



# GB INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR 2018

## SEPTEMBER 2018

### PRUNING TIME

#### FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING:

Use this month to think about our sub-theme:  
**PRUNING TIME**

#### LET US PRAY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS & NEEDS

##### WEEK 1

Pray for GB Philippines' Enrolment Service (September 2018)

Pray especially for the involvement of the parents, respective community persons and other stakeholders to be truly in support of the vision-mission of BGBP.

##### WEEK 2

Pray for GB Singapore's Officers' Retreat (Sep 2018.) Pray for officers to be refreshed and recharged to serve with joy and love.

##### WEEK 3

Pray this week that the girls, young women and leaders who are now returning to school, their working environment and Brigade after summer breaks will embrace God's pruning power in shedding the negatives that seek to hinder their growth.

##### WEEK 4

Pray for GB Northern Ireland's Service of Celebration (30th September 2018) and District Church services, being held at the same time. May they truly celebrate the great stories of GB's influence.

#### REFLECTION

As John 15:1-2 of the **Study Bible** puts it **Jesus is the True Vine** *I am the true vine, and My Father is the keeper of the vineyard. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, and every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes to make it even more fruitful.*

Pruning is the gardener's or farmer's way of helping diseased or weakened plants to grow stronger and to encourage healthy new shoots. The idea of being stripped of things, whether negative or positive, generally brings feelings of loss and despair, but the God news is that when God is doing that stripping it always works together for good for them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. Yes, pruning can be painful but we need to put ourselves in that place so that God can do His thing! There may be long held habits that need to go; there may be time wasters that need to be curtailed; there may be things which are good in themselves which God no longer wants you to do. So, sisters in Christ let us avail ourselves to Christ's leading even if that leading carries an element of stripping away – because God knows the end of the script and why that pruning that seems difficult was ultimately for our good.

#### THIS MONTH LET US PRAY FOR GB AFRICA

In the midst of all the political unrest, GB Africa and especially GB Zambia seeks prayer to dedicate their hearts and minds to serving the GB family by hosting a unique ICGB in their country. This will be a great morale booster for their members and an opportunity for their personal growth through the gift of service and stewardship.



#### PRAY FOR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN ROUND THE WORLD

In some parts of the world many young women will be starting new adventures as they move on to college or university or begin work for the first time. Pray for them as they learn to live independently. This is often a time of great challenge as they move away from their support networks - home, church and friends Pray that as leaders, who have nurtured and supported them over the years, we may continue to let them know we care. Pray that all they have learnt at GB will equip them to make right choices and have a sense of self confidence and self-worth in their new environments.

