



Weekly Prayer Diary

7th August 2020

Psalm 130 v1,2 & 5

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; ² Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

- **Pray for Beirut** (www.bmsworldmission.org/news/pray-for-beirut/)
 - Please pray for all those who have lost loved ones in the explosion, that they would know God's comfort.
 - Please pray for the doctors, nurses and paramedics who are caring for the injured. Pray that they would have energy and wisdom, and that hospitals would be able to cope with the number of patients they are taking in.
 - The people of Lebanon have already faced so much this year – a collapsing economy, the spread of Covid-19, and there is increased sectarian tension. Please pray for hope for those who are feeling hopeless, and that Christians can be a positive witness in this immensely challenging time.
 - BMS partners at the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) are under a lot of stress (both mentally and physically) as they seek to support the most vulnerable in an increasingly volatile context. Pray for wisdom, energy, protection and strength for this dedicated team.
 - Pray for refugees living in Lebanon, who may be reminded of past trauma following the explosion. Pray for BMS work supporting Syrian refugee children in Beirut.
- **Pray for Schools** (cve-scotland.org.uk) – Teachers will return on Monday, with pupils from Wednesday.
 - Let's pray for Christian teachers and other staff in schools that where they feel stretched and under pressure that they will wait on the Lord, hear his words of comfort, and find peace.
 - Many staff will be emotionally and physically tired, having continued to teach in difficult circumstances through lockdown. Pray for renewed stamina.
 - For all staff there are the questions – How safe will I be? How can I teach well with so many distractions? Will we have regular coronavirus testing? What do I do about disciplinary issues related to COVID safeguards? How does 'Test and isolate' work in a school context?
 - There are particular concerns for young people with additional needs. Let's pray that these young peoples' needs would be met.
 - Pray for the Scottish Government Education Recovery Group which plays such a key role in advising government on the right steps to take on school reopening.
- **Our Leaders** will next meet on Monday evening. 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. 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 this Sunday at 7pm for 8 weeks. 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.
- **Port St Mary Beach Mission** (psmbm.im) will start its second week of "Virtually Beach Mission" this Monday. It is mainly online, but as the Isle of Man is coronavirus clear (but its borders are closed to outsiders), the local team are running daily afternoon events and a couple of family events.
 - Give thanks for a good week with many children, young people and families engaging and good numbers turning up for the on-island events.
 - Give thanks that any technical issues have been able to be fixed. Please continue to pray for the smooth running of the program: On-line Beach Service at 10am followed by Age Group Videos and local onsite afternoon activities as well as some extra events.
 - Please pray that lives will be touched by the Gospel, seed sown and disciples nurtured.

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