



Roman Road I.M. Church
Failsworth

Sunday 26th July

O God, mere words cannot convey what a privilege it is to be heirs to your kingdom.
As we explore your word, help us to learn about new treasures as well as old.
May we see the amazing things you can do in our lives.
We are part of your kingdom, and we come to you in awe and wonder.
Amen

Notes from Tuesday's prayer meeting

We tried something new for a Zoom meeting and opened with a song – 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here'.

Paul read Psalm 37

- Give thanks that Mia passed her exam with flying colours! Well done Mia
- Give thanks that Irene has had a clear scan.
- Thank you for the Lord's upholding of John Noble's family – the funeral was on Friday.
- Pray for the ongoing IVF programme for Jane. Keep her safe and well.
- Pray for those on holiday – we think of Helen and family. Thank you that Beryl had a good holiday with her family.
- Pray for those who are not well at the moment – we especially think of Linda, Jean and Kathryn.
- Pray for protection for Tobias as the family come out of shielding.
- The WOW Zoom meeting went well and it was good to see friends.
- Pray for children currently on school holidays. Pray for parents struggling with child care as the usual holiday activities and care clubs are closed because of the pandemic.
- Pray protection on the churches that have opened for services and prayer times.

Prayer for the week

Lord, I pause before you to contemplate the things I see as valuable in my life.

Help me to hold them lightly and to be ready to give them up at the sound of your call. Amen



“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Life at this time can seem like that long dark tunnel we sometimes speak of but there is always light at the end of the tunnel. The Light of life is here, reaching out as he has down the centuries. He calls for us to come to him, to know him as our Saviour and king, as our Shepherd who lays down his life for us so that we can live. Jesus, the Lamb at the centre of the throne, promises to return to take home those who believe and trust in him.

Light will always penetrate the darkness. We have to look to the promise given in Revelation. Let's pray that many people have turned to Jesus, reached out from the darkness towards the Light that can give life eternal. *Taken from Church News from Christ Church, Chadderton*

A prayer of intercession

God of love and wisdom, in our prayers today we bring to you
the nations of the world and their leaders
amid growing tensions, accusations and mistrust.

We give thanks

for those pooling their resources to find a vaccine for the corona virus;

for those offering sanctuary to refugees.

We remember and pray for those countries where we have family and friends,
and all those places whose suffering touches our hearts.

Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our strength.

We pray for those industries hardest hit economically;

for all who are struggling with self-worth after losing their jobs;

for young people applying for university;

for those applying for benefits;

for charities struggling to cope with increased demand and reduced income.

Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our strength.

We pray for churches and places of worship as they welcome congregations back;

for courage as they encounter new challenges

and joy as they embrace new opportunities.

We pray for one another as we reflect on the parables and live out our faith.

Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our strength.

We pray for those heading to the coast this summer for days out and holidays;

for safety on the roads, on the beaches and in the sea;

for those who work in the emergency services;

for lifeguards and lifeboat crews.

We pray that everyone would respect the environment

and we pray for those who collect litter.

We pray too for those unable to get away or take a break.

Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our strength.

And we pray for those who are ill, those in hospital and those at home;

those awaiting operations and treatment;

and those receiving palliative care.

We remember those who have died,

and pray for those who are grieving –

especially those who were unable to gather to comfort one another.

Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our strength.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.