

### Ways I can care

In as much as possible, build relationship with and learn more about those in the community you are praying for. Prayer walk your neighbourhood and ask God for insights for more effective prayer. Love people just for the sake of loving them! Remember how much they matter to God. Let Him love them through you.

### Ways I can share

In order to be saved people must somehow 'hear' the good news (*Romans 10:14*). **Ask the Lord for an open door of opportunity to personally present the gospel.** Give a book or video that focuses on Christ, involve in a Bible study, or give an invitation to a church service or an evangelistic event where the gospel message can be heard. Be encouraged and remember *'the gospel ... is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes'*. (*Romans 1:16*)

### Training

Training for Lighthouses of Prayer is provided by Pray for Scotland. Pray about what you might like to do and contact [admin@prayforscotland.org.uk](mailto:admin@prayforscotland.org.uk) for more information about Lighthouses of Prayer (**H**ouses **O**f **P**raye**R** **E**verywhere).

### References:

- *Make Your Home a Light-House*, Alvin J. Vander Griend, copyright 1999 by Houses of Prayer Everywhere, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49514. 1-800-217-5200.

- Mission America Coalition, Lighthouse Information.

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### Finally:

**Pray for Scotland stands with you, believing you will experience:**

- God working in you and through you
- His power released through your prayers
- His love expressed through your care and
- His gospel through your sharing

### His answers to prayer!

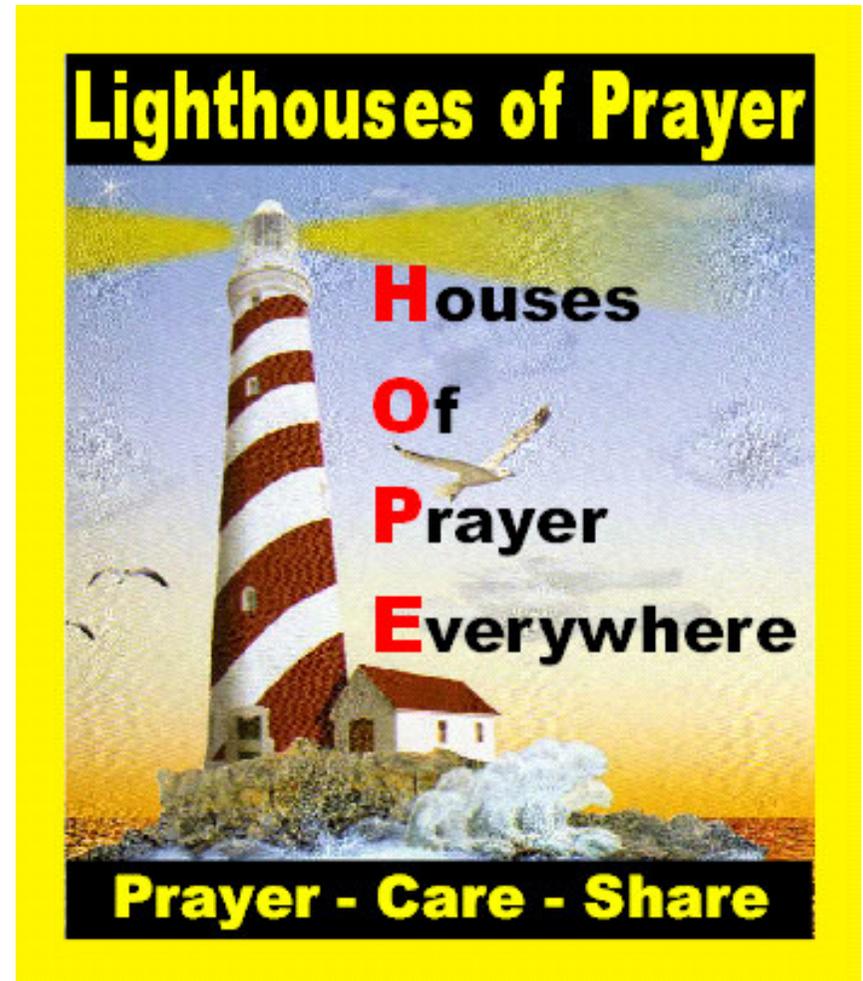
Starting a Lighthouse of Prayer (or being part of one) can transform your experiences in prayer. You can be a part of preparing an environment in which heaven can come to earth – of opening doors in your community. Fulfilling the words of Jesus, you become a light in the world for the light of the Gospel to shine through.

