



Weekly Prayer Diary

21st August 2020

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy!
I look to you for protection.
I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by.
² I cry out to God Most High,^[b]
to God who will fulfill his purpose for me.
Psalm 57:1

- The Coronavirus Pandemic
 - Give thanks for:
 - the current decrease in deaths and people hospitalised.
 - healthcare workers (in hospitals, care homes, gp surgeries etc), delivery drivers, shop workers, public transport staff, shop workers, post office staff, power workers, police and many others who have kept the country going. Many are not visible and not noticed.
 - Please pray for:
 - wisdom for those in Westminster and Holyrood who are having to make decisions which affect people's lives.
 - forgiveness for the times that we have criticised decisions without praying and without knowing the full facts.
 - those who have been cut off from friends and family because of travel restrictions, shielding or meetings such as small groups etc not meeting.
 - God's protection on Schools and places where people gather.
 - people who have been asking questions about faith and life not to forget these as the country opens up.
 - us to be able to follow up our lockdown contacts.
- Open Doors (opendoorsuk.org) – Giang (name changed), his wife and three children were kicked out of their village in Vietnam after they saw lockdown as an opportunity to share the gospel with their family and neighbours. They are now sheltering with a Christian in another village. Ask the Lord to change the hearts of their relatives towards them and pray for Open Doors partners supporting them.
- 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 for prayer. The admin team meet to primarily discuss the day to day functioning of the Church. Please pray for them in this important task.
- Discipleship Explored (discipleship.explo.red) – has now started. Please pray that all those taking part will find the course useful in deepening their walk with God.
- Pray for Beirut (www.sat7uk.org www.bmsworldmission.org/news/pray-for-beirut)
 - Please pray
 - for children and families who have been affected by the devastating explosion in Beirut.
 - for the wounded, for those whose homes were destroyed, for relief workers, and for the country as a whole as this catastrophe comes at one of the worst times in Lebanon's history.
- A Prayer from Inmanuel Chayan Biswas, who works for Caritas Bangladesh in Cox's Bazaar refugee camp
Merciful God, we place into your care all the refugees and migrants, especially the Rohingya. God who hurts with humanity, we lift up our voices and pour out our hearts to you, in sadness and grief, for those who don't have anyone to hear their suffering and pain, for those who don't have anyone to love and care, for those who don't have anyone to tell their stories and especially for those who have been suffering due to this pandemic and struggling with coronavirus to see another day in their life.
We pray for their courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. Amen.

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