

# Ebenezer Prayer Chain Volunteers: Guidance for those praying

(Please also read the  
**Ebenezer Prayer Chain:  
Information for those requesting prayer**)

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

*Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)*



## Thank you for volunteering

It is a privilege to pray for the needs of those worshipping at Ebenezer, their family and friends.

Thank you for serving the Lord and His people in this way.

May the Lord bless you richly for responding to this call.

## What is essential for you to be part of the Prayer Chain?

It is presumed:

- that you know Jesus as your Saviour and Lord;
- that you have faith that your prayers are heard and answered by Him;
- that you have a heart of compassion for those who ask for prayer;
- that you are committed to the confidentiality of both people and their information;
- that you will adhere at all times to this Guidance;
- that you are a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

### Practically, what else do I need?

A mobile phone is essential, because that is how prayer requests are forwarded. Your mobile *must* have a strong password/passcode. If your phone was lost or stolen, it should not be possible for someone to access any personal, delicate information.

The Prayer Chain Coordinator (Eunice Brewster 07881246339) and the Prayer Chain Distributer (Viv Games 07986510769) both need your mobile number. The Distributer will forward prayer request texts from the Coordinator to you.

### How does GDPR ( General Data Protection Regulation) impact on the Prayer Chain?

GDPR is to protect all EU citizens from privacy and data breaches in an increasingly data-driven world.

The prayer request is personal and sensitive, and it is sent out by text, so a breach of GDPR could have serious and costly consequences for both the individual concerned and for Ebenezer (a fine of up to £20 million).

Unless the subject of the prayer request has given permission for their identity to be shared, the texts will be anonymous.

This is the responsibility of the Coordinator.

## How does GDPR impact on the Prayer Chain texts?

It is the responsibility of each person who is part of the Prayer Chain to keep all prayer chain texts confidential and to **permanently delete** all related texts when you are no longer praying for the request.

For the Coordinator and Distributer, this will include texts in both Inbox and Sent.

## I keep a Prayer Journal: how does GDPR impact on it?

Even if the text requesting prayer identifies the person, your Prayer Journal **must** make it anonymous.

This is for two primary reasons.

First: at some point one of those prayed for might conceivably make a “subject access request” and we would then be required to disclose the contents of your Prayer Journal in relation to that person.

Second: if that person severed their connection with Ebenezer we would require you to securely and irrevocably delete all information about that person.

This would mean destroying part or all of your Prayer Journal.

There are other reasons as well, but hopefully those two are enough to make it obvious why journal entries *must* be anonymous.

## Can I forward the prayer request to other people?

**No.**

The information is confidential and *must not* be forwarded or discussed with others who are not part of the Prayer Chain, whether they worship at Ebenezer or another church.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your  
requests to God.

*Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

## Can I discuss or share the prayer request with other people?

**No.**

The information is confidential and *must not* be discussed or shared with others who are not part of the Prayer Chain, whether they worship at Ebenezer or another church.

The *only* exception is in the case of a married couple, and only one receives the text of the prayer request. This can be shared with the spouse on condition that:

- they are a Member of Ebenezer;
- that they meet the essential requirements (see above);
- and that they have agreed to adhere at all times to this Guidance.



## What do I do if I think the Lord has given me a Bible verse or an encouraging word?

You should text it to the Prayer Coordinator, who will determine if it is appropriate to forward it to the person who requested prayer.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

*Ephesians 3:20,21 (NIV)*