*'I see a map of the Western Isles, with all the prayer groups, Lighthouses of Prayer, marked on it, thus showing all the areas of darkness, areas for us to pray for. My prayer is that the Lord would extend our territory and that there will be HOPE (Houses of Prayer Everywhere) throughout Scotland.'*

**Sylvia Norton, Lochboisdale, South Uist, Western Isles**

*'I see twos and threes praying in their neighbourhoods, for their neighbourhoods all over Dumfries, saturating the community with prayer – to see the light penetrating the darkness and lives set free to the glory of God.'*

**Janet Marshall, Dumfries**



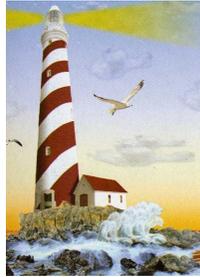
## Introductory Guide



*'While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'*

John: 9:5

*'You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.'* Matthew: 5:14-16



**When believers pray together for their neighbours, they are a spiritual lighthouse. They are asking God to shine the light of His grace and blessing into lives, homes, workplaces and throughout their community.**

## Prayer

*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (James 5:15b)*

Prayer is the key that unlocks all the resources of God's infinite grace and power. It releases the power of God to transform community, as those in our neighbourhoods are touched by an awesome God of love and blessing through the power of answered prayer.

### Believe for answers

Consider recording what happens, what you feel God is giving you to pray and be encouraged through the following and other real life examples of God's answers to your prayers. You can record these too, and most of all, celebrate these answers to prayer!

## What is a Lighthouse of Prayer?

- Lighthouses of Prayer are individuals or small groups from one church or across denomination meeting together in their community for prayer.
- As Lighthouses emerge in churches, homes, schools - anywhere! the potential is a community saturated in prayer.
- Lighthouses bring a message of hope, and believe for transformation as they pray for, as well as care about and share the love of Christ with their community.

Pray – Care – Share:  
the blessings of Jesus.

### Testimony of answered prayer:

*While standing at the Scalloway Harbour on Shetland, April 2007, we asked the local people what they wanted us to pray for. 'Please would you pray for an increase in the white fish stock around the Shetland coast?' We happily did so and then moved on! After the 50 days we received a clip from the local newspaper reporting a noticeable increase in the white fish stock around Shetland, so much so that the local fish factory was to be increased in size!*

*And that wasn't all! While I was in attendance at the Scottish Parliament in January 08, I heard the Minister for Fisheries and Agriculture make reference to the increase of the fish stock in particular around Shetland Isles – an increase of 8.8%!*

*We prayed, God answered! Confirmed in the local newspaper and confirmed in the Scottish Parliament. 'When a believing person prays, great things happen.'* (James 5:15b New Century Bible)

*Bert McKaig, Connecting Scotland 50 Days Outreach, April-May 2007.*

## Care

Love is a powerful force. God's love, demonstrated through Jesus Christ and poured out by His Spirit, has accomplished more than all the governments, all the armies and all the educational institutions in the world.

Lighthouses express God's love as they reach out with simple acts of kindness (Matthew 10:42). They seek to address the needs of those in community, firstly by presenting those needs in prayer, and then by a willingness to offer help while trusting God to meet those needs.

## Ways to pray

Prayer is speaking and listening to a trusted friend. It is not a formula, it is primarily a love relationship expressed between you and your loving heavenly Father.

### Pray on your own or in groups:

- Select a time to commune with God, in worship, praise and prayer. *James 4:8a*
- Wait upon God and let Him speak to you
- To aid in worship a CD can be used.
- Use scripture, read it silently. If as a group, share what the Holy Spirit has spoken - this can be used as a basis of your prayers *and* strengthens your faith to believe on the promises of God.
- God initiates prayer as well as answers it! In faith ask the Holy Spirit to empower and direct prayer through you.

### In preparation:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin in your life, and ask forgiveness. *Matthew 6:14*
- Seek forgiveness from those you

## Share

Many in our land either have never heard or simply do not understand the good news of what Christ has done for them. Prayer can change that.

Through the power of answered prayer, and God's love and care extended, Lighthouses believe for the natural opportunity to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ, and believe for the transformation of those in their community.

have offended, forgive those who have hurt or wronged you. If possible be reconciled.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to guard your walk against complacency and pride.
- Focus your attention; with His help tune out distractions by focusing on Jesus.

### Pray continually: (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- Praise and give thanks to God continually in everything, every day.
- Confess your life in Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- Develop dependence on Him and His word.

Think of the word **BLESS** to remember five important ways to pray for your neighbours:

**B** Body – health, protection, strength  
**L** Labour – work, income, security  
**E** Emotional – joy, peace, comfort  
**S** Social – love, marriage, family, friends  
**S** Spiritual – salvation, faith, grace

Pray especially for God to free those who are in bondage to the evil one, giving them light to see, ears to hear, open minds and responsive hearts.