

WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 5 2017

During Lent in addition to our normal prayer diary we are focussing on praying for our neighbours. These prayers are in italics.

SUNDAY 5

Alan R

As we are praying through Lent for our neighbourhoods Lord, please send more workers for the Harvest and for the spread of the Gospel in our communities.

MONDAY 6 LENT DAY 5

Joanna T

Matthew 13: 1-30 Praying for Good Soil ,

Father, we pray for 'the message of the Kingdom of God' to fall on 'good soil' in our street. We pray protection over seed that has already been sown, so that the worries and cares of this life do not strangle growth or future fruit. We pray for all 'Christians' and not yet Christians to receive Jesus and produce fruits of the Kingdom. Amen

Let us pray for Mike and our Leadership Team that they would know the deep presence of the Lord as they seek Him for leading us into 2017/8 after our AGM.

TUESDAY 7 LENT DAY 6

Jonah 4:6-11 Praying for domestic violence (which includes emotional, sexual and physical harm)

Father, give us a heart of compassion that reflects Your own heart and love for all people. For neighbours who are abusive towards spouses or partners, children or parents; help them turn from their behaviour and realise the damage that they are causing. Bring healing to all concerned. Amen

Remember Simon Guillebaud, his wife Lizzie, children Zac, Grace and Josiah and his work in bringing restoration to Burundi. Lord, we ask that you will bless the GLO teams in their work for justice and reconciliation.

WEDNESDAY 8 LENT DAY 7

Romans 13:1 Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Father, give wisdom and resources to our local Neighbourhood Policing Teams and help them to come to know You. Change the atmosphere of our street, so that people would comment on the 'peaceful atmosphere on our street.' Let no crime be committed on our street. Amen

Remember those who help and attend Wednesday Tea and Tiddlywinks. Lord, we ask that they have fun and family time together but that also the power of Your Spirit will touch them and bring them to a knowledge of You.

THURSDAY 9 LENT DAY 8

Jos DB; John & Hazel S

Matthew 6:25-34 Fear and Worry

Father, we pray for all our neighbours, who are suffering from insomnia due to worrying. In their time of worry, we pray that their hearts will be open to an encounter with You. Bring love where there is fear and faith where there is worry. Bring sleep and peace to those who struggle with this often. Amen

We bring those in need and who are suffering persecution. Lord, thank you for the work of Open Doors, BMS, CSW and the Barnabas Fund who provide support to all those in 'at risk' countries around the world.

FRIDAY 10 LENT DAY 9

Matthew 7:1-6 Do Not Judge

Father, forgive us for the times that we have judged our neighbours, often based on little knowledge of the issues they are facing. Help us to see others the way You see them. Please make us aware of anything we are doing that may be causing resentment among our neighbours. Amen

Pray for those involved in Job Club; Phil, David, Pete B, Peter L, Ro, Sarah, Robin N, Rita and especially for the attendees that they will find appropriate work or a new job quickly.

SATURDAY 11 LENT DAY 10

Psalms 68:6 Elderly Neighbours

Father, we pray that none of our neighbours will lead lives where TV is their main source of company. Bring them into community and set the lonely among a network of friends and people they feel are family. Present opportunities for us to get to know and serve lonely neighbours. Amen.

Remember those who from within our fellowship (Peter, Melanie, Carole, David, Ro) and from other churches who go out onto the streets with HOTS and Street Pastors and seek to reach the lost, the least, the lonely and the hurting in our community.