



St Andrew's Kirk Ella and St Luke's Willerby Prayer Diary for January 2020

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)

Wednesday 1st January - Psalm 135 *New Year*

Praise God for His faithfulness over the last year and for the promise of His continued presence in 2020. Ask that each of us will know His guidance and encouragement in all of our different situations, will rejoice to know Christ, and become more like Him and share Him with others

Thursday 2nd January - Psalm 136 *Mission Partners*

Praise God for our mission partners in both churches. Pray today for the international ministries of MAF, Leprosy Mission and Gideons who are supported by St Luke's. Pray especially for any who are feeling discouraged, that God will bless them and help them to delight in serving Him through mission.

Friday 3rd January - Psalm 137 *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, learn and be obedient.

Saturday 4th January - Psalm 138 *Saturday Movie Nights*

As we enjoy a film together each month pray that we will learn how to better engage with the culture around us and respond to the messages we hear through various media. Pray that it will help us to engage positively with those around us and gives us wisdom as we speak into the issues of our day.

Sunday 5th January - Psalm 139 *All Age Service*

As we meet together, pray that God's word will be faithfully preached and relevant to all ages. Pray that families will learn together and be able to continue conversations during the week.

Monday 6th January - Psalm 140 *On-line Bookstall*

Pray that people will use the on-line bookstore and will take advantage of all the excellent resources available to us. Pray for wisdom as we choose what to buy and that we will be glad to pass on to others those books which have been a blessing to us.

Tuesday 7th January - Psalm 141 *Prayer Evening*

What a privilege, at the beginning of the year, to meet together as the family of God, to pray for ourselves, our church family and the needs of the world. Ask that God will guide us in our requests and that we will be confident in trusting Him for the answers. Pray too for the Friday morning prayer time that numbers will increase as we share in the vital work of prayer.

Wednesday 8th January - Psalm 142 *Friendship Club*

Pray for this work at St Luke's as they seek to minister to those who are elderly and isolated. Praise God for all who attend and for the faithful team who minister to them. Pray that the afternoon will be a joyful time of fellowship and learning more about the good news of Jesus.

Thursday 9th January - Psalm 143 *Mission Partners*

Remember the Lowry's in Senegal and the Moore's in PNG. Pray that in the busyness of mission life, they will have that necessary time with God to help, equip and enable them for the work He has called them to do. Pray for situations which bring conflict and stress to be resolved with love and grace.

Friday 10th January - Psalm 144 *Women's Meetings*

Pray for the times when women meet to study, pray and support one another in their Christian walk (Faith on Friday today). Pray that women of all ages will benefit from the godly wisdom of others and will be able to support and encourage one another.

Saturday 11th January - Psalm 145 *Growth in Faith*

Pray that in the coming year we will each grow closer to God and that our faith will be strengthened as we grow in spiritual wisdom and maturity. Pray that God will speak into those areas of our lives where repentance and change is needed and that we will be willing to listen and be obedient.

Sunday 12th January - Psalm 146 *Evening Meeting*

Pray for our joint evening meeting, that more people will be encouraged to come and share in this time of praise, worship and teaching. Thank God for the freedom to meet, and pray for those of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are denied this privilege.

Monday 13th January - Psalm 147 *Schools Work*

Praise God for "Open the Book" at St Andrew's and Carr Lane schools, Fuse Club and the small CU at Wolfreton. Ask God to continue to grow the numbers and for sufficient workers. Pray for perseverance in sowing the seed of the gospel, for Sally as she leads "Open the Book" and for continued good relationships with the schools.

Tuesday 14th January - Psalm 148 *Growth Groups*

Pray for the different groups across our two churches, that God will speak to us and that we might grow in our faith. Pray especially for leaders as they plan and prepare, that they will be led and taught by the Holy Spirit and enabled to communicate God's truth faithfully.

Wednesday 15th January - Psalm 149 *Sharing the Gospel*

Pray today for those of our families who do not yet know the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour. Ask God to give us opportunities to speak and act for Him and that we will have the joy of seeing those we love come to a saving faith. Pray that they will see something of the Lord Jesus in us as we live out our lives before them.

Thursday 16th January - Psalm 150 *Men's Groups*

Pray for men's breakfast and Word at the Wheatsheaf as they continue to meet on a monthly basis. Ask God to bless the times of friendship, fellowship

and study of His word. Pray for numbers to increase and for the opportunity to invite new people.

Friday 17th January - Psalm 1 *Youth Groups*

Pray for the youth work in both our churches as they re-start 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 and pray that there will be sufficient helpers.

Saturday 18th January - Psalm 2 *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. Pray that each of us will be mindful of those who need our help in practical ways.

Sunday 19th January - Psalm 3 *Sunday Groups*

Pray for the teachers and helpers as they serve so faithfully in the work of teaching our children. Pray for good behaviour from the children and a desire to learn of Christ. Pray that each child will come to love and serve the Lord Jesus for themselves. Pray too about the need for more teachers.

Monday 20th January - Psalm 4 *Baptism Families*

Pray for those families whose children have been baptised in the last year. Pray that they will remember the promises they made and that they will join with us on Sundays. Ask that we will be able to have ongoing contact and be able to support and encourage them.

Tuesday 21st January - Psalm 5 *Mums and Tots Groups*

Thank God for this work in both our churches and for those who serve so faithfully week by week. Pray for a good balance of fun and games alongside the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in a family friendly way. Pray that some of these friendships will lead to new families joining us on Sundays.

Wednesday 22nd January - Psalm 6 *Mission Partners*

Continue to pray for the Myers family as they get to grips with life and work in Ethiopia. Pray that all the family will make new friends and will settle into church life. Remember too the Griffiths in Myanmar as they begin to work with the Baptists. Pray for a profitable partnership, working together for God's glory.

Thursday 23rd January - Psalm 7 *Schools*

Thank God for all those in both our congregations who have an input into our local schools, as teachers, parents, governors and volunteers. Pray for opportunities to show God's love and for wisdom and guidance to be good witnesses for Christ, especially in sensitive and controversial areas.

Friday 24th January - Psalm 8 *Westfield House*

Pray for the team visiting Westfield House today as they share with the elderly residents. Ask God to open hearts and minds to the love of Christ and the hope that He gives for the future. Pray too for staff and visitors that they might hear the good news of the gospel and be willing to engage in conversation afterwards.

Saturday 25th January - Psalm 9 *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 26th January - Psalm 10 *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 27th January - Psalm 11 *Church Office*

Thank God for Jane and all those who help her in various ways. Pray that they will all find joy in serving both the Lord and the church family in this way. Pray for wisdom in prioritising work and in dealing with calls from those outside the church family.

Tuesday 28th January - Psalm 12 *Bell Ringers*

Thank God for this small but faithful group as they call the village to worship each Sunday. Pray that new people will join them so that this service can continue.

Wednesday 29th January - Psalm 13 *Personal Evangelism*

Ask God to give us opportunities to speak and act for Him in the coming week. Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say and help us to speak with love and grace.

Thursday 30th January - Psalm 14 *Mission Partners*

Pray for Paul Hunter working in Lancashire, that he will continue to be faithful and rely on the Lord for strength in all he does. Pray too for Andrew and Christina Haviland teaching at a Christian school in Senegal. Pray for good health and progress in adapting to a different culture and language.

Friday 31st January - Psalm 15 *Thanksgiving*

Thank God for all His many blessings to us and for His continued faithfulness, even when we are not what we should be. Praise God that one day He will transform us and make us the people He longs for us to be.

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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