



“He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters” Psalm 23:2

12hours of PRAYER

Call to prayer – Living God, We gather together in strange times, Whether virtually or actually, And ask that you will accept our worship of your holy Name. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Living God, You gather us together In the company of those who have gone before us. Hold us safe in your keeping and watch over us as the people of God. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Living God, We come in the assurance That, where we gather in the name of Jesus, He is there among us. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Living God, Whether we gather in twos or in threes, Or whether we come to you in our own company, Never leave us or forsake us. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Living God, We come, in the company of all your people, And together we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, To the glory of God the Father. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Living God, We come to you trusting you will hear our prayers, Lord that you will answer as we align ourselves with your Will and submit to your purposes. To you Lord is all the Glory. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Praying for the **lifting of Lockdown**, Pray that as the focus moves from containment of the coronavirus to responsible lifting of lockdown restrictions, that decision makers will offer good leadership and that society will follow necessary ongoing restrictions with patience and perseverance. Pray for businesses as they grapple with the need for modifications to working practices and conditions in the workplace, asking that God would give creativity and the ability to safely and flexibly begin to resume their work. Pray that we'll all play our part in encouraging good practice and responsibility for the sake of others.

Take a few minutes to meditate and pray through the Lord's prayer. **The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13**
⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

India - In India, a second wave of Covid is having a devastating impact. Cases are rising at an alarming rate, with more than 350,000 new cases in just 24 hours, according to Reuters. More than 200,000 lives have been lost to the pandemic in India. Across the

country, hospitals are overrun and oxygen supplies are falling short of demand. Please stand with us and pray for our sisters and brothers in India. --Pray for strength and courage for our sisters and brothers in India, in the most marginalised communities, to claim the support they are entitled to. --Pray for healthcare workers who risk their lives each day to heal and care for the sick with supplies that are running out, that they receive the medicines and equipment they need to give vital treatment. --Pray for Christian Aid's partners, that their messages of protection may reach and help the most vulnerable people. --Pray for people across the world who rely on precarious work, that they may be sustained and not lose hope in times of scarcity. --Most importantly, pray. Ask the Lord to encourage persecuted believers, and give them boldness rooted in faith. "The last thing they would want us to pray for them is protection," someone has said, "Thousands and thousands of Christian leaders are 'stepping into the lion's den' willingly to share the Gospel."

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Pray for **The Well**, they write, "We aim to reflect God's heart for the poor and needy in all we do. We aim to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to the people of our city through practical expressions of His love". They ask Prayer for: Strength & Protection over the whole team, for Wisdom in overseeing the work, for Larger premises & equipment, give thanks for God's continual provision! Pray for blessings upon all who receive the food parcels – that they will know the hope, love and peace that comes from Jesus Christ as well as freedom from their difficult circumstances. Pray for prosperity for Wolverhampton.

Lets pray for **Nigeria**, the insecurity is high, the government is at a loss on how to deal with the situation. ISIS dislodged from Syria are gathering momentum to establish themselves in Africa. The leader of Boko Haram killed himself last week after detonating a bomb according to the BBC. You could use Job5:12 to pray, "He thwarts the plans of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success". May

the Lord thwart every plan of the enemy against the innocent and the church in Nigeria.

Ephesians 3:16-21 – “¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen”.

86% of **Buddhists** have never spoken to a Christian. While millions strive to attain peace through self effort, the free gift of salvation through Jesus awaits all who turn to Him. Pray for spiritual oppression and fear to be replaced by the presence, peace, and freedom of Christ. Pray for courage to follow Jesus when accused of betraying family and culture.

Pray for **Christian families**, that they will be able to stand firm in the faith amidst the many challenges and pressures they face. Pray Christians take the time daily to dedicate their families into the hands of God, that they will know and live in the light of God’s purpose for them. Pray against a stagnancy within the family but rather a sense of purpose. Pray that His presence will always go before and after them, wherever we are. Pray that they will make good choice that are Christ honouring, pray against temptation within families.

*Heavenly and Almighty God, I come before you humbled and sorrowful, aware of my sin, and **ready to repent**. Lord, forgive me for I have sinned before you. Wash away my sin, purify me, and help me to turn from this sin. Lead me to walk in your way instead, leaving behind my old life and starting a new life in you. Lord, you who are loving and just, show compassion upon me, shower me with your mercy. All this I pray through your Son Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sin. Amen.*

Egypt was a majority-Christian nation for over 1,000 years, and today it remains home to the Middle East’s largest body of Christians - the Coptic Church (12%). Evangelical Christianity is on the rise, though still only about 3% of the population. Yet Islam remains the state religion and the faith of 87% of its people. Pray for Egypt, for a stable and trustworthy government to act in the interest of all its people. Pray for the Church to continue to overcome evil with divine forgiveness and love. Pray for Jesus to

reveal Himself to an unprecedented number of Muslims disillusioned by Islamic State.

*Let us **pray for each other** in the same way Paul and Timothy did. In Ephesians 1.17 onwards Paul prays that Christians may know God better, may know the hope to which we’ve been called, and to know his power. In Colossians 1.9 onwards he and Timothy pray that Christians may live lives worthy of the Lord, please Him, bear fruit, grow in the knowledge of God, and again, know His power.*

Pray for those at **work** today, that they might be a Light that draws others to God. Pray they might be a source of inspiration to the colleagues around them. Ask the Lord to put the right words in thier mouths that will build others up and give them hope. Pray they are a source of blessing to those people that are going through difficult times, that the Lord will fill their workplace with peace and remove anything that may bring strife, because of their testimony. Pray the Lord will be their shield and guide in everything that they do.

Pray for refugees - Remember those making perilous journeys, fleeing from conflict and persecution. Pray particularly for children travelling in extremely dangerous conditions. Pray for wisdom for all those in authority who make decisions that impact refugees. Pray for leaders to tackle the root causes of the refugee crisis. Ask God to bring stability in the countries men, women and children are fleeing from. Pray for Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Somalia, Nigeria, Libya and other affected nations. Lift up organisations, churches and communities who are working tirelessly to care for refugees. Pray they would be given wisdom and energy as they respond to families and children in great need.

Lets continue to pray for **TAB** – that we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and daily live a life that is honouring to God. Pray we will be a Hub of Hope into the community, displaying the Love of Jesus, being a safe place for those around us who are vulnerable, lonely and abused. Pray that we will be known as a people who pray and whom God answers, because our will is in line with His will. Pray that God will stir the hearts of our Muslim and Hindu neighbours that they might seek Jesus, pray for dreams and God’s word to be a living two edge sword that brings life in all its fulness in our community.

Lord, I ask for wisdom, strength and power that you are constantly present within me. I pray you would make me strong and courageous for today and tomorrow. Give me the ability beyond what I feel able. Let your gifts flow freely through me, so that you would be honored by my life, and others would be drawn to you.