

A MWoL PRAYER DIARY FOR LEEDS S&W CIRCUIT AS WE TRAVEL ON TOGETHER!

<p><u>1st PRAY</u> God delights to hear our prayers. At the beginning of the month, invite God to guide your thinking as you commit to praying for your local church and for the LSW circuit. Read STF 522</p>	<p><u>2nd LEARN</u> Our journey is unknown to us but not unknown to God. Pray we will be a community of grace, willing to learn together, thankful when things work well, and gracious when they may not!</p>	<p><u>3rd SERVE</u> Pray for your local church / leadership stewards. May they know wisdom and energy to serve God, balancing the needs of the organisation with the ministry of the church.</p>	<p><u>4th NOTICE</u> Pray for the community who use your local church building. How might they notice God at work when they look at us, when they look at the displays in our church</p>	<p><u>5th CARE</u> We face hard choices; we know there will be times when we have to grieve what was in order to become what we shall be. Pray that we might care for each other in the grief of change.</p>
<p><u>6th WORSHIP</u> Pray for our circuit local preachers and worship leaders who help tell of God's faithfulness, even and especially in the midst of challenge. What might God be saying to us through them?</p>	<p><u>7th CHALLENGE</u> Pray for those in your local church who find change difficult. Pray for reassurance and trust in the midst of change. How might you give / receive encouragement in these times?</p>	<p><u>8th FLOURISH</u> In our calling to care for creation we face the challenges of inherited buildings. We pray today for circuit admin, circuit stewards and those in local churches who manage circuit property.</p>	<p><u>9th LIVE</u> Pray for young people at your local church and/or in the circuit. What is God saying through the way young people see faith lived out in action in the world? How are we listening?</p>	<p><u>10th CARE</u> Pray for your local church minister asking God to equip them for the work to be done for such a time as this. Pray for energy and wisdom to work, rest and play!</p>
<p><u>11th LIVE</u> We know communities in which we live & work face change continually. As our circuit faces hard choices and change, ask God that we may do so in a way that draws others to Jesus.</p>	<p><u>12th OPEN</u> We value the welcome we receive in our local church. How might you help someone new feel welcome? Pray that we will continue to welcome all – friend and stranger.</p>	<p><u>13th CHALLENGE</u> God has always called us to care for 'widows and orphans.' Pray for those in our circuit with a passion to challenge injustice, that they might help us all discover and speak with God's voice.</p>	<p><u>14th LEARN</u> We pray for the many groups in which we learn about faith: discipleship groups, Bible studies, Methodist Way of Life groups, prayer groups. Gracious God inspire us in our learning.</p>	<p><u>15th FLOURISH</u> Holy God, we believe you want your church to flourish. Renew in us a faith-filled courage to face into the challenges ahead of us; wisdom to discern your way; and courage to walk it.</p>

A MWoL PRAYER DIARY FOR LEEDS S&W CIRCUIT AS WE TRAVEL ON TOGETHER!

<p><u>16th TELL</u> Pray for your local church's Circuit Meeting reps, asking for the boldness and courage of faith when there are difficult conversations to be had, and difficult decisions to be made.</p>	<p><u>17th SERVE</u> Pray for the mission of your local church and the circuit. As we continue to seek God's direction, pray we will be a people whose ministry serves and transforms community.</p>	<p><u>18th CARE</u> A Methodist way of life reminds us to care for ourselves as well as others. In the uncertainty of change, pray for wisdom to know how to care for yourself at this time.</p>	<p><u>19th PRAY</u> God knows your deep prayers – your hopes and fears for your local church and our circuit. Give these to God in prayer today. How will you seek to pray 'Not my will, but God's be done'?</p>	<p><u>20th WORSHIP</u> We pray today for our ministerial staff. As they continue to lead us in worship, may they also find opportunity to 'come apart' in worship, so that they don't come apart in their ministry!</p>
<p><u>21st OPEN</u> We pray today for those who do not yet know God's love for them, asking that they will find a welcome among us, especially if and when they bring change to our churches.</p>	<p><u>22nd SHARE</u> As God invites us into partnership in the work of the Kingdom, pray that through the process of Circuit review, we might have a better understanding of why and how we share faith.</p>	<p><u>23rd TELL</u> Give thanks today for someone who, in telling you about their faith, has helped you grow in yours. Ask God to show you who you might encourage by sharing your story.</p>	<p><u>24th NOTICE</u> In church and circuit life, we can become so busy 'doing' that we forget to notice green shoots. Pray that we will notice and carefully tend these new shoots of the Holy Spirit at work.</p>	<p><u>25th SHARE</u> Pray today for our circuit churches offering 'Welcoming Spaces.' May we be inclusive centres of hospitality, welcoming all, whatever their need or none</p>
<p><u>26th SERVE</u> Pray today for your local church council trustees. As they serve God in this way, may they know wisdom to hold the life and work of the local church in balance with the needs of the circuit.</p>	<p><u>27th TELL</u> Whatever our future, we want to give thanks for our circuit and churches. What story in the life of the church and/or circuit helps you to celebrate that faith journey? Share your story with a friend.</p>	<p><u>28th CHALLENGE</u> We want to be churches who challenge injustice and transform society. Pray that God will raise us up to help others find their voice, and to be a transforming presence in our communities.</p>	<p><u>29th PRAY</u> Pray for all who've joined your local church recently. What might God be saying to the local and the wider church through their presence and the experiences they bring?</p>	<p><u>30th / 31st</u> God of love, God for all, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us let go of all that holds us back. Open our churches and circuit to new seasons of humility, faith, change and growth. Amen</p>