

# Weekly Prayer Diary

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020



<sup>43</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45

- Our Leaders will next meet on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> in the 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](http://discipleship.explo.red)) - Please continue to pray that all the participants will benefit from the discussions which are centred on the book of Philippians.
- As we continue with the Coronavirus pandemics please give thanks for:
  - those who keep our society functioning on the front line, medical, care workers, shop workers, delivery drivers, post office staff, shop staff, utility workers, public transport staff, taxi drivers, school staff etc.
  - people who continue to ask questions and think about the deeper meaning of life and are connecting to our and other fellowships on-line events.

As we see a rise in coronavirus cases please pray:

- that there will not be an increase in hospital cases or deaths.
  - that our care homes will be protected.
  - for protection on our medical and care staff.
  - that schools, colleges and universities will be protected from any harmful outbreaks.
  - for those finding continuing restrictions tough.
  - for those concerned about the future of their jobs.
  - for our country’s leaders and advisors in Westminster and Holyrood that they would seek God’s wisdom as they make decisions.
- Food Banks ([dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk](http://dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk) [trusselltrust.org](http://trusselltrust.org)). The Trussell Trust’s new analysis forecasts a 61% increase in food parcels needed across its UK network in October to December – six parcels given out every minute. During the start of the pandemic around half of people who used a food bank had never needed one before. Families with children have been hardest hit. In many families, parents are going without food or children are arriving hungry at school and are not able to concentrate on their school work. Give thanks for the work of the foodbanks, in particular the Dunfermline food bank. Please pray that they may have the resources to meet the needs of those pushed below the breadline. Please pray that the government will listen to organisations like the Trussell Trust and in particular take the analysis, prioritise it, and make changes during the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review and budget to meet these needs and make “foodbanks” redundant.
  - Syria ([opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org)) After nine years of civil war, over 80 per cent of Syria’s people now live below the poverty line. The World Food Programme estimates that 9.3 million Syrians are food insecure - an increase of 1.4 million in the last six months. This poverty has also made it more difficult for people to avoid or be treated for coronavirus. Pray for an end to the war so that peace and prosperity can return to Syria.

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