

Daily Prayer Guide

Sunday—give thanks for the growth in interest in our courses over the past year. Please pray that this will continue.

Monday—please pray for our prison ministry—that we may always have open access to as many prisons as possible in the UK.

Tuesday—give thanks for the new volunteers who have joined our staff. All volunteers give of their time freely to mark our students' work and keep Emmaus running.

Wednesday—please pray for the health and well-being of all our staff. Satan is so busy trying to disrupt those who serve the Lord.

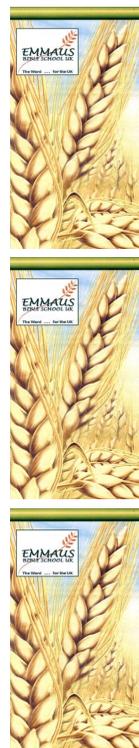
Thursday—please pray for wisdom in the production of new courses, that these will meet a real spiritual need in people.

Friday—give thanks to the Lord for His faithful financial provision that enables our ministry to continue.

Saturday—please pray with us that there will be an increase in interest in His word and that through this our wonderful God may be honoured.

Get involved.

We always need help in recruiting new students. Why not get a selection of our easy to order cards to give to family and friends who may benefit from studying with Emmaus. Contact the office and ask for:



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Understanding the Word of God

"So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." (Neh. 8:8)

Many Christians devote very little time to the reading and study of the Scriptures because, they say, they are either too hard to understand or too uninteresting to read. Yet, when Ezra read *"the book of the law of Moses"* to the whole congregation of Israel, he read *"from the morning until midday,"* and *"all the people stood up"* as he read (Nehemiah 8:1, 3, 5). Such a scene is hard to imagine today. Ezra's congregation appreciated what he was reading and found it important and challenging, for *"all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law"* (Nehemiah 8:9). For *"another fourth part of the day they ... confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God"* (Nehemiah 9:3). Yet all they had were the books of the Pentateuch! How much more concerned we should be, and how much better we should understand, when we have the entire Bible!

Note that Ezra and his colleagues read the Scriptures clearly and gave a straightforward explanation. That was enough to enable the people to understand, and this brought repentance, confession, and worship. The Scriptures, taken naturally and literally are not hard to understand, but we sometimes find them hard to believe, and even harder to obey. Like any book, the Bible is intended to be understood, and its author, the Holy Spirit, is able to say and interpret what He meant. The secret is in the attitude of heart with which one approaches it: *"O how I love Your law! it is my meditation all the day. . . . Through your precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way"* (Psalm 119:97, 104). May the Lord give us all a greater appetite for the greatest book ever written – God's Book.

General Data Protection Regulations 2018

You may already be aware that the law is changing from May this year. It requires all organizations who hold your personal data to be able to show that explicit consent has been given for this. In our case, the database that holds your name and address for “By the Way” needs to be updated. To comply with the law we need to ask you to confirm that you still wish to receive “By the Way”. We are including a form with this issue and would request that you either return this by post, or email us stating that you wish to continue receiving “By the Way”.

We are required by law to assume that if we do not hear from you then you no longer wish to receive “By the Way”. You will not receive the July issue, or subsequent issues of “By the Way”

We apologise that this entails some work for you, and we do hope that you will continue to wish to receive “By the Way”. We do appreciate your interest and prayers for the work of Emmaus and trust that this will continue.

Please remember that if we do not hear from you your details will be deleted from our database.

We are taking this opportunity to adjust the number of copies you receive. Please let us know if you require more than one copy, and if so how many. This will allow us to use responsibly the resources the Lord provides through you.

Churches using Emmaus courses.

One of the ways in which our courses are being used is by one individual in a local fellowship taking responsibility for ordering courses for the whole church. This is what Pastor Anthony Huggins at King Jesus Divine Church does. He writes, “I started studying in 1985, when my eyes were first opened to EBS courses which I have found to be very informative. It helped to answer many questions even though I was attending church. I find the studies make me think and encourage me to research the Scriptures. I could not keep this new discovery to myself, so I introduced it to many people and Christian friends. I have and will continue to distribute the Bible courses to everyone I come into contact with.”

“The study of Luke has left an imprint on my heart and mind. Whilst studying St. Luke, I found myself walking along with Jesus and a group of His disciples. For me, it was real and it has not left me since I have studied it.”

We are always happy to supply multiple copies to individuals who want to act in a similar way—get in touch at office@emmausuk.com

Students' Comments

“Thank you for all the positive feedback and personalised responses. It has been such a blessing completing this first course and I look forward to starting ‘Poetry and Prophecy’ next week. I am really impressed with the speed at which you responded. I will definitely be recommending your courses to other people.” **Paul, Old Testament Law and History**

“In the past, my prayer life and Bible study life has been erratic, so consequently my communion with Him has also been erratic. Having done this course, my prayer life is being transformed, and I am resolved to abide in Christ from now on.” **Margaret, Sense and nonsense about prayer**

“The book of Job is very different. I could not understand the meaning from the text, but your course explains so much of what is written. I look forward to continuing.” **Sylvia, Job had a problem**

“For the past 17 months I have received tutoring and mentoring on 33 courses. This has helped and guided me in reflecting on my life. I am a new creation, old things have passed away, and I have become new. I am now well equipped with God’s words and His righteousness, ready to face the world as I return to my home country, and life outside of prison. It has been the greatest opportunity and privilege to receive Christ. I couldn’t have done it alone without you guys.” **Sylvester, an ex-offender**

“This study has really challenged us and has led to many discussions. Many thanks for the courses—we really appreciate them and we are learning so much of the Lord and His plans, not just for our lives but for the world.” **Jacky, Ezekiel**



We now run a monthly course competition on facebook. If you have not had a go yet, why not try it out. Please share us with your friends so that they too can follow us.