

Prayer WEEK 2023

12th – 18th June

‘The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, “The LORD is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him”’

Psalm 92:12-14

Monday 12th June: The Way We Care

Our bespoke Christian approach to caring for the people who live with us is called The Way We Care which puts an understanding of the whole person at the heart of the care they receive.

Please pray for Friederike Hamilton who oversees the training of this way of caring, and for the The Way We Care leads in our homes who are responsible for making sure everyone understands and follows this special way of caring.

Supporting those living with dementia is a particular part of The Way We Care – please pray for our Hummingbirds who spend moments of time with those living with dementia and for the GEMS framework that is used as part of this approach to care.

Please pray as we continue to root The Way We Care into the way of life in our homes, that it would be fully embraced by all staff through training and inductions.

Pray for the role of The Way We Care leads in each of the homes, that they would be inspired and creative in helping this special approach become deeply embedded in the culture of the homes.

Pray that those visiting the home, whether relatives, volunteers or representatives from the Care Quality Commission (CQC), would be helped to understand the value of this approach and would be encouraged as they see it in action.

You can watch our film about The Way We Care on our website at www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/thewaywecare



Tuesday 13th June: **Staffing and recruitment**

At the heart of all we do are the wonderful people who work with us. From kitchen staff and maintenance officers to carers and operations managers to the finance team and the leadership team, everyone has a key part to play in making sure that we can care for and support as many people as possible.

Thank God for the incredible people who work with us, for their compassion and kindness as they care for people, and for their resilience and strength as they do sometimes challenging work, much of it behind-the-scenes.

Please pray that they would know how valued they are and how important every part of their work is to the vision of the charity.

Pray for a clear understanding of our charity's values of compassion, community, transparency, and excellence, that these would help teams to work well together, make strong decisions, and feel part of the Pilgrims' Friend Society family.

Please pray for our recruitment, that more of the right people would come and work with us and choose a career in care.

Pray particularly that more people who share our Christian faith will come and work with us to support and facilitate the Christian work.

Wednesday 14th June: **Volunteers and community engagement**

Our Activities and Community Engagement (ACE) Programme is vital in creating lively and supportive environments in our homes. Please pray for Jane Trimarco as she oversees the programme and for the ACE Facilitators in our homes as they oversee volunteering and activities and build connections with their local communities and churches.

Please also pray that many more people would choose to get involved in our homes and schemes as volunteers and that there would be increasing opportunities to engage with local communities, especially schools, toddler groups, and churches. Pray that young people would take up opportunities to gain work experience and share their skills and gifts with those living in our homes.

Pray for the ACE Facilitators as they get out and about, meeting local leaders and groups

and sharing more of the vision of Pilgrims' Friend Society for older people. Pray that doors would open for them to support local churches with ministry to older people in the wider community, and to share about the work of Pilgrims' Friend Society and our vision for fulfilled living in later life.

Find out more about volunteering with us on our website –

www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/volunteer



Thursday 15th June: **Community living**

Our housing schemes are hubs of Christian community for older people so please give thanks for the provision of housing for older people which is safe and supports independent living. Please pray for all those living in our housing schemes to experience the peace and security that our communities provide.

Please pray that these communities would continue to thrive through friendship and fellowship. Thank the Lord for the ways in which members of these communities seek ways to enrich the life of the whole community, for example through contributing to devotions, running knit and natter groups and other

craft sessions, or organising displays.

Please pray for more opportunities for important and significant relationships to grow within these communities so that no one who lives with us is lonely. Pray that more people who would benefit from these communities would come and live with us.

Please pray for those who lead our housing work and who provide valued extra support to those living independently. Please pray for more people to come and work with us in this important area.

Friday 16th June: **The Growth and Renewal Programme**

The Growth and Renewal Programme is our commitment to see our capacity to care for older people continue to grow. We thank God for the successful opening and establishing of Middlefields House in Chippenham which has thrived over the last two years.

Please pray for plans to build a new home on the South Coast where we have struggled to find the right land so far. Pray that God would make clear what the right path is for our plans on the South Coast and a way would be made to keep providing great Christian care there. Pray for the investments that we're continuing to make in our other buildings

to ensure that they are always able to provide the right physical environments for our communities.

Please also pray for those care homes and housing schemes across the UK who share Pilgrims' Friend Society's faith and values but who need more support with their operations. Please pray for conversations between the charity and others, that great partnership would be easily identified, and the right decisions would be made for all involved.



Saturday 17th June: **Giving and finance**

We are thankful to God for His bountiful provision over more than 200 years but as costs increase our need for financial support continues. Thank God for all that He has provided over the years and for the generosity of those who give to the work.

Please also pray that challenges in funding social care would be adequately addressed by the Government so that Local Authorities are able to pay for the true cost of care. Pray that courageous leadership in this area would become a hallmark of government in the coming years.

Please pray that more people would be inspired to give generously to our work, especially through regular giving such as standing orders and Direct Debits which help us to plan well. Pray that people would take up the opportunity to take part in our sponsored pilgrimage this summer.

Thank God for those who leave legacies in their will which ensures the care of older people long after the giver has gone to glory. Pray that others would consider this way of giving to the work.

