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The Gospel of John - Chapter 15 Verse 13

¹³ "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

To my fellow Christians...

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,

Adam Jenkins

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Prayer topics...

1st - 5th As we begin a new month with a new Prime Minister, pray this week for our government. Pray that they make decisions that will be beneficial for everyone who lives in the United Kingdom, particularly with energy bills going up over the next few weeks and months.

Week beginning 6th November

Collect: Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray this week for all those who have been affected by the increasingly unpredictable weather, particularly those who have been displaced and have lost their lives owing to Hurricane Julia. Pray that those shaken by the events will turn to God for help and support and that He will answer their pleas.

Also, pray for those who are enforcing justice in countries devastated by war. Pray that they carry it out with fairness and sympathy for all those who are suffering owing to conflicts across the world.

Week beginning 13th November

Collect: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this Remembrance Sunday and throughout the rest of this week, remember in your prayers all those who have died as a result of war or terrorism, both current and throughout history. Thank God that he hears the cries of those who are mourning – not one tear shed will be forgotten or unaccounted for.

Also, pray for Ministry teams both locally and across the country who are holding Remembrance services on Sunday. Pray that they will continue to lead us with humility, love, patience and gentleness.

Week beginning 20th November

Collect: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

As we commemorate Christ the King today, we pray for our Church across the world and that people of every race and background may be welcomed, and that Christians of every denomination may understand the gift that He has bestowed upon us.

Also this week, ask God to help our authorities in bringing people who have done wrong to justice. Pray that the guilty will be caught and appropriately punished, and that Christians working in the police force will ask God to help to do the right thing.

Week beginning 29th November

Collect: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As we begin the season of Advent today, pray that Lord Jesus will come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls, and that he will grant all those who have departed this life a share in His victory over evil and death.

Also this week, pray for all those who are suffering due to human trafficking. Ask God to use the police force and justice system to find, prosecute and punish the perpetrators. Even if they are not found, rejoice that Christ is a perfect judge and that God will hold all evildoers to account for their actions when the time is right.



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