



## Weekly Prayer Diary – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The God of Heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding. Nehemiah 2:20

A prayer for Afghanistan by Pastor Shoaib Ebadi who presents Secret of Life, a live Christian teaching programme in Dari, a regional variety of the Persian language spoken in Afghanistan. He was born and raised in Kabul and now based in Canada.  
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**“Our Heavenly Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.** We praise You, Lord. You are a loving God. You are merciful and almighty, God. We worship You.

**Thy Kingdom come.** Your Kingdom come throughout the world. Your Kingdom come in Afghanistan. Your Kingdom come in the hearts of people there. Your reign come in that forbidding land.

**Thy will be done** in our lives, and thy will be done in the lives of Afghans. Your will is perfect. Your will is for us to know Jesus and for us to live in peace. Lord, I pray that everlasting peace through the Lord Jesus will be established in Afghanistan. Your will be done, as it is in Heaven.

**Lord, give us our daily bread.** Lord, I pray for those suffering in this moment – for the thousands of displaced people in Kabul and other provinces – that You will give them their daily bread and provide for them from heaven. I do not know how; it seems impossible, but You are God. You are God and we pray that You will give them, and us, our daily bread.

**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.** Lord, I pray that You forgive us. On behalf of the nation of Afghanistan, there has been much sin committed in the past centuries. Lord, I pray that You forgive us our sins.

And also, with a heavy heart, I say that **we forgive the Taliban.** You know how heavy our hearts are, but this is Your command. Lord, we forgive them. I pray that You reveal Yourself in Your Son Jesus Christ, reveal Yourself to them so that they turn from killing and violence. Lord, this is heavy on our hearts, but we give it into Your hand. Forgive them Lord, and forgive us. We thank You, Lord.

**Protect us from evil and temptation.** Lord, I pray that you protect all Afghan women and girls from evil. People are being oppressed in so many ways, at every moment – even now, in this moment. Lord, I pray that by Your sovereignty You protect them from evil.

**For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory.** Lord, I pray that You establish Your Church in Afghanistan. I pray that thousands will come to know You, and that You use the the believers in every province as salt and light – to love, to forgive, and to bring Your peace.

Lord, we give this land, this land, into Your hand. Have mercy on the people of Afghanistan. Lord, I pray for all of us who live in the West, that You will help us to share their burdens, and to bear one another’s burdens.

As we think about **Climate Change** let us take time out with God and let us pray for change:

**A changed political climate** – that world leaders will recognise the need for and have the courage together to commit to cuts in greenhouse gas emissions over the coming decade so we might have the hope of curtailing dangerous climate change;

**A changed cultural climate** – less about instant gratification, being driven and throwing away, and more about valuing experiences, people and things we need for the long term;

**A changed social climate** – building harmonious relationships between peoples near and far, across generations and with creation, appreciating how our actions today shape others lives now and into the future.



As well as a **changed spiritual climate.** Let’s bring this issue from the margins towards the centre of our understanding of mission in this day. Let’s raise our voices along with our prayers for ourselves and others. Let’s begin to be the answer to our prayers, beginning the journey to walk more softly upon the earth as churches and individuals. And let’s ask God too to turn around our hearts, attitudes and actions, hearing his call through creation to *“Arise, come, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me.”* (Song of Songs 2v13).

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### Please pray for:

#### CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

- Give thanks that the second course was completed successfully last month and that an opportunity has arisen for Duncan Christie to take on the role of Community Links Coordinator with the Dunfermline CAP Debt Centre from October.
- Please pray for the arrangements for the CAP Money course, possibly face to face in November, and for more volunteers to train as CAP Money Coaches to lead or help deliver the course.

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

Give thanks for:

- the wonderful, encouraging and patient volunteers and for all those who are faithfully praying for this ministry
- all those who have been inviting folk to come - pray that this will bear fruit in God's perfect timing.
- the use of the church hall and kitchen.
- Stevie, who has regularly attended the drop-in, consistently invited friends to come, and for the two friends of his who have visited recently

Please pray:

- that we are open and that what we are telling people will bear fruit through this ministry in accordance with God's will.
- that as a church we will have wisdom about how to best promote the drop-in and other ministries that we are re-starting and embarking upon
- for a positive reception for Jo's email sent to Sam's Café, SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) to tell them about the drop-in, as well as Craft and Chatter and Knit and Natter, with the view that we might be another place that vulnerable people can feel 'safe' to visit.

#### Toddlers – Thursdays @ 10am

- Give thanks for the different families that have been coming along, some of whom have never been before.
- Please pray for the families with little or no other Church connections, that we will be friendly and welcoming to them. Pray that the Bible story time and Christian songs will continue to be well received and will have an impact on the families

#### Open Church

Please pray for the Open Church team as they set up a rota and check everything is in place so that they can restart.

#### Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop has not been in operation since last year, pray for the team as they discern the way forward.

#### Deacons and Ministry Leaders

- The Deacons will have a "Vision" meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Please pray as they seek God's leading on the way forward for the Church.
- The next regular Deacons' meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as they discuss together.
- 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.

#### Prayer Course – Thursdays on Zoom for 8 weeks (to take part contact [office@viewfield.org.uk](mailto:office@viewfield.org.uk))

- Give thanks for the opportunity to explore what Prayer is all about and pray for Ramonne as he co-ordinates this.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm – Community Outreach Prayer Time (Zoom) more information from: [cop@viewfield.org.uk](mailto:cop@viewfield.org.uk)**

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