



Weekly Prayer Diary – 27th August 2021

I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the Lord's mercy. Psalm 142v1

A prayer for a time of grief

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Recent events have broken our hearts. Afghanistan; more than a thousand lives lost to an earthquake in Haiti; and a report telling us that the climate crisis is becoming a climate catastrophe.

Where do we turn to, amid so much grief? How do we not give in to fear and despair? There are practical things we can do. Tearfund's local partners are responding around the world. But always, the first step we should take is the one that places us on our knees before the cross.

Prayer

God of love and light,
the world feels dark today.
Tragedy looms large.
The air is heavy with grief.
The tears of the people of Afghanistan;
the tears of the people of Haiti;
the tears of the people of so many places –
it is a tide of anguish. A tide of loss.

Yet we will not despair, for we know that you are God.
We know there is no darkness so great
that light cannot overcome it.
We know that love never fails.
Let light pour out upon the land –
upon Afghanistan, upon Haiti,
upon all the places that weigh upon our hearts.
Let their cries of deliverance be heard.
In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



A Child's Prayer

baptistworld.org

God, what kind of world is this
that the adult people are going to leave for us children?
There is fighting everywhere
and they tell us we live in a time of peace.
You are the only one who can help us.
Lord, give us a new world in which we can be happy,
in which we can have friends
and work together for a good future.
A world in which there will not be any cruel people
who seek to destroy us and our world in so many ways.

(Liberia. Another Day,
comp. John Carden, SPCK, Triangle © SPCK, London, UK.)

Theology of Work - www.theologyofwork.org

Prayer for Those Caring for the Sick

God, grant protection to the medical professionals
throughout the world. Hold fast their anxious hearts and
strengthen their weary bones. For they are the hands and
feet of Jesus in the shadowlands. Shield them from harm.
May they be emissaries of hope and healing to those
stricken with illness. May they toil in light of a coming day
when your kingdom comes and all is mended and made
whole. Let it be soon

Prayer for Engineers and Researchers

Lord, thank you for engineers, for those who love science
and mathematics, for those who love to apply a way of
thinking to solve human problems. Times like these call
for creative problem solving to confront great challenges.
Grant them special insight that goes well beyond their
experience and education. Use them to bring relief to so
many who are suffering. May these engineers and
researchers lean not to their own understanding but
acknowledge you in all their ways



Discipleship Explored – starting 2nd September at 7pm

Give thanks that there are 11 signed up for the course.

Please pray:

- that God would draw people to this course and that through it people would be moved to deepen their relationship with God and wholeheartedly pursue true discipleship
- that the course runs successfully and smoothly with no IT glitches
- for protection for all those involved in the course
- for those familiar with the teachings to be freshly inspired
- for wisdom and discernment for leaders and helpers
- for people whom you would like to see participate in the course (and invite them!)

If you have any suggestions for what we could be praying for then please email: - or phone David Stewart on 07962243666



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Craft and Chatter – Wednesdays @ 10am

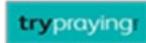
- Give thanks that the group have been able to keep in contact during the restrictions.
- Please pray that all the ladies will feel comfortable about coming back into the Centre with the new arrangements which have to be in place.

Knit and Natter – Wednesdays @ 10am

- 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 – Thursdays @ 10am

- Give thanks for the 8 families with 12 children that came on Thursday.
- Pray that families will keep coming and that relationships can be built up.



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 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

Deacons and Ministry Leaders

- The Deacons will have a "Vision" meeting on the 18th of September. Please pray as they seek God's leading on the way forward for the Church.
- Please pray for all Ministry Leaders as they consider the "shape" of the ministry that they are leading and when would be right to start/re-start.

Brew and Blether

- Please pray for this potential new ministry which would be a monthly coffee & cake meet-up, primarily aimed at those who feel isolated and haven't been able to get out during lockdown.
- There will be a meeting next Friday (3rd) @ 7:30pm in the Centre for those who might be interested in being involved - contact Sophie for more information (details in the bulletin).

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

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