

The Lot et Garonne Prayer Chain

I have always believed in the power of prayer and especially collective prayer, as a result I place great value on the Prayer Chain. Hence, in March when Chris Train left France, I felt privileged to be able to take over the co-ordinating of the Lot et Garonne sector of The Chaplaincy Prayer Chain. I was grateful for the opportunity to repay my debt to the Prayer Chain as I am particularly fortunate, and give thanks, that when my grandson was very ill the prayers of those in the Prayer Chain were answered. Sadly, this is not always the case. However, those who have requested our prayer may gain some comfort from knowing that they are being remembered in people's prayers.

For those new to the concept of The Prayer Chain, it is a chain of prayer reaching throughout the Chaplaincy. This was first started here in Aquitaine for those who requested prayer as they battled with sickness: physically, mentally or spiritually, for those grieving and those people needing protection, when in dangerous situations. Since its initiation some fifteen years ago, the chain has been a wonderful tool for need. Not only do we pray but we also give thanksgiving for healing, for joyful occasions of birth, marriage, jobs and all that God provides. We also pray for those who have died and their families and friends.

Requests for prayer from members of the congregation (and outside) can be made to the sector coordinators. These requests for prayer are passed to the members of the local Prayer Chain; people who have agreed to include people in need in their daily prayers, and to Madeleine Holmes, the Chaplaincy Prayer Chain co-ordinator. Madeleine gathers the information for the weekly Chain which is circulated throughout the Chaplaincy.

For those in the Lot et Garonne if you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for someone you know please contact me. I would also like to hear from you if you would like to become involved in the Prayer Chain.

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