

Day of Prayer

Saturday, 20th March 2021



To the Ends of the Earth

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.' Matthew 28:19 - 20

Thank you for joining in our Campaigner Day of Prayer.

Recent events in the news highlight how different today's generation of young people view their world. It's evident that when some talk about 'my truth' one wonders if there is any awareness of 'the truth' of salvation through Christ Jesus. Yet, there is nothing new under the sun, and I imagine that our founder, Colin Kerr, had that same concern for the Gospel that we have today. The gap between the 'haves' and 'have-nots' in the roaring 1920s was huge, and poverty and civil unrest was rife. Today in the 2020s the divisions and challenges are different but equally valid. As Campaigners, we have to be match ready to go to the edges of the earth where today's young people are and make disciples, sharing the message that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We have an ambitious vision for a national Campaigner Community that anyone, anywhere can belong to. We envision a distinctive movement that still turns heads when people see and hear what we stand for and the difference that makes. Through the Lifeline Grant Scheme, we are ready to invest into new pioneering Christian initiatives that are relevant to any setting, and we want to encourage the evolution of a new kind of youth 'Church' whatever that might look like, to nurture and support new Christians in their faith.

Today is about taking time to reflect on our past, with thankfulness.

Today is an opportunity to commit our future corporately to the Lord in prayer.

Today is a time to listen to what the Lord is saying to us.

Today is a time to pray for new opportunities to go out and engage with all young people wherever they are.

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18,19

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- **Give thanks with a grateful heart:** In the quietness, reflect on the many blessings, experiences, friendships and precious moments we have encountered during our lives in The Campaigners. Give thanks for the many 1000s of lives touched by Jesus through the faithful commitment of chiefs and leaders over the years.
- **Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.** (1 Cor 12:27)
Pray for a unity of purpose and passion amongst us and that this day would be a landmark moment in our Campaigner story. Give thanks for our current supporters and pray for a new generation of leaders and supporters to add in the contemporary skills and know-how we need.
- **Blessed are the poor in spirit** (Matt 5:3) Think about any children and young people you know and also the concerns and anxieties that burden so many other young folk in our country today. Pray for the part that The Campaigners could and should be playing in ensuring that the life-changing message of hope can be found by following the risen Christ.
- **The word of God is alive and active** (Heb. 4:12) Thinking about the challenges ahead, spend some time in the quietness seeking out what the Lord is saying to us today. Feel free to share anything - a picture, a verse or passage, a word, a song, a story. God's word is sharper than a two edged sword! Email or text me, Tim if you wish to share: karibu@talk21.com or 07815 742 757
- **More than all we can ask or imagine** (Eph. 3:20) Pray for the vision that seeks to rebuild a nationwide Campaigner Community that anyone, anywhere can belong to. Pray for the long-term perspective in our thoughts, prayers and plans today, trusting that the fresh seeds sown would bear an abundant harvest this season and for many seasons beyond our time.
- **Sing it in the Valleys** (Ps 65:13) Pray that the song we sing, and the message it bears will be heard and taken in. Pray that we can find ways to use modern day media wisely and safely. Pray too for the Lifeline publication that goes into every member's home; that it would become our shop window into the world showing that as The Campaigners we can and do make a difference.
- **Well done my good and faithful servants** (Mt 25:21) Give thanks for the existing Campaigner centres and groups that faithfully have met together week by week but recognising that this past year has been difficult during the long period of lock-down. Pray for each group as they each plan to restart in the Spring. In GB there are groups in Belhus Park, Halesowen, Hendon, Morden, Sevenoaks, Slough, Summerfield (Birmingham) and Worcester. Pray too for our brothers and sisters in Campaigners Northern Ireland who are facing similar challenges.
- **Enlarge the place of your tent** (Is 54:2) Do continue in your prayers in the run up to our Viney Hill Campaigner Camp this summer (24 - 31 July). Pray for the team and for those centres working hard to encourage their their leaders and young people to book in.
Looking forward, we recognise the immense and memorable value of camps, residential breaks and events to complement our youth ministry taking place locally. It is our intention offer many more of these. Please pray for the right people and for the opportunities to make these events happen. We are still seeking the perfect venue or premises to establish a 'mission, training and residential hub' which would become a focus for mission and a place where every Campaigner could feel at home.
- *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40: 30,31*