



**We seek to invite, encourage  
and enable all ages to be  
disciples of Jesus Christ.**

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

### **Kingdom prayers**

*We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.*

*May the God who gives us endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 15:1-6.

A new year begins and our hopes for the future are in our minds. Let us give thanks to our God and Saviour and pray that we will be led to greater heights in our relationships with them and our fellow humans. Let us live and pray in that hope through Jesus for world unity.

As we come together in our prayers can we remember the homeless, and lonely who are still with us and praise the efforts of all those caring people sacrificing their time to bring comfort and solutions to some lives; may they always have that hope that things will get better. God bless all who are willing to help, and give in some way to alleviate their pain.

The church is struggling in the western world to convince people that this gospel we believe in is pertinent. We pray for our ministers and faith leaders in the difficulties that they face, that the Holy Spirit will fill them with Truth and the Word, and that God will lead them to proclaim His way with courage and strength. Also, pray that those who have accepted Jesus in His church will tell others of His love and sacrifice for them.

The challenges of Covid are testing us as a race, but we pray for that perseverance that Paul wishes for us in our Christian lives to also be present in this crisis. May we pray for the vaccine programme to work and that an equal share will be given to the poorer countries. Our thanks and prayers for those who are working in the frontline are ever in our minds, God we ask Your blessing upon them.

The governments in the UK are struggling with many obstacles in the search for stability in the normal sphere of life. We pray for our leaders in government that they will have wisdom to guide them through these difficult times with high infections, higher energy bills, food costs and all that it takes to run our nation. Only God has the power to overcome but He gives us abilities to use for the benefit of all; may our leaders turn to Him for leadership.

In the past week countries and areas around the world have experienced weather abnormalities indicating to most that climate change is with us for the foreseeable time. Let us pray for God to enable the world to understand it and to take action and alleviate the suffering of the poorest nations of the world. Pray that we can learn to pray together and also work together.

Let us all pray for a new year that allows us to have peace and love for one another to enjoy worshipping our God, praising him for His many blessings and asking Him for endurance and perseverance to stay strong in the faith serving our neighbours. So we pray for all the aid agencies working among the suffering people of Yemen, Syria, Philippines, Brazil, all of the Middle East and Africa, Bangladesh, Myanmar.

We lost another stalwart who stood up against man's inhumanity to man; Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He worked to bring reconciliation to his own country but left a legacy that we can all live by in that we can forgive and move on and work for a peaceful world. God has forgiven us through Jesus so we as church can bring our differences to Him in prayer then move on.