

# 24 Hours of Prayer

## Thank You

**'Like a taste of heaven':** was the comment of a man who happened to call in during the 24 hours of prayer, at Birmingham Cathedral, Sat 24 – Sun 25 Jan. He stayed in the cathedral for several hours, deeply moved by the prayer led by Christians of different backgrounds and traditions, united in a common faith in Jesus Christ.

The idea was simple: to start our special tercentenary year with a great wave of prayer and to invite local churches to join in. Birmingham is home to an incredibly rich Christian expression and we invited people to come and lead prayers for an hour in their own tradition.

We were overwhelmed by the love and care with which people responded. Prayers were offered with silence, or with great and joyful noise; we sang Taizé chants and prayed the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary; we formed a prayer tunnel to surround one another in prayer and took part in inter-active prayer stations; teenagers prayed through the night in the comfort of onesies and just as we were flagging, at 8.00am the Salvation Army turned up with a nine-piece brass band!

Thank you to everyone who took part and made this possible. Special thanks to the World Prayer Centre and Birmingham Ecumenical Network, to Laurence Sharman and Revd Colin Marsh. This was a unique, powerful and profound experience. In accepting our invitation, you have blessed us with your presence and your prayer. We have grown closer in unity and love in Christ. Our hope is that our city, nation and world will continue to be blessed by these prayers and the generous service of so many amazing Christians.

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*Clergy of Birmingham Cathedral*





## Thank you to all who participated

9am	Morning Prayer & Holy Communion : President: Bishop of Birmingham
10am	Churches Together in Hall Green
11am	Restore
12noon	World Prayer Centre
1pm	East Sutton Coldfield Churches Together
2pm	Good News Asian Church
3pm	Mothers' Union
3.30pm	Evening Prayer
4pm	Birmingham Vineyard Church
5pm	St George's Newtown & Ss Paul + Silas Lozells
6pm	Mount Zion Community Church
7pm	The Birmingham Taizé Network
8pm	Christ Church Summerfield
9pm	Urban Devotion
10pm	The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham
11pm	Sanctuary Fellowship & Christ Church, Sparkbrook
12midnight	Oasis Church
1am	B30 Community, Birmingham Vineyard Church
2am	ChaplaincyPlus
3am	Mission Academy
5am	Church at Carrs Lane
6am	St Martin in the Bullring
7am	Premier Christian Radio
8am	Salvation Army
9am	Holy Communion : President: Dean of Birmingham
11am	Choral Eucharist: Preacher – The Revd Colin Marsh, Ecumenical Officer

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### Tercentenary Prayer

Gracious God, you are faithful throughout all generations.  
We give thanks for our cathedral church, for its prayer, hospitality and witness.  
May the light of your love shine through your people today  
that, with confident faith and humble service we may, with St Philip,  
invite others to 'Come and See' the truth and beauty of Jesus Christ,  
our living Lord and Saviour. Amen

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