



Roman Road I.M. Church
Failsworth

Sunday 28th June

A prayer of intercession

Lord Jesus,
we pray in your name and in the name of
peace

for the worn torn countries of the world,
for countries where violence is rife,
for communities where tensions run high.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray in your name and in the name of
sorrow for the people of Reading,
as we remember James Furlong, Joe Ritchie-
Bennett and David Wails,
for those who tried to save them, for those
who grieve for them.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray in your name and in the name of
justice for the marginalised people of the
world,
for those who are discriminated against,
for those who are trafficked.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray in your name and in the name of
compassion for the animals of the world,
for those that are hunted,
those that are exploited,
those that are endangered.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray in your name and in the name of
gratitude for those who stand up for the
oppressed,
for those who kneel down for the victimised,
for those who speak out for the silenced.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray in your name and in the name of
hope
for economic challenges to be overcome,
for opportunities to be embraced,
for changes to be long lasting.

**Lord hear our prayer for you are our
strength and our inspiration and in you we
trust.**

Amen.

The steadfast love of the Lord is established forever.
His faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
The Lord invites us and welcomes us.
Let us worship the Lord

Notes from Tuesday's prayer meeting:

Paul opened with Psalm 77 v 4-10

- Pray into the relaxing of the lockdown. Pray against anxiety. Pray for protection of older people. Pray for those who are afraid to go out. Pray for those with mental health issues who are struggling with lockdown.
- Remember Dorothy, Rachel & family especially on Thursday when it's the funeral of Dorothy's Dad, Joe.
- Pray for God's healing touch on Beryl who has been experiencing difficulties breathing especially in the hot weather.
- Remember Christine Lambert who has an orthopaedic appointment on Wednesday.
- Pray for Kathryn who has had a blood test and is due another one in a few weeks.
- Pray for Sheila in Acacia Lodge Care Home – she is feeling down at the moment. May she feel God's presence and peace.
- Pray for Liz who has had a set back last week and remember Mia who has a tough week with her naval training. May she grow in confidence.
- Pray of the opening of church that we get it right and are able to keep everyone safe.
- Pray for our streets, avenues and neighbourhoods that they will come together at this time and not be antagonistic towards one another.

Prayer for the week

Lord, thank you for all the welcomes I receive.
Help me always to be welcoming. Amen

July is normally a time when school children in the UK celebrate all their hard-won academic achievements: Exams completed; celebrations from end-of-term discos to the formality of Prom; Graduation, all moving on and up. This year, the extraordinary events caused by the coronavirus have put a stop to the celebrations. Not just in the UK but globally, education has been interrupted.

The interruption of education brings about all kinds of additional problems. For the poorest families in the UK lack of technology, lack of access to free school meals and abuse in the home all put children at risk. And in countries where World Vision works, school closures increase other serious risks and fears for vulnerable children too. When school and livelihoods disappear, children's futures are threatened by unimaginable choices and horrors – including malnutrition, starvation, child trafficking, labour and marriage too.

For many children in Bangladesh and other countries where poverty makes life fragile, school is more than just a place to learn. School is also where children often get their only proper meal of the day. And it's also a place where child protection programs exist, helping to warn and stop exploitation and abuse of children. When children are missing from school it can often serve as a warning for something serious, alerting community systems to prevent child trafficking, abuse, or child marriage.

While coronavirus has closed schools in Bangladesh, World Vision continues to work and stay connected with vulnerable children and their families. By distributing books and materials, children like 9-year-old Mahfuza, in grade three of her local primary school, can continue her education.

However, as daily labourers the coronavirus has left parents like Mahfuza's without any way of supporting their families. No income, means no money to buy food, leaving children at risk from malnutrition or even child marriage.

As in the UK, family and neighbours are doing what they can to support each other. But families like Mahfuza's are even more thankful for World Vision's cash & vouchers program enabling them to buy the basics and for care packs that are helping their children to survive and thrive. Families are praying the situation will soon change in Bangladesh but meanwhile life remains desperately precarious for Mahfuza and her friends.

So, please continue to pray. Because together, our prayers are empowering the most vulnerable children in the most dangerous places to overcome poverty and experience fullness of life. So, in your families and churches please pray with us to help end violence against children, protecting them today and empowering them for tomorrow.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven”. Matthew 18:10 NIV

Heavenly Father, we lift our prayers to you for children like Mahfuza. Where coronavirus is putting children's lives at risk beyond the disease, we pray for protection. And Father, help us to support families and vulnerable children where poverty increases the chances of child marriage and threatens children's futures.

Lord as the school year ends, we thank you for all teachers - inspiring, encouraging, and empowering children around the world. And Lord we pray for all children wherever they live, they experience fullness of life.

Jesus, we continue to ask for your courage, strength, and wisdom as we live through the COVID-19 pandemic.

We ask that your loving arms are around all those who have lost loved ones, that you protect the most vulnerable from the disease. For leaders making decisions, scientists looking for solutions and all of us as life moves forward. Lord, Your will be done.