

Home Family

Colossians 1:1– 14

- * Pray that we might get to know God better. Asking God to fill us with the knowledge of His will. (v9)
- * Pray that we may have increased spiritual wisdom that we might see things from His point of view.
- * Pray that we all may bear fruit as a result of lives sold out for God. (v10)
- * Pray that we all may be increasingly spiritually strengthened (v11)
- * Pray that we all may never lose the thrill of being saved (v12-14)

Message Translation

(v11 & 12)

We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us

THE SACRIFICE by Kate Austin

This is a hard piece
It was hard to make
It is hard to see
Jesus had never known sin
Or darkness within
He was clean
He chose to carry
The sin of all mankind
From the beginning of time
To its end
Our sin broke Him
Into a thousand pieces
It was a hard thing He did
Let us acknowledge humbly
And accept thankfully



School girls kidnapped by Boko Haram in Nigeria

Update:

Around 50 of the girls have managed to escape but two have died from snakebites. Girls continue to be captured and Churches are targeted for terrorist attack. Boko Haram leader said *"I will sell them in the market by Allah. I will sell them off and marry them off...."* There are many more girls kidnapped regularly in Nigeria

Please Pray:

- That though they walk in the midst of trouble, the Lord will preserve their lives and save them with His right hand (Psalm 138:7)
- Lift up their families to the Lord, praying that the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7)
- Pray that this terrible episode will make the world wake up to the danger posed by Boko Haram and that the international community will help the Nigerian government in its wider struggle against the militants.

Barnabas Fund

Please pray for Dr. Stephen Davis who is currently negotiating for the victims' release. Pray for God's protection and wisdom to surround him.

Prayer Focus

July & August 2014



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Engaging: Greater Integration Within the Church

We will see the results of proactive hospitality and friendship-based engagement with those on the periphery of the church, welcoming them closer into the core family as they grow in their own experience of life-transforming faith.

We will pursue new ways to strengthen our 'one church family', spanning all ages and cultures with a renewed focus on integration and communication.

Please Pray:

That we will discover new ways to involve and care for each other throughout the church. There will be a greater sense of unity which draws people in to a warm, healing and inclusive family of God.

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling where God lives by his spirit

Ephesians 19:21-22



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Persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria

Christians in Iraq desperately need our prayers following the capture of vast swathes of their homeland by fighters from Islamic group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS). Thousands of Christians have been forced to flee their homes since jihadist militants seized the cities of Mosul and Tikrit in an invasion that began on 6th June.

ISIS has published rules for people living in Mosul that include sharia penalties such as the amputation of limbs for thieves, crucifixion for criminals and the death penalty for apostasy. All women are required to cover themselves and not leave their homes unless necessary. Similar rules have been imposed in territories the group controls in Syria, where its militants are notorious for carrying out beheadings, crucifixions and other brutal atrocities.

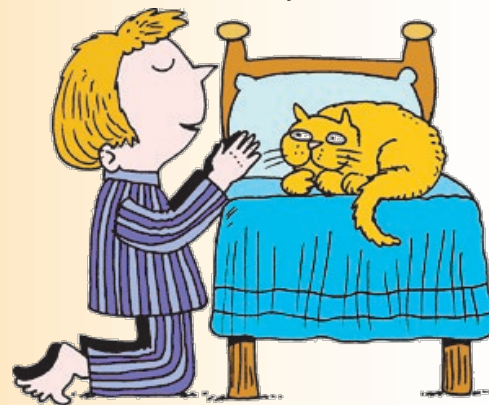
Pray that Christians in Iraq and Syria will find refuge in the Lord, their stronghold in times of trouble (Psalm 9:9); that the tide of Islamist aggression will be turned back and that the Lord will protect and provide for His people.



