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We are so grateful for the churches, leaders, Christians, friends who partner with us in prayer. It's good to realise how much we need the power and presence of God's Spirit in our lives and work.

Our theme for summer 2023 is Rhythms of Faith, and we've been exploring as a team what it looks like to walk in regular, daily rhythm with Jesus. Our core team pray together each Tuesday morning at 9 AM (all are welcome to join us at PL277BX). A few ways you can pray for us specifically, either in person or from afar:

**Salvation**. We are believing Jesus for significant, first-time salvation at Creation Fest this summer. We've seen over 1000 first-time faith commitments at Creation Fest in the past 5 years, and we're trusting God for many to meet Jesus and find salvation in His name summer of 2023.

**Team.** We have sensed a real contesting over and around our team this year. Significant health issues, key transitions, and reshuffles have left us in need for core team. If you know anyone who might be willing to commit a day a week to Creation Fest in the lead-up to summer, please email office@creationfest.org.uk, and please pray spiritual protection and strength over our core staff and missional team.

**Funding.** We have put out a few bold appeals for further funding; rising costs continue to mean that every year is a step of faith. Pray for tangible generosity and provision for our funding needs.

## With such gratitude, we praise God for,

the beauty of His presence that is keeping us full of the Spirit and the desire on our hearts to know Him more.

the obedience of friends wholeheartedly following Jesus, that they receive the abundance of God in their fresh start as a family.

Christian conferences, leadership conferences and Glow youth events restoring, refilling and equipping the youth and leaders to be strengthened in their walk with Jesus.

the daily opportunities we have to speak of Jesus with our local young people, community, and friends.

## With an eager heart, we ask God for,

even more of His presence and that we linger in it, and for a fresh filling our leaders and volunteers that guards us from weariness.

His protection and provision in the final stages of preparation around Creation Fest. That He keeps us focused, that his Spirit be upon us and amongst us as we navigate team decisions, schedules and roles.

spiritual protection over our community, amongst friends and neighbours. We ask specifically for the healing of incurable cancers. We ask for prayer for the healing of broken heartedness from the loss of a loved one. God, we know nothing is impossible with you.

a greater protection and accountability over the church leaders nationally and internationally, that their journeys remain humble and answerable to God. That

there be openness, transparency and honesty. (Proverbs 28:13, Proverbs 16:18) We pray for repentance and healing for church leaders that have acted outside of God's way. We pray for forgiveness and healing for church communities fractured by the mistakes of church leadership.

In the end, a life of prayer is a life with open hands—a life where we are not ashamed of our weaknesses but realize that it is more perfect for us to be led by the Other than to try to hold everything in our own hands.

-Nouwen, With Open Hands



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