



Weekly Prayer Diary – 19th March 2021

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7

Alpha on-line (alpha.org) takes place on Thursday evening at 7:30pm (except 1st and 8th April)
(for more information email: alpha@viewfield.org.uk)

- Give thanks for:
 - Saturday’s “Away Day”, where the Holy Spirit was moving in the lives of those attending
 - the participants grappling with each week’s subject matter
- Please pray:
 - for everything to continue to go smoothly with the technology and that the guests will continue to be able to attend
 - for the leaders and helpers to be given wisdom, patience, strength, and insight
 - for the two week break over Easter, that participants will have a fresh appreciation of Easter and that they will all be able to return for the final 3 sessions in April.



Praying for Young People: Hazel Gray – Youth & Children’s Worker, East Lothian (bus update - David Stewart!)

For children and young people, this last year has been an extremely difficult time. We can see glimpses of its effects now, but it may take months or years for the full impact on their wellbeing to emerge.

Imagine you’re an academically able pupil who is involved in clubs and groups. Every day is filled with purpose and a sense of achievement. Then lockdown and everything stops. A future that was once certain is now unsure. What is there to strive for? What’s the point?

Or imagine you’re a young person who doesn’t engage in school or have extra-curricular activities to link into. Your parents have other priorities. School is your safe place, even though you hate going. Still, you know that you will get lunch there, it will be warm, and there’s always that one teacher who’s ok

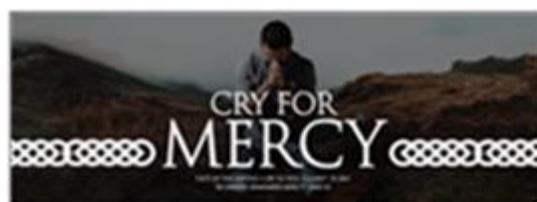
Lockdown took that safe place away. Who’s going to notice now?



Frustration for some has seen increased vandalism in Edinburgh. Here we see the after effects of a brick thrown at a bus window. On Wednesday evening all Lothian buses stopped running after 19:30 to keep their staff safe, but that made it difficult for essential workers to travel that evening.

Please pray:

- for young people who find themselves in a state of hopelessness, that they would find purpose and be able to look forward to their future again;
- for young people for whom home is not a safe place, that they would find peace and security in the Father's arms;
- for school staff and other professionals as pupils return to school, for their protection, but also that they would have the wisdom, strength and love to be the trusted adult that some pupils need;
- for the church, that we would respond to the needs of our young people right now.



Pray for Scotland
prayforscotland.org.uk

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



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EASTER IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Give thanks for our Holy Week and Easter Weekend Services. Pray that many connect with these and all of us will have a fresh appreciation of Easter.

Give thanks for the Easter resources that are being sent out to families who have connections to our Children's ministries. Pray that children, parents and grandparents who receive these boxes will enjoy the activities, and also be encouraged to think more about the significance of Easter, and consider their own response.

Elections in the UK - 2021



God of grace and truth,
send your Spirit to guide us
as we discover your will for our country.
Help us to discuss the issues before us
with courtesy, truth and mutual respect,
and grant that all who stand for parliament
will seek to serve the common good,
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer from the Church of England



Syria
10 Years On



It may have largely disappeared from our news feeds, but the Syrian civil war and subsequent refugee crisis are still raging on – and in many ways, are worse than ever. According to the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD), BMS World Mission's partner in Lebanon, the number of Syrian families in Lebanon now living in poverty has increased from 55 per cent to 90 per cent over the last year. But even in the midst of these devastating crises, our partner has seen God at work.

Please keep praying for Syria, and for the work of BMS's partner in Lebanon, that we might see God's powerful justice at work.

Give thanks for the BMS supporters who have responded with incredible compassion and generosity.

Please pray:

- for the many families receiving relief from the BMS-supported learning centre and that the Lord will provide for both Syrian and Lebanese people involved in this project.
- that families will not struggle to find work or put food on the table
- for the children receiving schooling at the learning centre, that the ongoing economic crisis wouldn't cause children to drop out of school in order to find work
- for BMS's partner in Lebanon, that they would feel God's presence with them as they work through so many challenges.
- the ongoing situation in Syria, that discussions with the UN would be constructive and that peace would soon become a reality

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