



Roman Road I.M. Church  
Failsworth

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

The steadfast love of the Lord is good.  
God's mercy is abundant.  
Let us draw near to God's presence

### A prayer of blessing for Father's Day

Bless our fathers, God the father of all.  
And bless all those who have fathered us in the spirit.  
We bless you for their gifts to us –  
gifts of nurture and strength,  
of understanding and dependability,  
of energy and decisiveness,  
of gentleness and wisdom,  
of peace and courage.

We bless you for all that is good in their influence on our lives.  
We ask you to cherish and sustain them as they have cherished and sustained us.  
Give them happiness in their relationship with us.  
Give them recognition for what they do.  
And may we do for others the good things they have done for us.  
**Amen.**

**A personal prayer for the week**  
Praise God who made me.  
Praise Jesus who has called me.  
Praise the Spirit who empowers me.  
Amen

### Prayer notes from Tuesday's prayer meeting

Paul opened with a reading from Psalm 105 v1-7.

*Pray without ceasing*

- Give thanks for the Mia's safe arrival at the naval base in Portsmouth and pray for her as she serves in the Navy.
- Give thanks for the scientists who have discovered the drug that treats Covid-19 patients. Thank you for this miracle discovery that will save lives.
- This Father's day pray for fathers and we especially the dads who come to Who Let the Dad's Out.
- Pray for the unrest in the world and the police dealing with the racial tension in our cities.
- Pray for Dorothy & Rachel and family dealing with the passing of Joe (Dorothy's Dad). Be with them as they make preparations for the funeral.
- Pray for healing for Gillian who has been suffering with a pain in her neck.
- Pray for a smooth passage to reopen church. For those dealing with logistics surrounding this in order to keep everyone safe.
- Pray for children who are worried about the current situation causing disruption to their usual routine.

Taken from Focus – the magazine of One Mission Society (OMS). Did you know that ‘corona’ in Latin means ‘crown’? In this time of uncertainty, let us focus on the certainty of God’s faithfulness and promises to us all.

**When we perseverer, under trial, having stood the test we (as believers) will receive the ‘crown of life’ James 1 v12**

<b>C</b>	<b>Christ, who was, is and will be, remains supreme in Heaven, caring for us and interceding with the Father, our Creator, Guide and Everlasting King. Rom 8:34.</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. Eph 4:5. No matter what the world may bring upon us we have One Lord who will care for us, when our world falls apart.</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Revelation 3:10, calls us to ‘patiently endure’ and remain faithful. For those who don’t know Jesus, this will be hard, but for those who know Him these words will help us through.</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>Our faith is in God and we will be strengthened by Him. Rom. 4:20, we are encouraged that Abraham, through faith, never wavered but trusted the Lord.</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Never will I forsake you, Heb. 13:5. No matter what, God will always be there for us, and He is our ultimate destination because He loves us.</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Ask and ye shall receive. Matt. 7:7&amp;8 tell us to ask the Lord for those things that we need. At this time, ask the Lord to spare us and free us from this pandemic.</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>Victory over death. Christ has risen from the grave and through this we have the victory, in Him, to everlasting life. 1 Cor. 15:55-57 gives us this reassurance.</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>I am the Lord, Ex. 6:2-7. As God reminded Moses of who He is and how He brought the Israelites out of Egypt, so He will bring us through.</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>‘Remember and turn to the Lord’. May these words of Psalm 22:27&amp;28 bring meaning to what we are enduring, and may God bring the lost to know Him.</b>
<b>U</b>	<b>Unity, together with fellow brethren, Psalm 133:1. Our prayer is that all might dwell in unity, caring for one another. Because of the coronavirus, many are caring like never before.</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Suffering of Christ for our transgressions. Let the God of comfort, 2 Cor. 1:6, bring comfort in distress. Our Lord is there to hear our cries and petitions.</b>

### **A prayer for schools returning after pandemic closure**

God, we wonder where Jesus learned to read and write: perhaps the Nazareth Synagogue.

We wonder what and where he played as a boy.

We remember he cracked a joke about children playing at weddings and funerals.

We pray for all children whose games are confined and frustrated but all the more precious.

We pray for our schools as they begin to welcome children back,

making safe space for their learning, and their play, which attends to serious things in life.

We remember Jesus growing up to be a great storyteller and teacher, and so pray for teachers today, blessing them for their story telling, encouraging and guiding, especially when they have their own anxieties to keep at bay.

We remember Jesus as protector of the vulnerable. We pray for all the staff, administrators, cooks, cleaners and caretakers, with new and complex responsibilities keeping everyone safe.

We pray for any who are fearful of returning and any who are frustrated not to be able to.

Reassure them all that, as children, teachers and protectors of the vulnerable,

you are very, very close to them. Assure them that we treasure them, and so do you. Amen.