

***Telford Debt Centre Prayer Bulletin - February 2025***

‘You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honour to your Father in heaven.’

**Matthew 5: 14-16**

**We have the privilege of shining the light of Jesus into the darkness of so many lives that are without hope. We have experienced the light of Jesus’ presence in our own lives, dispelling the worry, anxiety and fear that in the past has led us into dark places. Let’s pray that the Holy Spirit will work through us to bring light, love and hope into the lives of others as we meet new people who desperately need to know of a Heavenly Father who loves them. Please pray for God’s presence to be felt by our clients who are struggling with physical and mental health issues as well as financial crises. Pray that we will be compassionate as we seek to help people who find it hard to cope with the challenging circumstances they find themselves in.**

**Head Office (Central Support Team)**

Please pray that God will bless our Central Support team with the financial support that is needed to continue to meet the financial costs of running CAP and providing the services required for those struggling with debt issues. Please continue to pray for more churches to partner with CAP to strengthen relationships between CAP and churches in our communities.

**Clients**

Praise God that one of our clients asked Christ into his life in January. Please pray that God will work in his life and that he will become involved in a local church that can help and support him.

Please pray for our clients who struggle to continue with us in their journey to becoming debt free. It can be difficult to for them to face dealing with their financial issues when they are battling depression and health issues along the way. Pray we would be a positive influence on them as we encourage them to keep on working towards their goal of becoming debt free and experiencing the freedom that this brings to their lives. Also at this time of the year when fuel bills are high please pray that our clients will be able to meet their energy costs.

**Events**

On Saturday 22nd March we will be holding our first client event of this year. It will be ‘Breadmaking and lunch’ at Dawley Methodist Church. This will be an opportunity for our clients to savour the experience of making bread and sharing lunch with our volunteers in a friendly environment. Please pray that as we send the invites out to our clients God will draw many to this event and it will be a chance for them to make new friends and enjoy ‘time out’ from the pressures in their lives to relax and have fun. Pray that our clients will bring their families along and it will be a blessing to all that attend.

**Volunteers and Befrienders**

Praise God that we have three new people who have recently expressed an interest in becoming volunteers for the Telford debt centre. Pray that God will bless them as they undergo training etc in the next few months and that they will settle in well and we will grow in strength as a team as we work together in all that God has for us this year.

**Ann, Lizzie and Hugh**

Please pray for Ann, Lizzie and Hugh as they continue to support new clients. Lizzie has been taking on some new clients with the Bridgnorth Debt Centre so needs your prayer support for this extra work.

Pray that God will help Hugh as he is working through the CAP process for the first time with his new clients, helping them with gathering their paperwork and presenting all the information that is required to the Central Support team. May God equip him with all that is needed to support his clients face the challenges in their lives.

Pray God will lead us forward into this year as a strong team and make his will known to us.

**Partnership Team**

Please continue to pray for a new Chairman as well as trustees for our partnership team as we work through the process of becoming a charity and all that this involves. Praise God for those who have expressed a willingness to become a trustee.

**Publicity**

Please continue to pray for us as we explore opportunities to share the work we do.

Lizzie and Ann will be involved in a new Live Well Community Hub at Madeley Library which takes place every Wednesday morning. This offers free support and advice to help people live healthily and independently. CAB will have a presence there as will Telford Mind and other groups. This will be a great outreach and a chance for us to promote the work of CAP and the service we provide to people in the community there. Many of our clients are situated in this area.

**Finances and fund-raising**

We thank God for the way he continues to provide for us and look to him for our help and support this year so we can continue to bless others. Please pray as we plan our fundraising events for this year and for God’s wisdom in all that we do to enhance the work of the debt centre.

**Prayers**

Praise God that the battle belongs to Him and as you join with us in prayer we will see great things this year as we serve Him in Telford. We are so thankful that you stand with us in prayer as so many are in desperate need of help. God bless you and keep you strong in Him!

**The next CAP Prayers will be: 9am- 9:30am** on **Thursday 6th March 2025**

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