



Prayer Diary

July 2020

St. Peter's & St. Mark's Intercessions for July 2020

- Wed 1st Pray for the **countries which are currently most affected** by the Coronavirus pandemic: For God's grace and mercy; and for many to be drawn to him during this time.
Give thanks that the **continent of Africa** hasn't yet been affected catastrophically by the pandemic. Pray that this would continue to be the case.
Pray during this time of crisis for **Christian men** to be encouraged in their faith and friendships. Pray that God would lead us to the men in the community that he is drawing to himself (Acts 13:48).
- Thur 2nd **Give thanks** that at time of writing the number of new cases of Coronavirus, and deaths resulting from Coronavirus, is in decline in the UK. Pray that this trend continues.
Give thanks that churches can meet physically, while taking appropriate measures to control the spread of Coronavirus. Pray for **wisdom for the church leadership of the Anlaby Churches** as they work out how and when it is appropriate for us to meet again physically.
- Fri 3rd Pray for our **young people** during this period of lockdown – that God would continue to grow them spiritually and in every way. Pray for **Ablaze** meeting tonight, via Zoom. Pray for encouragement for regular attenders, and that God would lead us to other people who would benefit from being part of the group.
- Sat 4th Give thanks for **WOW (Women of the Word)** and those who attend. Pray for the ladies of the church, that they would be able to connect with one another and with God during this time of isolation.
- Sun 5th We come to God today in **great need of his grace**. As we begin a short series looking at some of the **Psalms**, pray that God would use the Word, prayer and our heartfelt praise to build us up and equip us for his service in the week ahead.
Pray that the Holy Spirit would sustain our faith and spiritual fervour at this time, and that we would all be delighted to meet together again when the time comes.
- Mon 6th “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Pray for **our government** - for wisdom in all decisions that have to be made at this time.
Pray for **those taking annual leave** over the next couple of months, whether at home or away. Pray for refreshment, rest and encouragement, and that they would return ready to enjoy and serve the Lord and his people in the year ahead.

- Tue 7th Pray for **church family members at work**, including those working at home at the moment – that they might be equipped to serve and honour God in all that they do (Colossians 3:23).
We meet to pray **virtually (via Zoom) at church family night** tonight. Why not join us if you are able? Please pray that we would be increasingly dependent on our good God for everything, and that we would pray without ceasing.
- Wed 8th Give thanks for our generous God and the many gifts that he has given you, and the church family, recently. Following our recent sermon series on Generosity, pray that he would **increasingly form us into a generous people**, reflecting his character of joyful, other-person-centred, generous love.
- Thur 9th **Stephen Cottrell** is licensed as the new Archbishop of York today. Please pray that he would lead with wisdom at this time of great difficulty for the Diocese and the Church of England, and with faithfulness as he carries out the charge from the Apostle Paul to teach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27-28).
- Fri 10th Give thanks for our **midweek groups**, including Noah's Ark, Stars, Light Lunches, Ablaze, the midweek communion, and the Saturday Coffee Morning. Pray for wisdom for the leaders to know how to keep in touch with members during this time.
- Sat 11th Pray for those in the church family who are **struggling** at the moment – with ill health, relationship problems, bereavement, depression, stress, discontentment, or financial or work difficulties. Pray that God would be their shepherd in the darkness (Psalm 23).
Pray for those on the **parish sick list**, that God would strengthen them in their faith and would bring healing.
- Sun 12th “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs” (Psalm 100:1-2). Pray that each of us would **encounter the living God** in worship today, and find our joy in him.
- Mon 13th Give thanks for our **Church Wardens, Chris and Jenny**, and pray for God's strength and guidance in their work and responsibilities, including during this time of uncertainty. Give thanks also for our **pastoral team**, led by Tony King and Hannah Johnson. Pray that together we would effectively care for all in the church family at this time. Pray that the Lord would give us the leaders we need as we look to the future.
- Tue 14th **Life groups** are meeting virtually this evening. Pray for encouragement, and growth in faith and friendships.
Pray for our **online presence** as a church – website, Facebook, and YouTube channel. Give thanks for all who make this presence possible. Pray that God would draw many people to himself through these platforms.
Pray that as a church family we would continue to pray for our neighbours and friends, and to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith.
- Wed 15th Give thanks for the **West Hull Churches** with whom we work closely – All Saints North Ferriby, St Barnabas Swanland, St Andrew's Kirk Ella, St Luke's Willerby, St Nicholas Hull, St Martin's Hull, and Living Hope Church. Pray that the Lord would use our partnership in the gospel to grow his Kingdom. **The West Hull prayer**

