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Care for the Family.

# Prayer for the Family

December 2021  
& January 2022



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## MONTHLY FOCUS

### Social trends in Finance

**Individuals:** Please pray for those who have come into debt during this time of year, or are facing the decision of heating or eating. Pray that they find the support they need.

**Local church:** Please pray that the local church will partner with organisation to help those in their community that are facing financial difficulties.

**National church:** Pray that the Church will be a leading example of how to give generously and how to handle money well.

## 1-5 DECEMBER

The Church of Scotland, The Methodist Church in Scotland and Shetland Region, and Care for the Family are hosting a four-session training course called *Family Ministry Unpacked*, for church leaders and workers. The course will explore practical aspects of strengthening and deepening ministry and connection with families. Using the incredible research and resources from the *Kitchen Table Project*, Care for the Family will be contributing training on passing on faith at home, and intergenerational ministry. Our Scotland Representative, Gill Lyth will

be speaking. The last two sessions will be held this month with one starting on Wednesday (1st). The focus will be on encouraging the church in family ministry and intergenerational relationships.

**Please pray for all who attend, that it would be a significant time for many churches in Scotland, as they think afresh about family ministry.**

## 6-12 DECEMBER

*Family Ministry Unpacked* concludes on Wednesday 8th with the evening focusing on faith at home.

Our staff carol service takes place online this year on Thursday 10th. It's a great opportunity to connect and reflect with our staff on what we have achieved over the course of this year and to have fun celebrating Christmas.

**Thank God for all our hard-working staff who have all contributed and made a difference to so many families this year. Pray that during this festive period they will have the opportunity to relax and unwind with their loved ones.**

## 13-19 DECEMBER

Next year we are planning to restart our in-person events, as well as continuing delivery online. Our events

team are working hard to find the right venues whilst our resources team develop content for new events coming out in 2022.

**Please pray for all the teams involved in creating our events from the concept to running them live. Pray for creativity and wisdom when making decisions. Finally, pray that all our events next year will make a difference to people's lives.**

## 20-26 DECEMBER

The buildup during Christmas week is always exciting for those young and old. Unlike last year, we hope this time it's an opportunity to meet up with loved ones and to reflect and share with others the birth of Jesus.

**Please pray for families across the UK, that they will have a safe and memorable Christmas. Pray that more people will be aware of the true meaning of Christmas. Pray that parents will use this opportunity to share more of their faith with their children.**

## 27 DEC - 2 JAN

This time of year can be hard for those who have lost someone recently as they come to terms with their loss and dealing with the reality of that person not being around in their daily lives.

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**Please pray for those who have been bereaved this past year, that they will know God's peace and comfort during this time. Please pray for our bereavement team as they support those who have lost a loved one, whether that is a partner, a child, or a sibling. Pray for the volunteer befrienders and our coordinators who give hope and comfort to others through sharing their own experience of losing someone they loved.**

New Year's Day is on Saturday and we look forward to the start of another year with all the possibilities in store.

**Please pray for wisdom and guidance for all the staff here at Care for the Family. Pray that we develop new ways of supporting families. Thank God for everything he has done last year through Care for the Family.**

### **3-9 JANUARY**

Children across the UK are returning to school.

**Please pray for those children who are worried about going back to schools. Pray for the teachers and school staff as they deal with any issues that arise during the first week back. Please pray for parents who have children with additional needs as they help their child adjust to the change of routine.**

### **10-16 JANUARY**

This year we are restarting our *Take a Break* single parent holidays in the Summer.

**Please pray for the team as they make plans, organise, and prepare to welcome single parent families.**

### **17-23 JANUARY**

Our Marriage Manager, Jess Hills, is in the early stages of creating a new resource for couples looking to take the next step in their relationship, such as preparing to get married. This is a big project and will involve every department in Care for the Family to come together and produce it.

**Please pray for all the teams involved as they create the content, film, and produce this exciting new resource. Please pray that this will support and equip couples who look to progress their relationship.**

### **24-30 JANUARY**

Our first Trustees meeting of the year is on Tuesday 25th.

**Thank God for our Trustees who help and share their wisdom with us. Please pray for our Executive Leadership Team and our Trustees, for wisdom and discernment during this meeting.**

### **31 JANUARY**

After the success of *Date Night in a Box*, we are now beginning to work on a second episode with brand new content: script, the filmed content, and the activities.

**Thank God for the success of *Date Night in a Box* and all the couples whose relationships have been strengthened as a result. Please pray for all the teams involved in creating this new event. Pray that this episode will, as was the first episode, be successful and will have a positive impact on those who participate.**