Personal Prayer

Prayer excerpt from 'Why Revival waits' by Selwyn Hughes

Heavenly Father, I come to you in Jesus' Name.....
Search my heart at this moment....
and expose any wicked ways that may be in me.
I want to be the person you want me to be.
I repent of the wrongs in my life, show them to me whatever they are;
lukewarmness, indifference to the lost, lack of prayer, lack of passionate prayer, neglect of the Bible, compromise, resentment towards others, pride.
Oh God, forgive me for my pride.
I renounce it and turn from it now in Your presence.
I bundle all these things together and bring them to the foot of the cross.
I receive your forgiveness, Help me to start afresh this day.
Change me by your grace, forgive me and restore me,
Set my heart on fire for you, that I will be unafraid to witness to my friends and family.
May I never be ashamed of You.
Send revival to the land.....
And start the work in me.
In Jesus' Name I pray.
Amen



Get into the prayer habit

WBC at Detling

A group of Free and Fearless souls will be attending the Detling celebration this year from WBC. Fearless not least because the youth will also be there! This is an exciting opportunity for some of our church to worship and spend a week together praising our Lord and having fun.

Please Pray:

The Holy Spirit will move among us and we will return to WBC refreshed and ready to follow Jesus closer than before. As we meet with other Christians, may we bless each other and recognise that we all follow the same shepherd.

For the Youth, Please Pray:

The Holy Spirit speaks to their hearts, that they quickly settle into meeting with God and are able to accept all that Detling has to offer. May we pray that every youngster who attends will be so changed that they become leaders wherever God sends them and will embrace opportunities to integrate within our church family in Willesborough.

Ashford Street Pastors

Give thanks to God that the Street Pastors have been accepted in Ashford and that they continue to share the love of God, meeting the needs of people where they are on a weekly basis.

Please Pray:

For more volunteers both on the streets and prayer backers at base and from their own homes. It would be wonderful to have so many volunteers that the work could be extended further.

There is a possibility of a new initiative for friendship evangelism to take place at Willesborough Infant and Junior school from September. Please pray for God's direction and equipping for all involved.

Please see Terry Golding if you feel you could help in any way.



Praise our Lord!

Nicki Diamond would like to thank everyone who recently prayed for her daughter:

Kim has epilepsy which is controlled with medication. With prayer from my home group, her pregnancy was fit free and all her other medical issues also subsided. She did have a nasty 4 minute seizure two days before giving birth. They were two very anxious days were many people prayed. Kim went into labour after having only 4 hours sleep since the seizure when she would usually sleep for at least 12 immediately afterwards. This was again a very anxious time with the risk of further seizures. Praise God, Amelia-Rose, my very precious granddaughter was born naturally and safely weighing a healthy 7lb 6oz. I have been able to witness to both my daughter and her partner how everyone had been praying. Both Mum and daughter are doing really well and I thank God for all who prayed then and regularly join me in praying for them.

Prayers and Thanksgiving

Women of Willesborough

The aim of WOW is to encourage one another and to grow in faith through thought provoking events and fellowship. WOW would like to thank God for his continued guidance and provision for the next years events. Please pray this ministry touches all women and brings a deeper level of support and unity as we face the future together.

Men's Ministry

There are a number of events planned in the coming months specifically to reach out to 'not yet believing' men. Please pray that the men in church will be bold enough to invite their friends that have yet to meet Jesus. Please pray that the men in our lives join the men's prayer group and pray God's work into being in WBC.

Youth Ministry

We really want the youth to make the step from being a Christian youth club to being a committed youth church. We will be thinking about mission and how to implement that in our daily and weekly routine.

Paper Deliveries

We are distributing an evangelistic newspaper, 'Good News' bi-monthly. We encourage you to pray for those living in the roads we are covering: Romney Road, Hunter Road and Albemarle Road that received deliveries in July.

Cradlebridge Drive, Foxglove Green, Birch Close, Sandilands, Ashburton, Foxglove Road, Holmlea, Woodlands Road and Clive Dennis Court plus 35 in Natters which receive newspapers in August.

Ashford Food Bank

Please remember the important work of the food bank in your prayers. Did you know in Ashford, we have areas with 30 percent child poverty and 19 percent working age and pensioner poverty? The food bank provides a minimum of 3 days emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

Prayer chain

Remember to send any prayer requests to Lita Guy at: lita@goddardfarm.co.uk 01233 720506