- meeting** gathers this morning (presently via Zoom), and each Wednesday during term time.
- Thur 16th **Hull 2030** will be meeting virtually today. Praise God for bringing up to 15 leaders together every six weeks or so to plan and pray for churches to be planted across Hull. Pray for encouragement, and wisdom to know how we can keep reaching out with the gospel during this time of lockdown.
Give thanks for the **young adults** at the Anlaby Churches. Pray for the group for young adults – that they would be encouraged in their faith and grow in friendship and number.
- Fri 17th Pray for an **area of the Anlaby Communities** that we are not currently reaching with the good news of Jesus. Pray that God would raise up a ministry to reach the people living in that area.
- Sat 18th Give thanks for the **Coronavirus Emergency Network** seeking to bring relief to Christians facing the triple challenge of Coronavirus, locust plague and persecution. Pray that financial support would go to those who need it most. Pray also for persecuted Christians throughout the world, that God would give them grace to keep trusting him even unto death. Pray for their persecutors to be convicted of their sin and to trust Christ as their Saviour.
- Sun 19th Pray that our worship today would honour God's name and be attractive to newcomers as we express our delight in and dependence on Jesus Christ.
Take some time today to enjoy being a child of your heavenly Father, and relating to him.
- Mon 20th Pray for **Steve Wilcox** as he continues to lead the church family through this difficult time. Pray for good health, energy, wisdom and refreshment.
Give thanks for **Jo Hepworth**, working hard in her role as church administrator, currently working from home. Pray for wisdom, energy and love for her as she carries out her vital role.
- Tues 21st Pray for those among our church family who are **lonely or anxious** at this time. Pray that they would find all that they need as they cast their burdens on the Lord Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7).
The **afternoon Life group** meets today.
- Wed 22nd Give thanks for the many ways in which members of the church family are using their gifts and time to build up the church and to support the community at this time. Pray for those in the church family lacking a sense of purpose – that God would lead them in the good works he's prepared for them (Ephesians 2:10).
- Thur 23rd "I (the LORD) will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). Pray for a softening of hearts and renewing of spirits in the Anlaby communities. Pray that **God would glorify his name** by building his church here in the Anlaby Communities!
- Fri 24th Pray for those in our church family and in the community who are **vulnerable or at high-risk** in the face of the Coronavirus. Pray for God's protection. Pray also that he would help his people to trust him (Philippians 4:6-7).
Give thanks for all who are **seeking to help vulnerable people** at this time. Pray

for the Foodbanks in Hull, and the initiatives of the Parish council and the NHS.
Pray for the many **older people** in the community, including in care homes. Many older people are lonely and vulnerable – particularly at this time. Pray that many more older people would find rest and hope in Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:28-30).

- Sat 25th The usual **Christian summer camps** for young people (eg CYFA, Titus Trust etc) can't take place physically this year due to Coronavirus. However, a number of **virtual camps** will be taking place online instead. Pray that many people take the opportunity to join one of these camps, and grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ as a result.
- Sun 26th "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). Pray that as we hear God's Word today we would **encounter Jesus Christ** by his Spirit and be renewed to rejoice in him and live for him in the week ahead.
Give thanks for the new people who have joined our church family recently. Pray that God would continue to bring into our family one new family, couple or individual.
- Mon 27th A number of us have enjoyed the ministry of the Keswick Convention over the years. "**Virtually Keswick**" takes place this week. Pray that God uses this to bring blessing and encouragement to many. Why not join in at <https://vk.keswickministries.org/>
- Tues 28th Give thanks for **doctors, nurses and other key workers** who are performing such a critical role at this time. Pray for God's protection and provision. Pray also for patients – for many to recover, and to cry out to God during their time of need. Pray for Christians working in key roles, for confidence in God's shepherd care, and that they would "shine like stars". (Philippians 2:15).
- Wed 29th Pray for our focus this year, to "**Be transformed into the likeness of Christ as a church family and as individuals, by God's grace and through prayer**". Pray that this would be true of each of us individually, and as a church, as we focus our attention on Jesus Christ and become more like him by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Pray for a particular aspect of your own character that you are asking God to transform to be more like the Lord Jesus.
- Thur 30th "**Out of the depths O Lord I cry to you**" (Psalm 130:1). Bring before the Lord a situation that you find frustrating or challenging, and ask him to work. "My soul waits for the Lord" (Psalm 130:6) – Commit yourself to wait for him to answer in his way.
- Fri 31st Give thanks for **Nicholas and Amanda Haydock, and for Adam Young**, who have plans to serve God overseas in the next few months. Pray that travel would be possible, for funding, for safety, and for visas so they can serve the Lord in the areas he is calling them.



'This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."' (Matthew 6:9-10).