



Time to Pray - It is!
Time to Pray - Have you?
 31st May 2020
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Keep your lives free from love of money.

- Sunday** **Financial struggles** have hit many and though the love of money is the beginning of all evil - for many jobs lost, profits gone, wages slashed will be more than they can cope with. Lord help us all to know that life is precious and problems can be overcome. Keep us all safe.
- Monday** **Schools – Teachers** may have extra stress trying to restore the discipline lost whilst children were locked at home. Anticipating this may they find new ways to bridge the changes so that every child looks forward to, listens hard and does not resent, firmness. Be with them all.
- Tuesday** **Charities** – are proof of our democracy, our loving concern for others who have less materially and more needs. Keep us loving and giving Lord, so that these life-saving orgs can start up again, stronger and of more value than ever. Keep us volunteering, buying, giving, helping.
- Wednesday** **Civic** – so many plans on hold! Housing, Belle Vue, etc. Our Council members will need extra guidance as they sort out what is necessary, vital, financially beneficial. Help them Lord to give each other ground and respect as they have to face changes even in their own thinking.
- Thursday** **CTiS&D:** new ideas will come because our God is a God of new beginnings and the internet is proof. But Lord what works for young confuses the old, even the new language! Be in all internet sermons, quizzes, prayers, hymns, etc may every item be a blessing somehow!
- Friday** **Services – bless or curse?** So many who serve us warrant untold blessings but there are those who take advantage & steal from us. Whilst not cursing them, we ask that they might face Your truth and find for themselves that crime does not pay in the long run. So we ask that they too might be blessed with insight & courage to not deceive!
- Saturday** **TPs, Brekkers, etc** may also still be locked out. Lord we so enjoy working together for Your Kingdom, and in such a variety of ways. We look forward to picking up the mantle again and serving You in all we do. Even in our inactivity may You be glorified as we continue to pray on and look for Your new plans for us, our churches and our world.



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 10th May 2020
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Still in lock-down at time of writing!

(Following a global 'shake up' Heb 13 Paul goes on:)
Keep on loving each other...

- Sunday** **May Christian love** bloom around the world as our caring for each other develops into real value. May we find joy in our serving, as Our Master did in serving us, not withholding anything in that service.
- Monday** **Schools** – Having to re-think classroom layout in order to re-open - seemingly an impossible task! May those with ideas be able to share them without boasting and staff not react belligerently. Help all Lord
- Tuesday** **Charities** – Fighting for survival and overwhelmed with the number in need and no means of meeting it. May all concerned find You present, allowing them to face the future with new plans and enough stamina to go on giving of their best as in the past. Be their strength & stay Lord
- Wednesday** **Civic** – Working within limitations unheard of before now, take all sense of self-importance away Lord and help everyone to seek only the well-being of others. To serve is divine as You taught. May they know the joy that can bring and allow Your Spirit to guide them all.
- Thursday** **CTiS&D:** Change and decay in all around I see, Oh Thou who changest not abide in every aspect of CT, world-wide! May all our out-reaching efforts and future plans draw many into the wonder of Your grace and love. Be with all volunteers who are helpless at the moment.
- Friday** **Services – couriers, police, fire staff, bus, train, ambulance, taxi drivers** there are many still on our roads. Keep them safe as they serve us Lord. Shut away we are more reliant on them than ever before. May they find deep resources within themselves as they serve.
- Saturday** **Sports events** may still be blocked. Be with those who rely on games to put meaning into their lives. Be involved in their financial plans and help those with much to be willing to take cuts and thus share the needs of those who in fact are responsible for their wealth!



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*Do not forget to entertain...*

- Sunday**     **Churches – new ideas using internet are blooming!** Help us not just to be ‘entertained; by our PC’s, but may all the efforts of clergy etc touch our hearts at the deepest level, revealing more of Your Love to us in these new ways. May each of us look further for You everywhere
- Monday**     **Schools –** This generation of children could well be affected for the rest of their lives. But out of old seeds new growth appears strong and healthy. May that be the case for our students, in Uni, private, public, special schools. Give teachers new vision & students new hearing!
- Tuesday**     **Charities –** Many will fall utterly! May they realise they did not fail, but they were overwhelmed by outside effects. Lift up the spirits of those who are ‘lost’ in defeat. Help them to find new ideas, areas of caring, other ways of giving themselves. Lord bless those distressed today.
- Wednesday**     **Civic – Blame** is rife! From Govt down through each tier of those who serve us. Help us Lord not to resort to this weapon of the enemy in our own minds. Keep us from finding fault and help us try to understand the reasoning, the purposes behind decisions that dismay us, please
- Thursday**     **CTiS&D: Foxearth Meadows** offer us a place to wander & consider How Great is our God. Walk these paths with us Lord, give us eyes to see why You said “It is good” about all You created, including us. Be in our looking, our understanding and give us Your peace in this place.
- Friday**     **Services – newspapers** keeping us up-to-date with Covid-19. Help our editors not to use the headlines to grab our attention without realising how devastating some words can be. Help us as we read, to look beyond the journalism to see the reality of other people’s lives
- Saturday**     **Eco-friendly?** Birds and wildlife are enjoying this Spring with less human haste and carbon producing events! Our world is not just quieter, it seems cleaner too. Help us to learn our lessons again Lord that what we do always affects others. Teach us to care more Lord.

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Remember prisoners...



- Sunday** **Imprisoned** in our own homes, may we continue to reach out to the lonely and frail, those caring for others, those not internet skilled etc Be with divided families, especially in the homes where abuse reigns. Give children courage and parents strength to show real love for each other
- Monday** **Schools –** some are open for care workers’ children, more may be open by today. Be in our schools Lord. Help those trained to rise to new heights in their own understanding; staff to find joy in their service & volunteers to bring a listening ear. May all be of huge benefit please
- Tuesday** **Charities –** to pray for every org is impossible but to ask You to bless every endeavour to assist, heal, teach, feed, nurture, direct, etc etc is to know we are ‘in Your will’ and asking what You would willingly give!
- Wednesday** **Civic – Govt & local –** these folk are at the front (and in the firing line) so each one will need to know how to speak when necessary, keep silent if right, avoid playing up to fans on internet, etc They will need to look deeper before they leap, each one. Please bless all our civic staff
- Thursday** **CT: – Worldwide** there will be many gaps left by folk who have been taken by the virus etc. As with life in general, CT might have to face great changes and accept new ideas. Open our hearts Lord to look full in Your wonderful face so that we know what You want & Your plans
- Friday** **Services – crematorium, cemeteries, funeral directors.** They all must be overwhelmed and frustrated that they cannot serve as usual and to the fullest, thus making difficult times just a little bit easier to bear. Lord thank You for these folk. Bless their every effort making them a blessing to the bereaved, our towns and even our country.
- Saturday** **From Olympics to local fun runs,** weekends are affected. For some sports are everything so we ask please that You will bless single endeavour. Thank You for the lesson we learned from Captain Tom – one man can make a difference! Help us all to use our healthy bodies & minds not just to aid others BUT to GLORIFY YOU, please Lord!