



Weekly Prayer Diary

31st July 2020

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16

- Our Leaders will next meet on Monday evening, 10th August. Please pray for them as they discuss and make decisions about the way forward.
- The Office Bearers and staff meet most **Tuesday** mornings on-line for prayer (not this Tuesday). The admin team will next meet on the 11th August to primarily discuss the day to day functioning of the Church. Please pray for them in this important task.
- Discipleship Explored (discipleship.explo.red) starts on Sunday 9th August at 7pm for 8 weeks (with a “test” meeting this Sunday). More information from Jim Leiper and David Cochrane or office@viewfield.org.uk
 - Please pray for those who participate to be motivated, encouraged and challenged in their Christian lives and for all technical aspects to work out.
- Persecuted Christians. Around the world many of our brothers and sisters are being persecuted, in particular, with Coronavirus, they are often being denied food in aid distribution, or atrocities committed are not being reported. Here are some examples from some of the organisations that seek to help:
 - (barnabasfund.org): Our project partners in India are now caring for many other Christian families, providing them with rice, flour, cooking oil, potatoes, onions, salt and spices as well as face-masks and soap. We are also helping Christians from impoverished North-East India who have travelled thousands of miles to get work in South India. They mostly have low-paid jobs in restaurants and the food industry – jobs that disappeared when lockdown came. They find it impossible to get the government food ration. Give thanks for the organisations stepping in to supply food and other necessities, please pray for protection on this work and for money to cover the costs.
 - (releaseinternational.org): Please pray for Christians in Gonan Rogo village, Kaduna, Nigeria, where Fulani militants killed 17 people in May. A couple and their three children were among the dead. Pray for a three-month-old baby who survived a bullet wound: the same bullet killed her mother.
- A prayer for the persecuted Church at this time, from opendoorsuk.org:
You, who hugged the leper and healed the lame, be with all those who are reaching out to You at this time.
We think especially of all who already pay a high price for following You:
those who are poor, and running out of food,
those who are hated by their community and are always the last to receive help – if they receive it at all,
those to whom the fear of Covid-19 is just the latest in a long list of fears which they must carry every day
Encourage and protect the pastors who lead their flocks, and the Open Doors partners who bring help.
Bring courage to those who are afraid, Strength to those who are weak, Comfort to those who mourn,
and hope to us all. Amen
- Port St Mary Beach Mission (psmbm.im) will start in its “Covid” - Virtually Beach Mission - from this Monday. It will be mainly online, but as the Isle of Man is coronavirus clear (but its borders are closed to outsiders), the local team will run daily afternoon outdoor events and a couple of family events.
 - Give thanks for all the work that the team have already done, for their flexibility and the willingness of the local team to put on activities,
 - Please pray for smooth running of the program: On-line Beach Service at 10am followed by Age Group Video and local onsite afternoon activities as well as some extra on and off line activities.
 - Please pray that those who have signed up will attend and that lives will be touched by the Gospel, seed sown and disciples matured.

If you have any suggestions for what we could be praying for then please email: prayerqp@viewfield.org.uk - or phone David Stewart on 01383 860476