

For 28th June to 11th July 2020

Each Sunday, Christians in every part of the UK are joining together in prayer. We would like to encourage you to keep setting aside 7pm on a Sunday for prayer, no matter how long you give. As you start, place a lit candle in the window of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ. Here are some suggested points for prayer

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.

Suddenly, my Lord was speaking:

"My name is I AM". He paused. I waited. He continued:

"When you live in the past, with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not - I WAS.

When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not - I WILL BE.

When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here.

My name is I AM." [Helen Mallicoat]

Exodus 3: 14a, 15b: God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM... This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."

- **Christian Missionaries:** Pray for missionaries at work throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection. Pray that God would provide them with words of hope and equip them to love and serve those around them.
- **Care Homes:** Give thanks that St Margaret's and Barleystone have been spared infection of Covid-19. Pray that this would continue. Give thanks for the wisdom and loving care exercised by those running the homes.

- Teachers: Give thanks for the teachers who have gone through a learning curve – steep for some - in order to keep education alive in our children. Give a special thought to those teachers who are, additionally, home schooling their own children.
- God brings good out of bad: Give thanks for Marcus Rashford's intervention on behalf of families in need who will now receive school lunches during the summer holiday. He was driven on by his own childhood experience.
- Children at risk: At home, the Covid-19 restrictions have put vulnerable children in a perilous place. Pray for their safety, pray too that those who can help are given opportunities and resources to help keep them safe.
- Refugees: World Vision is scaling up its prevention measures against Covid-19 in the vulnerable communities they support across the globe, especially in refugee camps and other fragile communities where an outbreak of coronavirus would be devastating. Simple things like providing soap, running water, and healthcare are a lifeline they need – and now, more than ever. To do this World Vision needs prayer and financial support.
- Businesses: As lockdown starts to ease, pray that everyone opening their doors will be considerate of their customers and put measures in place to keep them safe.

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” Jer 17:7-8