



Weekly Prayer Diary – 20th August 2021

I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. Psalm 40v1



The Taliban has taken control of Afghanistan in a ten-day advance following the withdrawal of US and other foreign troops in June and July. On Friday 6 August the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) advised all British nationals to leave Afghanistan via available commercial flights. In accordance with this advice BMS workers in Afghanistan left the country.



BMS World Mission has worked in Afghanistan since 1997, partnering with organisations that serve the people of Afghanistan through training and capacity strengthening. Areas of work include community development, mental health support, agricultural training and palliative care.

Please pray:

- For wisdom for NGOs and charitable bodies working within Afghanistan, as they seek to support the communities they work with through this incredibly difficult time
- For BMS workers in the process of leaving the country, that they would be kept safe and that they would still be able to continue with their vital work remotely
- For BMS' commitment to the nation of Afghanistan, and for discussions taking place as to how best to shape an ongoing response to an ever-changing situation
- For strength for people in Afghanistan now feeling under threat and worrying for their futures, and for protection for those who feel forced to leave the country or to move their families to a safer region
- For lasting peace and stability to be found in the nation of Afghanistan



The last few weeks have been incredibly challenging for so many around the world. Please join us in prayer for:

- **Haiti:** Already facing political unrest, the people of Haiti are now fighting to recover from a 7.2-magnitude earthquake last week that claimed the lives of 1,400+ people and injured thousands more. With forecasts also predicting that Haiti is in the path of an approaching tropical depression, there is a great need for prayer. Please join us in prayer for our brothers and sisters seeking to minister in the midst of these challenges.
- **Cuba:** The people of Cuba continue to face a scarcity of resources, including food and medicine. Pray for doors to open to get these much-needed supplies to those in need.
- **Lebanon:** A year removed from the Beirut explosion, challenges continue for the people of Lebanon. Medicine, power, gasoline, and basic food items like bread are scarce. Internet providers are rapidly ending services, leaving many without a means to contact the outside world. Please join us in prayer for our Baptist sisters and brothers in the area who are serving faithfully in the face of such great challenge.
- **COVID-19:** The Delta variant is spreading rapidly with deaths rising to more than 4 million worldwide. Please pray for the many who have been impacted by this pandemic, specifically those who are grieving the death of loved ones and those who are currently battling a COVID diagnosis. Join us also in prayer for BWAid Director Marsha Scipio as she coordinates with leaders across the globe to continue BWAid's response to the pandemic.

Prayer for Mali, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mauritania

God, our Father, we bless you
for the gift of life that you grant us,
that strength of faith,
so fragile and so powerful,
which is nourished by the assurance of your love.

We pray to you, Lord,
for the sustenance of life for the people of these five countries,
Mali, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mauritania.
Stir up the strength and courage of all those who are engaged
in lifting these countries out of poverty.

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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Viewfield

Craft and Chatter – Wednesdays

- Give thanks that the group have been able to keep in contact during the restrictions.
- Pray that all will go well as the group restarts and please pray that all the ladies will feel comfortable about coming back into the Centre with its limitations and new arrangements which have to be in place.

Knit and Natter – restart 25th August

- Knit and Natter will be returning on Wednesday 25th August, in the Church Hall and those who came previously are keen to return to the group.
- Please pray that the ladies - many of whom have sheltered since before the 1st lockdown and who have limited their contact with the "outside" world - will still stay safe **and** be able to cope with the strangeness of talking in person, and that our group does not bring any additional risk to them.
- Please pray also for the recipients of the knitting produced, that it brings warmth and love to their lives.

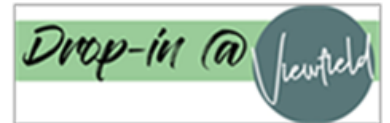
Toddlers – relaunch 26th August

- Pray for the planning and preparations that have to happen before then to get things up and running again.
- Pray for new families to feel welcome and at ease
- Pray for previous regular families to be able to understand and appreciate the changes we are hoping to put into place.

trypraying:

Try Praying – trypraying.org/try-it

- Pray for people as they pass our buildings and see our "try praying" posters that they would take a booklet or go to the website and "try praying" and that this would lead to people committing their lives to Jesus



Drop-in – open each Tuesday between 12 and 2pm

Give thanks for:

- Jo Albrock as she heads up this ministry.
- The volunteers who are committed to serving in this ministry: Adam Adamson, Bert Connon, Brian McCarthy (reserve), Sandy Mclean, Christine Pennells, Gill Cochrane, Jim Saunders, Margaret Leiper, Mick Albrock, Nena Albrock, plus 4 others

Please pray:

- that all volunteers and those praying every week, will feel that they are a valuable part of the ministry regardless of level or frequency of involvement.
- that the information provided on flyers will get to those who most need to receive it and for clear guidance and inspiration about any other ways to promote this ministry
- for a continued awareness of the best ways to foster a welcoming, accepting and safe environment for all

Discipleship Explored – starting 2nd September at 7pm

- Give thanks that there are already 7 registered for Discipleship Explored (but there is still room for more)
- Please pray for all the practical arrangements



Deacons and Ministry Leaders

- Please pray for David Cochrane and Mark Simcock as they join the Diaconate, and that the new Diaconate will work together
- The Deacons meet in person on the 23rd. Please pray for wisdom and discernment in their discussions

Monday 6th September @ 7pm – Outreach Ministries Prayer Time (Zoom) more information from office@viewfield.org.uk

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