

For 11th to 24th July 2021

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Each Sunday at 7pm, Christians in every part of the UK join in prayer. Here are some prayer thoughts from Jean that you may wish to focus on.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour

Isaiah 43:2-3

In these verses, God not only promises His presence - I will be with you, He also promises to bring us through our difficulties; through the waters, through the rivers, through the fire. When we feel we have no impact on what's happening to us or around us and the circumstances are beyond our control, these verses remind us that they're not beyond His. **Praise God** for His unfailing mercy.

"I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matt 25:35

Pray for the people all over the world who are fleeing bullets, bullying, hunger, discrimination, poverty, and persecution. **Pray** that they would be welcomed wherever they seek safety. **Pray** also that the perpetrators would repent.

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matt 6:12

God forgave us while we were His enemies (Rom 5:10). **Pray** that past hurts and wrongs can be reconciled, and nations and neighbours can live in harmony.

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. Rom 10:1

Pray that God would give us, not just opportunities, but the wherewithal to speak His Name and show His Love to those living in the darkness of no faith.

"Give us this day our daily bread." *Matt 6:11*

Give thanks for those with generous hearts who donate food to the groups that can disperse it to those who are in need but **pray** too that God would show us how to remove such poverty from our streets.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." *Matt 6:10*

Pray that God would guide us through the changes that lie ahead. **Pray** that unity would prevail, and each congregation would meld with the other so that we would become one family under the parenthood of God.

"No one should seek their own good, but the good of others" *1 Cor 10:24*

There is no end of people who have been doing exactly this throughout this period of pandemic. Large deeds or small – each has been a blessing to the recipient. **Give thanks and pray** God's blessing and upholding on everyone who put themselves second and the other person first.

And finally:

"Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany." *Mark 11:11*

Jesus didn't like what he saw in the temple and the next day He returned and cleared out all that was preventing the people from meeting with God. Next time you're out walking, why not try taking stock of what you see – good or troubling - and pray for renewal and revival.