



## St Andrew's Kirk Ella and St Luke's Willerby Prayer Diary for January 2019

*We will explore with anyone who will listen the good news that God saves and transforms sinners through Jesus Christ*

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." (Luke 11.1)

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January - Psalm 70** *New Year*

Praise God for His faithfulness to us over the last year and for the promise of His presence in the year to come. Ask that each of us will know His guidance and encouragement in all our different situations and will rejoice in the One who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Psalm 71** *Bible Reading Notes*

Thank God that at the beginning of a new year we have the opportunity to seek to be more faithful in reading and studying God's word. Praise Him for bible reading schemes and notes that help us to do this. Pray that in the year to come we will all be glad to read the Bible regularly and have listening ears as God speaks to us.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Psalm 72** *Women's Meetings*

Pray for all the meetings where women meet to study, pray and support one another in their Christian walk, asking that they will grow in grace and in the love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Pray especially for those whose husbands are not believers, that they might be wise in their walk and witness. Ask that they will be encouraged to persevere even when the going is tough.

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 73** *Dementia*

Pray for those in the church family who are affected by dementia in all its different forms, asking for sufferers and carers to know God's sustaining grace especially when things seem overwhelming. Ask for perseverance and that people will be able to access the support they need in order to ease the burden. Pray for light in the darkness and hope for the future.

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 74** *Men's Breakfast*

Pray for the men who meet to enjoy breakfast and then feast on God's word. Pray for profitable discussions around the tables and for spiritual growth in each life.

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 75** *Family Service*

As we meet together pray that God's word will be faithfully preached and relevant to all ages. Praise God for those who work amongst families and pray especially for Claire as she takes on much of this responsibility. Ask God to help her use her time wisely and to be a help and encouragement to others.

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 76** *Mission Partners*

Pray for the Griffiths in Myanmar and the Moore's in PNG. Ask God to encourage them in their service for Him and that they might "not grow weary in well doing". Ask God to lead them by His Holy Spirit and to give wisdom in all the decisions they need to take.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 77 *Prayer Evening***

A wonderful opportunity to meet together as the family of God, to pray for ourselves, our church family and the needs of the world. In the midst of so much need, ask that God will guide us in our requests and that we will be confident in trusting Him for the answers. Pray that numbers will increase as we share the privilege of carrying everything to God in prayer.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 78 *Christianity Explored***

The first of 7 meetings - pray for a good attendance and that people will feel welcome. Pray for wisdom for the leaders and that participants would begin to learn more of who Jesus is and why He came. Ask for God's Holy Spirit to work mightily in the lives and hearts of those who come, that Christ will be seen clearly.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 79 *Church Wardens***

Pray for all those in our two churches who serve in this capacity. Pray that they might be spiritually minded, seeking to put the Lord first in all that they do. Pray for Holy Spirit wisdom in all the decisions that need to be made and for sustaining grace in the year ahead.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 80 *Rockets/Impact***

Pray for these two groups as they restart after the Christmas break. Ask that numbers will grow so that more young people can hear of God's love for them and have the opportunity to get to know the Lord Jesus for themselves. Thank God for faithful leaders who model Christ-like lives.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 81 *Baptism Families***

Thank God for contact with families who want to have their children baptised. Pray that each family will see the need for continued contact with the church so that all the family can hear of God's love and saving grace.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 82 *Sunday Groups***

Thank God for each of our children and young people as they meet to learn more about the Lord Jesus and all that He has done for them. Pray for a long term solution about where they should meet.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 83 *St Luke's PCC***

Pray for wisdom in deploying both the human and financial resources of the church in the most efficient and effective way as they plan for the future.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 84 *Word at the Wheatsheaf***

Pray that numbers will grow as this small group of men meet for lunch and look at a passage from the Bible. Pray that each one will be blessed and helped in their spiritual walk.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 85 *Education***

Pray for those in our two church families who are involved in education, especially as they come under increasing pressure to endorse unbiblical lifestyle choices. Pray for godly wisdom and the strength to stand firm under pressure. Ask too for opportunities to speak of their faith in an appropriate way.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 86 *Bookstall***

Pray that more people will use the church bookstall and take advantage of good Christian literature which helps us grow spiritually and challenges us. Pray that as we are blessed we will be glad to share with others and encourage them by passing on what we have learned.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 87 *Neighbours***

Pray for those living in our street and for opportunities to introduce them to the Lord Jesus. Ask God to help us love our neighbours as ourselves.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 88 *Staff Teams***

Thank God for those in both our churches who preach, lead and serve in so many different ways. Pray for fresh vision and enthusiasm and a continued desire to serve God and the church families well.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 89 *Communion Service***

As we meet to remember all that Christ accomplished at Calvary, pray that each of us will have a renewed sense of gratitude and love for the Lord Jesus. Pray too that we will all have a desire to share the good news with others as we go out into our places of work, education and leisure in the coming week.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Psalm 90 *Mission Partners***

Thank God for the Lowry family in Senegal and Paul Hunter in Tanzania. Pray for the translation work in Senegal, for accuracy and perseverance in this long term work. Pray for Paul as he prepares to leave Tanzania and return to parish work in Lancashire. Pray that he will finish well and know God's peace in this time of transition.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Psalm 91 *Mums and Tots/Toddler Group***

Pray for the groups at each of our churches, that friendships will continue to flourish and for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus in an appropriate way. Pray for the leaders to remain enthusiastic and ask God to use this work to share the love of Christ in both word and deed.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Psalm 92 *Oak Hill***

Pray for all those men and women studying and training in order to be better equipped to serve. Ask God to raise up godly leaders to lead churches and engage with children and young people. Pray especially for those who are seeking to discern their next steps.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 93 *The Elderly***

Praise God for those who have followed Christ for many years. Pray especially for those who are struggling with the frailty of age and ask for encouragement and perseverance to finish the race well.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 94 *Westfield House***

Pray for the team from our churches leading the service at this residential home this morning, that they will be able to share the gospel in a way that speaks clearly to the elderly residents.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 95 *Under 5's Party***

Ask God for a blessed time at the "Under Fives Fun Time" this afternoon. Pray for good numbers, a warm welcome and safety in all the activities. Pray that the love of Christ will shine through, for good conversations and for friendships to be built up.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 96** *Local Churches*

Pray for local churches as they meet today that they will know God's blessing and encouragement. Pray that leaders will be faithful to God's word and lead wisely and compassionately.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 97** *Bell Ringers*

Thank God for this small group who faithfully practise on Tuesday's and ring for us on Sunday's, calling the village to worship. Pray that others will want to learn so that the work can continue. Pray that they will feel valued as they use their God-given gifts to serve in this way.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 98** *Growth Groups*

As we continue a new series in 1 Samuel pray that we will all be glad to meet together to learn new things from God's word. Pray for Holy Spirit help for each of the leaders as they spend time planning and preparing. Pray also for good times of prayer as we share together and seek to support one another.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Psalm 99** *Mission Partners*

Pray for one of the partners supported by St Luke's - Leprosy Mission, MAF and the Gideons. Pray that God will be pleased to use them to bring both physical and spiritual healing to those who are lost and hurting.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Psalm 100** *Thanksgiving*

We have so much to be thankful for as individuals and as a church family. It is good to take time to thank our Heavenly Father for His mercy, grace and faithfulness to us.

*Space to add the names of family members or friends who do not yet believe, or who are in particular need at the moment*



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