

November 2020: A Month of Prayer

Wednesday 11th November

Day of Prayer

Set an alarm to remind you to pray every hour, spend some time during the day, pray / meditate on these themes each hour as you go about your day's work, commit the whole day to prayer - or use these as a focus throughout the week...

9am The Lord's Prayer

At the start of the day, pray the Lord's Prayer. Pray 'Your (or Thy) kingdom come', praying that we will know and experience God's presence and Kingdom in our lives, the life of our church, town communities and nation. The Kingdom, power and glory belong to God. Take time to worship God as you acknowledge this.

10am Government and World leaders

Pray for all those in Government and leadership in this country and around the world. Pray for those leading countries / organisations through the crisis – for wisdom, resilience, compassion and the ability to mobilise resources quickly and effectively. As they recognise the limits of their own power, may they turn and submit to God, seeking His wisdom.

11am Remember at 11am on this Remembrance Day

Stop. Remember with thanksgiving those who have given their lives in service of others. Reflect with sadness the suffering, destruction and pain caused by human conflict. Think of countries and situations that you have heard about in the news. Pray for peace in our world and commit yourselves to be a peacemaker and peacekeeper wherever you are.

12noon That more people will come to know Jesus

Think of and pray for five people to come to know Jesus. Pray for your friends, neighbours, work colleagues, etc. and for opportunities to serve, care, and share the Good News of Jesus. These times remind us of eternity and our need of a Saviour. Pray for Holy Spirit to give us boldness and love to share the Gospel at this time, and that they may respond.

1pm For all key workers

Thank God for the NHS and pray for all those who work in our hospitals including Stoke Mandeville in every capacity. Pray for all those involved with the development of a vaccine and that this will become available over the coming months. Pray for those working in care homes all key other workers, especially any you know or have contact with.

2pm The sick and bereaved families:

Pray for all those who have symptoms of the Coronavirus, including those who are unwell in hospital around the country. Which areas are the currently hardest hit? Pray for their healing, peace, rest, salvation and a tangible sense of God's presence. Pray for any who have lost loved ones and are grieving at this time for Jesus presence and peace.

3pm For a great revival and turning back to Christ in our land

As we remember how Jesus died at 3pm, hanging on the Cross taking the penalty for our sin, pray for a repentance and turning back to God. You might like to download and declare the 'United in Prayer' declaration over the United Kingdom (<https://www.unitedinprayer.co.uk>).

4pm Those affected by the pandemic in other ways

Bring before God those struggling with loneliness, isolation, addictions, boredom or fear that they would each know God close to them. Pray for those with concerns about jobs, businesses, the downturn in the economy, personal finances, relationships, or affected by rise in domestic abuse.

5pm Give thanks to God

Despite all the challenges and the hard things of the lockdown, thank God for all His goodness to you, for answers to prayer, for the hope that we have in Christ and that God is faithful.

Don't forget that the Church will be open as a Prayer Space on Wednesdays from 10am – 12noon.