Prayers for mission in Stepney Area:

Shorter prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, giver of the the great commission,
we lift to you all of the ways you have called and sent us
as the Stepney Area in the Diocese of London.
We thank you for the rich history of Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets,
for the lives of saints seen and unseen, known and unknown.

Breathe afresh on our imagination for mission and
send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to
walk humbly, love mercy and act justly to
go to the last, to the least and to the lost.

Lord Jesus Christ, we place our hope in you,
Would your communion of love pour out upon us
that we might go as you commissioned us
to share your good news, as you freely share it with us.

May your Kingdom come and your will be done;
From Crouch Hill to Island Gardens,
From Kings Cross to the Hackney Marshes,
And for all of London.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR EAST LONDON

Longer version:

Lord Jesus Christ, giver of the the great commission
we lift to you all of the ways you have called and
sent us as the Stepney Area in the Diocese of London:
disciples, parishes, deaneries, charities, good neighbours and people of peace.

We thank you for the rich history of Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets,
for the lives of saints seen and unseen, known and unknown.
Breathe afresh on our imagination for mission and send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit.
For our hopes are beyond us alone, but with you all things are possible.

So we pray with boldness for;

An end to violence in homes and streets.
Kindness and generosity where there is greed and hate.
Reconciliation and racial justice for all people.
Radical integrity in all the corridors and conversations of power.

We dream of crime free boroughs;
An Islington known for the riches of redemption,
the place where forgiveness outweighs unforgiveness.
A Hackney, where the harmony of heaven
is heard on the lips of all nations and generations.
A Tower Hamlets where the the chains of oppression are broken
and the dignity of the downtrodden is restored.

Where are your homes for the homeless Lord?
When will you bring into the light the darkness of organised crime?

Yet, we place our hope in you Lord of hosts.
Would your communion of love pour out upon us
that we might go as you commissioned us.
To share your good news, as you freely share it with us.
To go to the last, the least and the lost.
To walk humbly, love mercy and act justly in our time.

May your Kingdom come and your will be done;
From Crouch Hill to Island Gardens,
From Kings Cross to the Hackney Marshes,
And for all of London.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR EAST LONDON

A set of intersessions with response.

Lord Jesus Christ, we lift our intersessions to you now both as individuals and churches, for the needs all around us and for the sake of our neighbours and friends.

Father of all, we breathe in your life.
All: **We go with your love.**

Jesus, give us your eyes to see those often unseen or misunderstood;
Street cleaners, delivery drivers, security guards, families missing meals, those with disabilities, those with additional needs and those with unique ways of interacting and understanding the world.

Father of all, we breathe in your life.
All: **We go with your love.**

Holy Spirit, bear your fruit in us afresh that we might bless and not curse people each day;
Angry road users, tourists, those who are different or indifferent to us, the tired, the irritable, the traumatised, the desperate (Lord, help when this is us).

Father of all, we breathe in your life.
All: **We go with your love.**

Jesus, refresh our confidence with the gifts you have given us all;
Sacraments & scripture, sacred silences and joyful singing, homes, buildings, workplaces, money, families, friendships, food, diversity and a place in London to call home for one season or many seasons.

Father of all, we breathe in your life.
All: **We go with your love.**

Holy Spirit, give us your wise counsel and resources to serve;
The homeless, the hungry, the addicted, the refugee, the financially vulnerable, the marginalised, the spiritually hungry, those drawn to the church and most of all in our time, those trapped in modern day human slavery.

Father of all, we breathe in your life.
All: **We go with your love.**

So we praise you Lord Jesus!
You are the good news and the mission is yours.
May we join you in it faithfully and
according to your great love,

Amen.



A liturgy for being renewed in mission

For use as individuals or in a group.

Opening prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are the good news and the mission is yours.
I / We welcome you now.
Please would you renew our hearts and imaginations
for what you are calling us to in this season both as individuals and as your church.

Read a piece of scripture.

Matt 28:16-20 (The Great Commission)
John 3:16-18 (For God so loved the world)
Luke 10:1-9 (Sending out of 72)
Acts 17:16-34 (Paul in Athens)
Isaiah 42:1-9 (The servant of the Lord)

(use multiple passages with pauses in between if you are hosting an extended time)

Time for quiet reflection.

Jesus, you invite those who follow you to repent and believe the good news.
Help us now to bring before you anything that prevents us from responding to your invite to follow you. We confess any sin to you. We offer you our own hurt or shame.

Silence.

Lord we thank you that most of those called into your story in scripture were scared, unlikely and would have preferred some one else to do it instead. We remember Mary who, despite fear, cultivated joy in her call through humble faith. Grant us that same gift of faith we ask now.

Silence is held to receive the gift of faith from Jesus.

Jesus, you breathed your breath on your Holy Apostles to empower them to share what you shared and go to those that you sent them to. Breathe afresh on us your Holy Spirit that we might also find fresh conviction and Godly-power for the sake of the last, the least and the lost.

Silence is held to receive from the Holy Spirit.

Intercessions

Spend some time the people and places on your hearts and to whom we may be called as individuals or churches.

To finish pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.