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Prayer Guide

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Weston-super-Mare CAP Centre

Christians Against Poverty is relaunching in Weston-super-Mare in early 2027 — bringing free, professional debt help back to families across our town and Worle. Between 2016 and 2024, the first CAP Weston-super-Mare helped 68 local families become completely debt-free. This relaunch exists because churches across our town believe it can and must happen again.

Before CAP Weston-super-Mare opens its doors, it needs to be carried in prayer. Use these seven points on your own, in a small group, or in church — and consider signing up to CAP Weston-super-Mare's prayer diary for regular, specific updates to pray into.

1. For Donna Pilgrim and the leadership team

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” — Proverbs 16:3

Donna Pilgrim takes up post as Centre Manager in January 2027, bringing years of experience from Weston-super-Mare Foodbank and her recent licensing as a Reader across Christ Church and Emmanuel Church. She, and the steering group and church leaders around her, are building a centre from nothing.

Pray for wisdom for every decision still ahead of launch, for physical and emotional strength as the pace increases, and for Donna to know God's presence with her as she steps into this role.

2. For provision — for CAP Weston-super-Mare's £30,000 first year

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” — Philippians 4:19

CAP Weston-super-Mare's estimated running cost for its first year is £30,000, covering Donna's salary, office costs, training and CAP UK's own contribution. Churches across the town are being asked to partner with an ongoing monthly gift, alongside individual giving, community fundraising and corporate sponsorship.

Pray for the full £30,000 to be provided — through churches saying yes to partnership, and through individuals and businesses giving generously. Pray against any spirit of scarcity, and for faith that this is worth funding.



3. For families across Weston-super-Mare currently trapped in debt

“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” — Psalm 34:17–18

Parts of Weston are among the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods in England. In May 2026, 2,130 local people were claiming unemployment-related benefits — up 22% among 18–24-year-olds in a single year. Weston-super-Mare Foodbank handed out 7,656 emergency food supplies in 2024 alone, nearly 21 every day.

Pray for every family in our town lying awake tonight doing sums that don't add up — for those afraid to open the post, borrowing to buy food, or too ashamed to ask for help. Pray they would find CAP Weston-super-Mare, and find hope.

4. For the hidden toll debt takes on parents

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” — Philippians 4:6–7

Nationally, CAP's most recent client research found that the overwhelming majority of new clients lose sleep every week worrying about money, and most are also managing a significant mental health difficulty alongside their debt.

Pray for parents carrying the private weight of debt — for anxious minds to know God's peace, for marriages and families under strain to be strengthened rather than broken, and for the courage to finally ask for help.



5. For the children growing up in the shadow of family debt

“Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.” — Proverbs 14:26

Right now, 1 in 5 children in Weston-super-Mare are growing up in poverty — 3,747 children in our local constituency alone. Children notice far more than parents realise: a cancelled trip, a colder house, a parent’s worry they can’t quite hide.

Pray for these children by name, even the ones we’ll never meet — for security in unstable homes, for childhoods not defined by what their family lacks, and for CAP Weston-super-Mare to become a genuine refuge for the whole family, not just the adults.

6. For the churches partnering together in this work

“Two are better than one... though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” — Ecclesiastes 4:9,12

CAP Weston-super-Mare needs a multi-gifted team of people to ensure the project’s success — ordinary folk willing to give their time and their care. Above all, it needs the churches of our town standing together around one shared vision: seeing more families across Weston-super-Mare and Worle walk free from debt.

Pray for volunteers to step forward with exactly the right gifts at the right time. Pray for real unity between our churches — a shared commitment, a shared sense of purpose, and a shared joy every time another family becomes debt-free.

7. For lasting freedom and transformation across our town

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me... he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives... and provide for those who grieve — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes.” — Isaiah 61:1,3

Sixty-eight local families walked free from debt the first time CAP Weston-super-Mare existed. Every one of those families has a story — a marriage held together, a child who slept easier, a life rebuilt. Pray that this relaunch sees that story repeated many times over, across our whole town.

Pray for a move of God in Weston-super-Mare and Worle that goes further than debt advice alone — for genuine hope, dignity and freedom for everyone CAP Weston-super-Mare serves, and for our churches to be known as a place people can turn to.



Find out more, sign up to the prayer diary, or get involved at www.capwsm.org.uk —
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Sources: CAP-WSM landing page (capwsm.org.uk, Sept 2026); North Somerset Council Joint Strategic Needs Assessment;
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