

Prayer Starters from How God spoke to us in last 24/7 prayer time.

Testimony is powerful- sharing what God has done, and asking Him to do it again.

Here are some prayer starters (in red) from the feedback(in black) from our last 24/7 prayer time. A mixture of what people felt God was saying to them, scriptures, pictures and how they were led to pray. HT= Holy Trinity church.

1)“Awake, awake Oh Zion (Aylesbury/HT), Clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendour.....v2 ..Shake off your dust, Rise up, Sit enthroned, Oh Jerusalem. Free yourselves from the chains on your neck, Oh captive daughter of Zion.” Isaiah 52:1-2

Felt like a call to rise ourselves and pray and in prayer to break off chains holding us back- personally, as a church, and as a body of believers. Prayed for Spirit of Joy over Aylesbury. Nehemiah 8:10- ‘Joy of the Lord is our strength’.

How do you feel emerging from Lockdown-fearful/excited? What is Father God saying to you? What is He calling to you? Does He want to break off chains of fear/unbelief/depression/anxiety.... Could you ask for the Spirit of Joy (Holy Spirit) to rest on you, your community?

2) A picture of corridors/ partitions, separating, dividing. Felt God saying to pray for unity of purpose and vision in our church. For our thinking to be Holy Spirit led, and for us to allow Holy Spirit to connect different parts/ministries of the church for greater unity and power in supporting each other and in outreach.

‘Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.’ Ephesians 2: 20-23

Let’s pray for unity of purpose and vision as believers in HT but also between churches in Aylesbury and beyond.

3) Praying for CHAINS OF UNBELIEF to be broken – in ourselves, our neighbours, our community, our nation and for our church to shine as LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS Read Ecclesiastes 11 :1-6, felt Lord saying to Invest in many ventures and see which will succeed. Trust Him.

Let’s ask God to guide us into many new ventures in coming months, individually and as a body, and for boldness and willingness to try new things and to trust Him. Is He calling you into something new? How does that feel? Tell Him

On theme of light –I felt a clear picture of a half-lit beacon as I was looking at HT but a sense of that beacon was being strengthened so it will be able to shine forth stronger.

As I walked toward Queens Park Centre I felt prompted to pray specifically for all the businesses that are really suffering, specifically live events - music, theatre and any other gathered events that may not be able to bounce back.

I spent some time praying down by the canal and was called to pray for the canal community, of which we are a part of the history - that was a beautiful moment looking down towards the canal basin from the first bridge and seeing lights on in a couple of the narrowboats against a very dark backdrop but with the light shining from the College.

So I think light has been the theme for my prayer session

Let’s pray for the Canal community, the Queens Park centre, the college and businesses of Aylesbury and for the light and hope of Jesus to shine brighter from our church.

1 Peter 2:9 'But you are a chosen people, A royal priesthood, A Holy nation. God's special possession that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

'I am the way, the truth and the life'. John 14:6

Praying for HT – Led to pray to invest in those on the outside of church. Seek to make Jesus known in Aylesbury and beyond. Come Lord Jesus. Come Holy Spirit, Come Lord, We need you.

Seek first the kingdom of God – at forefront of all we do-on our knees in prayer.

Let's pray that we root all we do in prayer first and continually and then seek to make Jesus known as He leads us. Let's praise Him that we know Him and He loves us and calls us 'His chosen people'. Do we need to say sorry for taking our salvation for granted? For our lack of prayer? Let's ask God to help us share our faith and His love with all those we meet.

4) A picture of Gods covering- like wings covering us- especially over Stoke Mandeville hospital. Sense of thankfulness for this. Felt God was saying 'I'm your strength and shelter, trust me'. –

How do you respond to this? Can you trust him? Ask Him to help you to trust Him more in areas where it's tough (we all have them!). Psalm 91 can be helpful to pray.

5) Ephesians 6 :10.Be strong in the Lord & the power of His might.... by acknowledging His power, by knowing He is so powerful then we can be strong in Him...even though often we feel weak.

God uses us IN OUR WEAKNESS. When we are weak, then we are strong in Him. – Do I really believe this? Lord help me to believe and trust in you. Where do I feel weak? Where do I need your strength?

Who can I pray for who is weak/powerless to know your strength?

6) Romans 12 v 12-16

"Be Joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer,
Share with God's people who are in need.
Practice Hospitality" v12

There are many needs all around us locally, and globally. We need God to show us where to focus, how to serve , how to pray, how to give, so as not to be overwhelmed. Let's ask God to lead us.

Who can we serve or offer hospitality to?

Jesus loved people through relationships, through sharing meals, through spending time with them. Who can we bless with our hospitality?

7) We are in a battle in so many ways yet we know that we are in the loving Saviours arms

Take a moment to visualise yourself held safely in the safe, loving, protective arms of your heavenly Father, safe from all the battle, from sickness, death, heartache, abuse, stress. Let Jesus minister to you as you allow yourself to be held , What is He saying to you? What does He want you to know? What do you need to let go of?

Pray for those caught up in the battle- physically in areas of war, those held in slavery, held captive to addictions, to poverty....

8) Praying about the virus. Ended up feeling God may be teaching us to be persistent in prayer

Lord help us to keep going with prayer -even when it's hard. Remembering it's so powerful and so the enemy (the devil) will always try and stop us. Thank you that you are merciful and each time we get distracted you love us and tell us to just start again.

9) Prayed as a family with words and music, using worship songs and being creative. Painted a picture titled 'Light in the darkness'.

Is there a different way of praying you'd like to try?
Is God prompting you to try something new?

10) Struck by words "Choose to believe that God is holding you/me in the palm of his hand"

Looking at psalm 91 in the Message, the verse 'Fear not..... the disease the that prowls in the darkness'. As the time drew to a close, I just felt full of hope despite 'the disease that prowls in the darkness.

What is causing you to fear? Perhaps read Psalm 91 (in resources) and ask God to take away your fear and replace it with hope and peace. Pray for others who may be fearful. We empower what we focus on. Let's focus on the love and beauty of Jesus.

11) Nehemiah 4:13-15 We're called to rebuild walls (walls of faith, prayer, family life, young people...many areas) but as we build we need to be aware of the ongoing spiritual battle. Keep working and praying and standing ground. Half the army of Nehemiah built and half stood as soldiers. Felt Lord saying we need prayer warriors who know how to pray and stand.

Jeremiah 20 : 11 'But the Lord is with me, like a mighty warrior, so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail, they will fail and be thoroughly disgraced.' Need to be praying for HT and ministry outwards.

Ephesians 6. Keep the armour on, keep standing.

What is God calling you to? To build/pray? Let's ask God to teach us to pray and raise us up as prayer warriors in these days.

Who can you pray for to cover them , bless them as they work? Parents, pastors, politicians, police?
(It doesn't have to begin with p!!)

Where are YOU called to rebuild the walls?- Which area? -Family life? Business? Youth? Politics? Media? Ask God to show you what arena He's put you in .It may be as a grandparent, a student, a teacher, a friend, a worker- whatever our role- let's be praying that God uses us to build faith and be a witness to Him and to build His kingdom.