



Roman Road I.M. Church  
Failsworth

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Lord, sometimes I feel as if I'm on a fast train.  
Life rushes by and I don't have time to pause.  
Lord, I want to take time to see the view  
that your wisdom, through Jesus, gives me;  
to come to you in prayer,  
expecting far more than I could ever believe possible.  
Bless me with your presence, Lord. **Amen**

***This Sunday is Action for Children Sunday.***

*The prayers below focus on children and the work of Action for Children.*

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask you bring healing to any child or young person who has been the victim of abuse or neglect. They are your children and have been called into your wonderful light.



Show them that you see them and know what they are going through. Show them that you are right beside them, No matter how terrible the situation; we pray that they will know that they can lean on you.

Open our eyes, Lord, to see any potential signs of abuse and remove every form of ignorance from us.

Give these children and young people hope and provide healing in their body, soul and mind. Ease their suffering, Father, and cause a complete restoration in their lives. Amen.

Lord, we lift up the work of Action for Children.

We think of all the families who come into contact with the charity and pray your blessing over them. We think of those struggling with their physical or mental health, and pray your peace descends on them. Lord, remove any barriers that may prevent people from reaching out.

We thank you for the thousands of staff members and volunteers who serve children and families and pray that you would sustain them. Give them, the energy and enthusiasm they need to lovingly support those most in need.

We thank you for the infrastructure that makes Action for Children's work possible: the buildings, the vehicles, the IT – all the variables that help them to reach and serve communities across the UK.

We pray for the leadership and the trustees – may your wisdom and guidance be present as they map out the future of the charity.

We pray for our wider society – we ask that your will be done; from Westminster all the way down to our communities. We ask that lives led by love – love modelled so perfectly by Christ – transform the world we live in,

In the name of the King, Jesus. Amen



### Notes from Tuesday's prayer meeting:

Dorothy opened with a reading from Psalm 113 "Praise the Lord"

- We especially remember all the staff working Care Homes at this time. We pray that their work will be acknowledged and appreciated.
- We pray for those whose cancer treatment has been put on hold due to the pandemic. May they receive the necessary treatment as soon as possible.
- We pray for all the children who have missed an entire term of school and consequently are behind in their schoolwork. We ask you to be with them and their teachers as they prepare for what is ahead as they start a new school year in September.
- We pray for Parliament as they deal with the extra and unexpected work caused by dealing with the pandemic. Be with them as decisions are made which will shape the future.
- Give thanks that The Speaker of the House, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, announced last week that amendment New Clause 29, which would have introduced abortion for any reason up to 28 weeks, would not be selected for debate.
- We pray for churches as they start to open and 'refunction' in a new way. We pray for innovative ideas as we look ahead to how 'church' will work.
- We give thanks for healing for Diane who is recovering from a broken wrist.
- We give thanks for Cliffette and her hard work in caring for Trevor and Stephen and thank you that they are both safe and well
- We pray for Beryl and Lilian as they spend time away with their families. We pray for safe journeys and ask you to bless them and protect them during their time away.
- We remember Irene who will be having a telephone consultation this week.
- We give thanks for technology, which has enabled us to stay in touch during isolation. We remember those without access to technology who are struggling with isolation if they are shielding.

### Prayer for the week

Lord God, how can I possibly understand what you have to say to me,  
if I don't take time to listen.  
Help me to carve out moments this week where,  
even in my busyness, I can find a quiet corner,  
or even just a glance heavenward, to be with you.  
Speak to me, Lord, and bless me;  
and make me a blessing to others.  
Amen

