

Prayer Focus - July



PRAYER FOR OPEN DOORS

Colossians 4:2-6 NIV

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Ephesians 6:18-20 NIV

"And pray in the Spirit with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

Reflection

I love Paul's passion for prayer. You can feel it spilling over as he writes. Just as these words were an inspiration to the believers in the early church, they are an inspiration to us now to live a prayer filled life. As we read these scriptures I believe that God is encouraging us to remain steadfast in prayer.

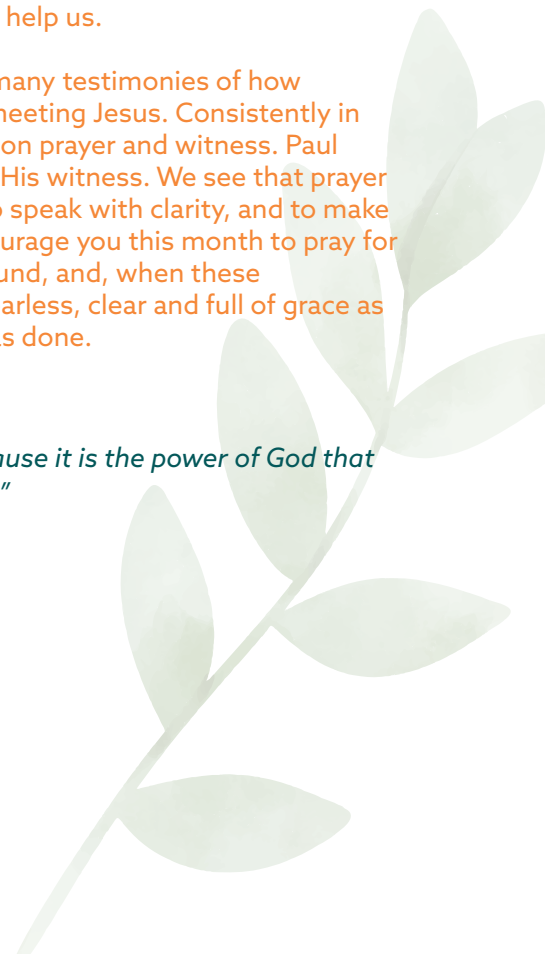
When writing to the church in Ephesus Paul also gives us a key to enable us to pray for any situation or circumstance that we may find ourselves in. He directs us to "pray in the spirit". A Greek word that is used to describe the Holy Spirit is "Paracletos", which means "one called alongside to help".

Today, the Holy Spirit stands with us, right beside us, ready to help us to pray. If we are honest there are many times when don't have the words to pray, or feel tired and weary as we come to prayer. The great thing is that there is never a occasion when we stand alone in prayer. The Holy Spirit is alongside us to strengthen us, to lead us, and to inspire us in prayer. We just have to lean into Him, and ask Him to help us.

Over the last few weeks, I have heard so many testimonies of how people's lives have been transformed by meeting Jesus. Consistently in every conversion story was the combination prayer and witness. Paul points to the fact that prayer empowered His witness. We see that prayer opens doors for us to share, enables us to speak with clarity, and to make the most of every opportunity. Can I encourage you this month to pray for open doors to share Jesus with those around, and, when these opportunities appear, that we would be fearless, clear and full of grace as we testify to who Jesus is and what He has done.

Romans 1:16 NIV

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes"



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● Prayer Zoom @ 7:30pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Harvest Alliance <i>(South East Hub meeting in Cambridge)</i>	2 Ukraine <i>(Pray for Peace, an end to the war)</i>	3 Dairy Farm Project <i>(Successful completion of temporary cow shed and 5 ladies who will run the farm)</i>
4 CAP <i>(Debt Coaches and Befriender Team)</i>	5 HHCC <i>(David and Caroline)</i>	6 Schools in our Community <i>(Teachers, support workers and students)</i>	7 Cornergate Foundation <i>(Kim Hobbs and Jo Hobbs and all the volunteer team)</i>	8 Ukraine <i>(Pray for People, everyone affected by the crisis)</i>	9 Dacorum Street Pastors <i>(For ALL of the Street Pastors, Prayer Team and Trustees)</i>	10 CAP <i>(All clients and families)</i>
11 Transformation School India <i>(Seenu & Glory who lead the school and work in Company Village)</i>	12 Route 61 <i>(Derek & Penny and Kenyan Team)</i>	13 New Horizons Christian Fellowship, Nepal <i>(For Pastors, Bijay and Jyoti, and the successful completion of new church building construction)</i> ●	14 HHCC <i>(Church Family)</i>	15 Ukraine <i>(Pray for Protection)</i>	16 All Churches in Hemel <i>(For unity among all believers and church leaders)</i>	17 HHCC <i>(Leaders and Trustees)</i>
18 DENS and other agencies working with the homeless in Hemel	19 Liberty Team Rooms and Community Hub <i>(All staff and volunteers)</i>	20 New Horizons Christian Fellowship Vellore, India <i>(Pastors, Yohan and Priti, and Church Leadership Team)</i>	21 The Mount Prison Bovingdon	22 Youth Across Hemel <i>(All of the volunteer team)</i>	23 Ukraine <i>(Pray for Politicians and Leaders)</i>	24 Emergency Services Serving Hemel <i>(Police, Fire and Ambulance)</i>
25 Monday Night Men's Group, led by Julian Hobbs	26 Discovery <i>(Andrew Masters and volunteer team working in primary schools in Hemel)</i>	27 Local Government and Councillors ●	28 Foodbank <i>(Every person using the foodbank, all the staff and volunteer team)</i>	29 Ukraine <i>(Pray for Refugees)</i>	30 Hearts for Kids <i>(Staff and volunteers in China and all the children they are working with)</i>	31 HHCC <i>(Life Groups)</i>