

East Cheshire Hospice Prayer Cycle

Monday	Administration and Finance, and Income Generation
Tuesday	Senior Management Team and the Board of Trustees
Wednesday	In-Patient Unit, staff, patients and relatives
Thursday	Hospice At Home, staff, patients, and relatives
Friday	The Sunflower Wellbeing Centre, Physiotherapists and Complementary therapists, social work and counselling.
Saturday	Housekeeping and maintenance, catering team
Sunday	Volunteers



Monday

We pray for the work of those involved in Administration, Finance and Income Generation at the Hospice

Living God,

We thank You for those who bring the gifts of administration and financial skill to the Hospice. Those whose work is often unseen and unsung, but very necessary. We give thanks for good governance and careful accounting, for those with responsibility for the workforce in training and ensuring wages are paid and pensions accrued. We give thanks for technology and the role that it plays in patient care, and we give thanks for those who set it right when it does the unexpected.

We pray for Your blessing on all the work of the income generation department, giving thanks for the gifts of creativity and imagination that produce exciting new ways to raise essential funds. We give thanks for the care and sensitivity with which the public are approached for money and gifts in kind. We thank You for those who encourage corporate donations and those who write thank-you letters to schoolchildren.

We ask Your blessing on each person as they offer their particular skills each day. Enthuse and encourage them in all that they do.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Tuesday

We pray for the Hospice Senior Management Team and the Board of Trustees

Living God,

We pray for those who hold the day-to-day work and the future of the Hospice in their remit. We give thanks for the Trustees who bring their expertise and knowledge to the role that they play. We give thanks for the generosity with which they contribute to the life of the Hospice with the gift of time and the vision that they bring and share with the Senior Management Team.

We thank you for the Senior Management Team - Karyn Johnson, Debbie Alexander, Rachel Allcock, Sarah Dale, Sandra Jones and Shelley Seabourne - as they exercise responsibility for the daily activity of the Hospice and encourage others to give of their best to patients and relatives who access Hospice services. We thank You for the professionalism and enthusiasm they each bring to their roles.

We ask Your blessing on them and Your wisdom for them as they develop the work and guide the Hospice into the future.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Wednesday

We pray for the work of the In-Patient Unit

Living God,

We pray for the In-Patient Unit. We remember those who are in the care of the Hospice this week. We give thanks for those who will be discharged to home or a residential setting and we pray alongside those who are approaching the end of their days that they may find peace of body, mind and spirit as they journey on. We remember the relatives of those who are on the IPU, finding respite from the duty and joy of caring for another, or watching and waiting as a loved one departs this life, holding grief and memories together to the end.

We give thanks for the work of the clinical staff, for health care assistants, nurses and doctors. We pray that Your love and Your healing will flow through their hands. We pray that they will have strength to serve every patient throughout their long shifts and find satisfaction in all their work. We thank You for their skill and dedication.

In the ebb and flow of life and death, we pray for Your peace and Your presence today and everyday

These things we pray in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Thursday

We pray for the Hospice At Home service.

Living God,

We remember before You those who are receiving care in the community. We thank You for the relatives who offer their love and time to care for family members at home, and we thank You, too, for the Hospice at Home teams who travel to visit and care in all weathers and at all hours. We thank You for their dedication and skill, for their patience and kindness. We give thanks for the work of the District Nurses who work alongside the Hospice at Home teams to offer the best support to patients. Be with each of them in their work and bless all that they do.

We remember those who are living with life-limiting illnesses and those who are dying. Surround them with Your love and support them with Your strength today and in all their days. Grant them peace in body, mind and spirit.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Friday

We pray for The Sunflower Wellbeing Centre and for Physiotherapists, Occupational and Complementary therapists, for social work and counselling

Living God,

We remember the staff of the Sunflower centre, offering care to all those who access the Hospice programmes. We think too, of the physiotherapists who encourage movement and show people the possibilities for continued mobility and physical wellbeing. We give thanks for occupational therapy visiting homes to ensure that the right equipment is available to ensure independence and comfort.

We give thanks for the particular skills and knowledge of those who lead the dementia programme. We give thanks for laughter and song, for mental and physical stimulation for patients and information and help for carers. We thank you for art and crafts, for time to reminisce, for good food and company.

We remember before You the work of our social care assessor, enabling people to live in the most appropriate setting with the right levels of care. We thank You for sensitivity to need and willingness to work with patients and families.

We think of our counsellors, listening and gently challenging those who come to make sense of what has happened and find ways to meet the future; we thank You for listening skills and empathy.

Bless all these areas of the Hospice's life. Support with Your love those who support others with theirs. These things we pray in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Saturday

We pray for Housekeeping, for Facilities Management and for the Catering team

Living God,

We lift before You the essential services that enable the clinical work and care for patients and relatives. We thank You for the skill and creativity of the catering team, for the care with which they prepare meals for all in the Hospice. And for their quiet presence at mealtimes as the trolley makes its way to the ward. We give thanks for attention to special diets and particular food preferences. And for their cheerfulness in serving patients and relatives, staff and volunteers. Bless them in their work and encourage them in all that they do to improve the lives of those in the Hospice' care.

We remember the work of the housekeeping team and the important role that they play in infection control and in making sure that the Hospice is always clean and fresh smelling. We thank you for the tireless work they undertake in the laundry and for the teamwork they display as they go about their many and varied tasks. Strengthen and uphold each one that they may offer their best in the work that they do.

We thank You for the work, often unseen, of the facilities management team, for their continual maintenance of the buildings and equipment, for the care that they take in sourcing supplies and ensuring good relationships with businesses that work with the Hospice. Inspire them to continue to serve in all the ways they can.

In the day-to-day, be present Lord,

These things we pray in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Sunday

We pray for the Volunteers

Living God.

We give thanks that so many people from our local community are willing and able to give of their many and varied talents. We thank You for the gift of time, freely shared, which contributes so much to the work of the Hospice. We remember our flower arrangers and gardeners, our ward volunteers and chaplains, those who staff reception, our Christmas tree collectors and those who organize the collection, the many, many community fundraisers and the creative people who knit and crochet, write poems and make cards.

We thank You that each person makes an important contribution to the life and work of the hospice.

We pray Your blessing on all the volunteers, encourage and enthuse them in all that they offer, strengthen them for service, be present in every activity that contributes to making the Hospice a place of welcome and warmth.

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