

**The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available (dynamic in its working). (James 5:16 AMP)**

**Throughout this month, why not.....**

Pray for the people in businesses or official buildings in the town, as you drive or walk past. Ask God to bless them, guide them and reveal Himself to them.

Keep a look out for news items and stories in the local press that need prayer.

Encourage one another in your fellowship and small groups to pray for our town. We know that God hears us when we ask in His name and He is looking for a people who will cry out on behalf of others. (Matt 21:22, Ezek 22:30, 1John 5:14-15.)

Use the scriptures to pray. Here's a few to get you started:

Jer 29:7 - 'Father I pray for Eastbourne. I ask that You would bring Your peace to this place. That conflict would cease, that those who work for peace in the town would be blessed and strengthened. I pray for those areas where there is depravation and poverty, that You would open my eyes to see how I can help and give all of Your church inspiration of how we can assist.

2Chron 16:9—'Father, thank you that You want to bless us. Thank you that You are willing and able to show Yourself strong. Please look on this town and on Your people who live here, those who bear Your name, and please act. Come in Your power and transform our communities. I want to see people turning to You and being saved, turning from their ways and honouring You. Please help all those who are in authority in this town. Give them wisdom and understanding and open their eyes to see Your ways.

Ps 80:7 = Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

2Chron 7:14 = You are faithful and true. What you say, will come to pass. As your people in this town humble themselves, pray, seek Your face and turn from wickedness, we thank you that you will hear from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land.

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# May 2008

# Prayer Guide

## Pray for Our Town

1 Timothy 2:1-4

**I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone..... - 1 Tim 2:1**

**This month we're praying for our town and the surrounding villages. For every aspect of its welfare, prosperity, development, those in authority, health, education, business etc.**

Those with positions of authority in the town:

Councillor Mary Pooley—Mayor of Eastbourne  
Nigel Waterson (Conservative) - Member of Parliament  
Councillor David Tutt — Leader of the Council  
Bob Lacey—Chair of East Sussex County Council  
Cheryl Miller—Chief Executive of East Sussex County Council  
Martin Ray—Chief Executive, Eastbourne Borough Council

Mayor of Polegate—John Rogers

Paul Sutton – Chief Executive, South East Ambulance Service  
Martin Richards – Chief Constable, Sussex Police Service  
Des Prichard – Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service  
Kim Hodgson – Chief Executive, East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust

**Please pray for these people that they would be blessed in all they do. That they would have integrity and wisdom as they make decisions which affect our communities and that each one of them would come to know the Lord Jesus in a deeper way.**

**....for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness—1 Tim 2:2**

Information about our town There are over 3,200 businesses in the town. Pray that these would prosper for the Kingdom of God, be a blessing to the economy in our communities and fulfil the purposes that God has for them.

The population of Eastbourne is approx 95,000.

Over 3500 children live in poverty and the indicator for poor quality housing shows that Eastbourne is significantly higher than the national average. (source: 'choosing health, making healthier choices easier' Health profile for Eastbourne 2006).

The Councils are currently researching and writing documents and plans that will address areas of need in the town, focus on problems and recommend solutions. Please pray that those involved will be guided by God to the right answers and outcomes.

**If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land—2 Chron 7:14**

A prayer for use in a service:

*Dear Lord, we pray blessing over our town. We pray that you will grant wisdom and discernment to those in authority and to those who make decisions on behalf of our communities. Guide their steps, Father God, that they may be diligent in all they do. We pray that you would strengthen the Christians who have positions of influence in our town, give them assurance of Your love for them and Your provision for their every need. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.*

Suggestions for prayer meetings / small groups:

- Split into groups of 2 or 3 and take a couple of names of the people on the opposite page. Pray for them personally, asking God to bless them, grant them wisdom and understanding in their work and that they would come to a full understanding of who He is.
- Place the various areas for prayer in different corners of the room and encourage people to move to each corner and pray for the topic displayed there.