

Prayer diary September – November 2016

For the week beginning September 5th

We pray for our world and for all those places where war, fear and natural disasters turn people out from their place of safety and familiarity. Be with them all and may we too respond with compassion and generosity to help as we can. We look to the friendships modelled through the Olympic Games and ask that this might be the way politics might also want to be.

For the week beginning September 12th

We pray for our World President, Val Gribble and give thanks for the recent travels to be with GFS in USA and in Japan. We thank you for their welcoming hospitality and for all the conversations to encourage and inspire each other. We thank you for Val's enthusiasm to be with so many parts of the GFS family. We pray for continued strength and wisdom as she visits PNG soon.

For the week beginning September 19th

We pray for the world team who are preparing for the World Council. We pray for those members of GFS who are now making preparations to come and attend the council, for those who financially support them and for their commitment to share their GFS journeys together. We ask for generosity of giving to help boost the funds available in the World Travel fund to be able to give many the opportunity to be part of this world gathering.

For the week beginning September 26th

We celebrate our day to remember and reflect on our World wide spread of GFS. We remember the vision of Mary Elizabeth Townsend to share the gospel with young women. We thank you that we can pray for each other, wherever we are in this wide world and know that we are united through Christ to share each other's burdens. We remember Sierra Leone as we share the service for World Day of Prayer and ask that we might all be inspired to "seek the Lord while we can".

For the week beginning October 3rd

As we look around the world, we remember those countries who are our neighbours. We pray for Sri Lanka, Philippines, Japan and South Korea. We pray especially for the camp for the children arranged through the World Project. We thank you for those who work to make it happen and we pray for the children who will experience a week of loving and a release from their worries.

For the week beginning October 10th

We pray for PNG, the Solomon Islands, New Zealand and Australia. We thank you for the visit by Val and her team to share with PNG. We give thanks for their hospitality and all those who were able to gather with the team. We pray for the leadership of GFS in the Solomon Islands as they work to further GFS with the help of MU.

For the week beginning October 17th

As we move across the oceans to our friends in GFS in USA, Canada and Honduras we give thanks for the recent gathering. We pray especially for Lois Frankforter as she was commissioned as their National GFS President. We pray for wisdom, compassion, energy and vision as she undertakes this role to serve GFS. We give thanks for our newly discovered group of faithful members meeting in Canada and their inspiration in service as they met with Val Gribble.

For the week beginning October 24th African

We think of our many GFS friends in the many African nations who are embracing GFS and ministering to girls and boys through their work. We pray for Thembeke as she continues to inspire and motivate many to understand the possibilities offered through GFS. We pray for those who support and encourage her as she prepares to undertake the World President role.

For the week beginning October 31st

We pray for Glenys Payne, our Vice President as she continues to oversee the World Project. We pray for the GFS members in Wales, Ireland and England and for their preparations as a new GFS year begins. We pray for the work amongst young people who are growing up in a world that constantly tries to deny God and belittle those who want to serve Him. We pray for strength and a spirit of willingness to be strong before those who would try to silence them.

For the week beginning November 7th youth members – as youth delegates are chosen, the youth networks set up already (USA support)

We are one body through Christ but we come in many different parts to be that body. We pray for our younger members, those who are beginning their Christ journey through GFS. We pray for these young fragile plants who are just blooming. We pray for nourishment from older members, for daily growth nutrients as they read from your word and hear it in their lives. We give thanks for the beauty of their enthusiasm to encourage us all and to enrich other's lives. We give thanks for the recent initiative to support youth from the USA.

For the week beginning November 14th for branch leaders who prepare to meet regularly with girls and women

Each week there are many who are preparing and faithfully building strong foundations for their members. We give you thanks for their faithfulness and their willingness to see opportunities to develop relationships that reflect Christ's love in action as they serve their local community. We give thanks that our own beginnings were touched by someone who served in this way and that we are the fruits of that small beginning.

For the week beginning November 21st

We look to the older members of our organisation. There are many who lend their wisdom and experiences to guide and develop those just setting out on their journey in life. We remember many who have gone before us and were role models of women strong in their faith. We recall the delight for Val Gribble to meet with a lovely woman aged 102 in Japan. For a long life, we give you thanks Lord and for those who inspire us we give thanks.

For the week beginning November 28th

As USA remembered Thanksgiving in this past week, so we too can give thanks for everything that GFS means to us. For those of us who have the privilege of knowing many friends throughout the world through GFS, we give you thanks. For the newest member we pray for a long life lived serving her Lord in GFS. For inspirational times, for helping hands, for laughter and love, for being pointed in the right direction we give you thanks our Lord and Saviour.