be there for people. Whether it's a family member, neighbour, colleague or stranger in need we can be a support, a listening ear, a practical help. Everything we do can be an act of worship and service to God, from the seemingly small like caring and babysitting to the bigger moments of life. Be there!	<i>"When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?" 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."</i> Matthew 25: 39-40	Lord give me: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A worshipful heart and life. • A willingness to help and be there. • A renewed sense of Your presence there for me.

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21	Generosity of spirit	Generosity was a hallmark of the early church; from time to talents, from provisions to prayer – they gave of all they had. God is a generous God, giving His Son Jesus in place of our sins. Let's reflect the nature of God in the way we treat others and give of our lives generously.	<i>Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.</i> 2 Corinthians 9:13	Father God May I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect your generosity in the way I am with others. • Always be thankful of all You've done for me. • Help meet the needs of those around me. Pray for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial provision for all God has called our church to be and do.
22	Carrying the Presence	The Spirit of God lives in us, moves through us and comes upon us. As we walk and work in this world we carry His presence with us. It is His presence that makes all the difference. The Spirit of God is the fullness of God Himself at work in and through our lives. Live out this truth as you live out your life!	<i>Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.</i> Psalm 139:7-8	Father, Son & Spirit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank You for Your Spirit at work in me to make me more like Christ, • Thank you for Your Spirit at work through me to reach others. • Thank You for Your Spirit that comes upon me to enable.
23	Be Still	Life is often full of frantic activity and hurried moments. In the midst of it all there is the whisper of the Spirit to stop, pause, wait and be with God. We find it hard as somehow we wrongly think busyness equates success. In God's Kingdom being with God and serving from a place of relationship is key.	<i>Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.</i> Psalm 46:10	Lord help me: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Be still and know that you are God. • To find moments to pause and wait in Your presence. • To be protected against distractions and a feeling of failure.

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24	Welcome	Our God is a welcoming God. He welcomes anyone and everyone who believes on Jesus into his family. When on earth, Jesus welcomed people, particularly those others had overlooked as unimportant. With Jesus as our example, let's be a welcoming people. Whether it's welcoming people into our home, visitors in church services and events, or simply engaging with those around us, as Christians we should display the welcoming attitude of God.	<i>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.</i> Romans 15:7	Holy Spirit, help us to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be welcoming as individuals and as a church. • Be brave and speak to people I don't yet know. • Embrace others with the welcome of God. • Be a family!
25	Witness	The Holy Spirit comes to fill and empower us for witness. We are not all called to be evangelists but we are all called to be witness to the grace of God at work in our lives. Who are you sharing your faith with? Who can you share your story with?	<i>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.</i> Acts 1:8	Holy Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you that you empower me for witness. • Help me to be bold. • Show me where there are opportunities. • Pray for any specific people you are witnessing to.
26	Works	Our works authenticate the Gospel Good News we share. They can soften a heart, help a person in need, transform a life and ultimately they point to a God of grace and love.	<i>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.</i> Matthew 5:16	Father God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help me to find ways to do good works. • May my generosity and kindness point to you. • Be glorified as I serve others.
27	Wonders	God is a supernatural God who invites us to experience and partake in his wonders. Jesus brought healing and freedom to many. He passes this mission onto us. How often do we shrink back instead of stepping out?	<i>So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.</i> Acts 14:3	Jesus, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable me to show your power and love with signs and wonders. • Increase my faith and willingness to pray. • Confirm your Gospel with signs and wonders.

28	Word	God's word is the ultimate authority. We find grace and teaching, training and encouragement. We find real life stories and miraculous moments. It is our guide, full of wisdom. It is alive! Let's make the most of His word to us.	<i>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.</i> 2 Timothy 3:16-17	God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help me to read and understand your word. • Enable me to apply it so that I become more like Christ. • Thank you for your truth and grace displayed.
29	Worship	What you do is not more or less important than others in your life. As we offer our lives to God and serve him in the way He has called us to, in the home, workplace, community etc. we are living lives of worship. In response to all God has done for us we offer all we are to live out his good and pleasing will. Today, see all you do as your worship. At the end of the day reflect – How has that changed your viewpoint?	<i>Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.</i> Romans 12:1-2	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and live out your will for my life. • See what I do as an act of my worship and significant to you. • Be transformed by the renewing of my mind.
30	The Mission	The mission of every disciple is to go and make disciples. Think about the people you spend the majority of your time with. How can you reach them with the Gospel? How can you show God's love in word and deed? You are uniquely placed to be a witness to the love and grace of God to those people. God is the God of the real world and has called you as his ambassador into it. Wherever you invite God, by His Spirit, to work through you.	<i>Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'</i> Matthew 28:18-20	Lord help me to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live out this commission wherever I go. • Be thankful for the unique places you send me. • Be a disciple maker!

1 Oct	Generations	God's heart has always been for generations. From the first humans the command was to be fruitful and multiply. To Abraham he painted a picture of countless generations following. Through Christ each generation encounters grace and love afresh.	<i>One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4</i>	God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks for the different generations in the church. • Help me to engage with others. • Help each generation to honour you and pass on the baton well.
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