

Prayer Meeting. Monday 6th April 7.30pm

At the beginning of Holy Week leading to Easter let us start our prayer time together by remembering the sacrifice made by our Lord Jesus Christ for mankind. Read and meditate on the following passages.

John 19 v 16-42

Philippians 2 v 5-11

Prayer for the nations

John 14 v1

Psalm 121

Pray for:

- all front line NHS staff and their equivalents in other nations
- all other key workers and support staff: cleaners, admin. IT, Shop assistants etc who keep things going.
- those ill in hospitals at the current time and their anxious relatives.
- the bereaved who may be traumatised by the suffering undergone by their loved ones.
- those undergoing financial hardship and worries through loss of income/ collapse of business.
- those feeling frightened and alone or struggling to get food supplies.
- those working in hospices to continue to meet people's need and whilst suffering loss of current income.
- those in Government and Health boards as they seek to find rapid solutions to current problems.
- for nations in developing countries less able to cope with this emergency
- for nations still trying to cope with swarms of locusts.

Lord have mercy on us all. Amen

Prayers for the church

Isaiah 55

Pray for:

- empowerment to continue to serve our communities in new or different ways
- for those leading the church nationally and locally that they may be able to provide the right words at the right time.
- for inspiration in weekly services/daily thoughts that the words given may be both comforting and challenging
- though dispersed, we will still feel a sense of community.
- ways to reach out to others near and far with the good news of the Gospel.

Man shall not live by bread alone

Luke 4 v 4/ Deuteronomy 8 v 3

Pray:

- That the comfort and the challenge of the word of God may be heard and heeded at this time
- for the weekly and daily services and thoughts may touch hearts and minds both here and afar.
- for the work of organisations which our church supports who spread the word of God in different ways,
- Scripture Union. CVM (Christian Vision for Men). The Bible Society, SGA (Slavic Gospel Association), Barnabas Fund, Open Doors.

May the everlasting arms of love,
the hands of God
circle you,
surround you,
enfold you
and keep you from all harm.

Andrew Rudd