

Weekly Prayer Diary

25th September 2020



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the
Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

- Our Leaders will next meet on Monday evening. Please pray for them as they discuss and make decisions about the way forward.
- The Annual Church Meeting takes place on-line on Wednesday evening. Please pray for the practical arrangements and for wisdom for decisions that need to be taken.
- 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.
- As we see a rise in coronavirus cases please pray:
 - that the new restrictions put in place would help stem the rise in cases
 - that people will take seriously the potential for transmission of the virus
 - that there will not be an increase in hospital cases or deaths
 - that 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
- The Barrells - Mozambique (bmsworldmission.org/msbarrell)
 - Give thanks that Mark and Lizzie have returned safely to Mozambique
 - Please pray for
 - Susanna who is still in the UK awaiting a medical appointment
 - ongoing protection of Mozambique and Africa from Covid-19 and the health system that battles with many other diseases every day.
 - help for 310,00 people displaced by extremist insurgency in northern Mozambique who have been left without access to food and livelihoods (there is already chronic malnutrition for more than half of under 5s)
- Beirut/Lebanon Please continue to pray for Beirut and the work of the BMS partner LSESD who are seeking to help people in so many different ways. There is lots of up to date information here: tinyurl.com/y22negsj
- Brazil (baptistworld.org):
 - Please pray for government authorities as they make difficult decisions during this challenging time. Pray for the ministry of churches and for healing for the many who are battling COVID-19. Pray for Baptist leaders in Brazil as they continue to seek ways to advance God's mission.
 - A prayer from Brazil:
And the waters will flow from your altar, Lord and flood the earth.
And we will be like a garden watered, cared for, exposed to life.
Oh! let these waters come, impetuous and pure, and destroy the powers
and clean the paths which my people will take, singing and rejoicing
in an endless celebration, the Word, Life, Freedom and the Resurrection!
And the waters will flow from your altar, Lord, and clean away the debris
and we will have courage to act, to serve, to change the world.
And the waters will flow from your altar, Lord, life will be rekindled,
and we will see the new creation, act of your love. Amen

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