

**Further Information**

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**\*Further ideas for the National Month of Prayer can be found on the**

**1277 website www.1277.org.uk or 1277 Facebook group and 1277 National Month of Prayer group**

**Also, how to set up a prayer network in your area ‘Joining the dots leaflet’ is on the 1277 website**

**1277 is the National Network for toddler groups with a Christian ethos**







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# **Place of your choice e.g. area, group Prayer Marathon**

# **for toddler groups**



 

BE WARNED – prayer changes things and things don’t change without prayer!

June 1st, 2017—June 30th, 2017

 

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Marathon 2017**

The National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups\* takes place every June. For the past 2 years, a London Prayer Marathon has taken place where one borough was prayed for each day. Groups were listed in alphabetical order and then prayed for, some toddler group leaders choosing to meet to pray together. Last year both the Chelmsford and West Yorkshire and the Dales Diocese joined in!

If you would like to do this for your area e.g. county, diocese, city etc or your group please feel free to adapt this leaflet for your area. Add your own details, print copies off and encourage others to join you in prayer.

**How can you get involved?**

1) Use the suggested prayer points and pray for a group/area/family each day (there is space to list these). The theme of this year’s month of prayer is based on Luke 5v1-11 ‘A Net That Works!’

2) Encourage each of your team leaders to keep a copy of the prayer leaflet at home as a reminder to pray each day.

3) Raise the profile of your group in your church ie invite the church leader and/or members to visit. You could have a slot in the service during June to profile what you do. A church in Kensal Rise, London took over the whole service and used a PowerPoint presentation and video, prayers and the sermon.

4) Connect with other toddler groups in your area over a simple lunch (bring your own sandwiches and someone provide the drinks). This could be in a local coffee shop or one of your venues. *‘Without this support, I am sure our group would have closed’ Sue, St Luke’s Drop In, Kilburn*

***‘Toddler groups are a precious gift offered by churches to the wider community. In a place of welcome, relationship, play, and care, toddlers and adults are invited to experience something of the character of the living God. In this National Month of Prayer, we pray that toddler groups will provide a space for children and adults to discover more of who they are and encounter the hope and love of Jesus Christ.’***

*Rev Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester*

**The Prayer Marathon**

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|  **Dates** | Area/family to pray for … | **Dates** | Area/family to pray for … |
| June 1 |  | 16 |  |
| 2 |  | 17 |  |
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| 5 |  | 20 |  |
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Suggested prayer points:

* Pray for families to find their local group, especially families who may be struggling
* Pray for groups to really work hard at giving a warm welcome; it can be so hard to walk through the door for the first time!
* Pray for more volunteers to help in the groups
* Pray for groups in church premises, that the church community, and particularly the church leaders, will see the huge potential for positive relationships with the families who come
* Pray for toddler groups to continue to support and encourage in very practical, 'down to earth' ways all those who are involved in them: parents, children, volunteers, local communities...
* Pray for each family within your group that they grow in relationship with leaders and other families, and come to know Jesus for themselves.