

*Hear me as I pray. O
Lord. Be merciful and
answer me! My heart has
heard you say, Come and
talk with me, "And my
heart responds, "Lord I
am coming."*

Psalm 27:7-8



PARISH OF ST. PETER'S, HALLIWELL
'Transforming Bolton Together in Jesus' Name'

**HOPE IN
THE LORD**

**A
Week
of
Prayer**



PRAYER DIARY

29TH JANUARY - 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

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they will walk and not grow faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

24-7 Virtual Prayer Room
<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/c251fa/>



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Welcome to our Week of Prayer

Congratulations for opening the prayer diary and looking at the first page – the challenge now is to keep using it throughout the week ahead!

If you are a regular committed pray-er then this week will be a breeze, but if you're just starting out let me give you a few tips. Firstly, don't be hung-up on praying in a special holy language, try simply speaking to God as a close friend or loving parent. Second, motivate yourself with the assurance that prayer changes things for good – it might not feel like things are happening as you pray, but trust me they are! If we want to see breakthroughs in our lives and our mission as a church then these will only happen on the back of fervent prayer. Third, it takes a while to 'warm-up' in prayer sometimes, but I've found that if I persist then I suddenly realise time has passed without me even noticing – give it a try!

I'll be praying that as you join on this prayer mission with friends across the parish you will develop a new and deeper relationship with God, and a new appetite to battle in prayer, and most of all you will all experience answers to prayer that will result in breakthroughs in our mission to transform our town and community.

Be sure to come along to any of the prayer meetings across the parish. If you haven't yet registered, then sign-up for an hour in the virtual prayer room by going to: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/c251fa/>. And make a special effort if you can join us at the end of week grand finale at the parish-wide 6.30_{pm} service on Sunday 5th February.

Thanks so much and God bless,



Rev. Alan Saunders



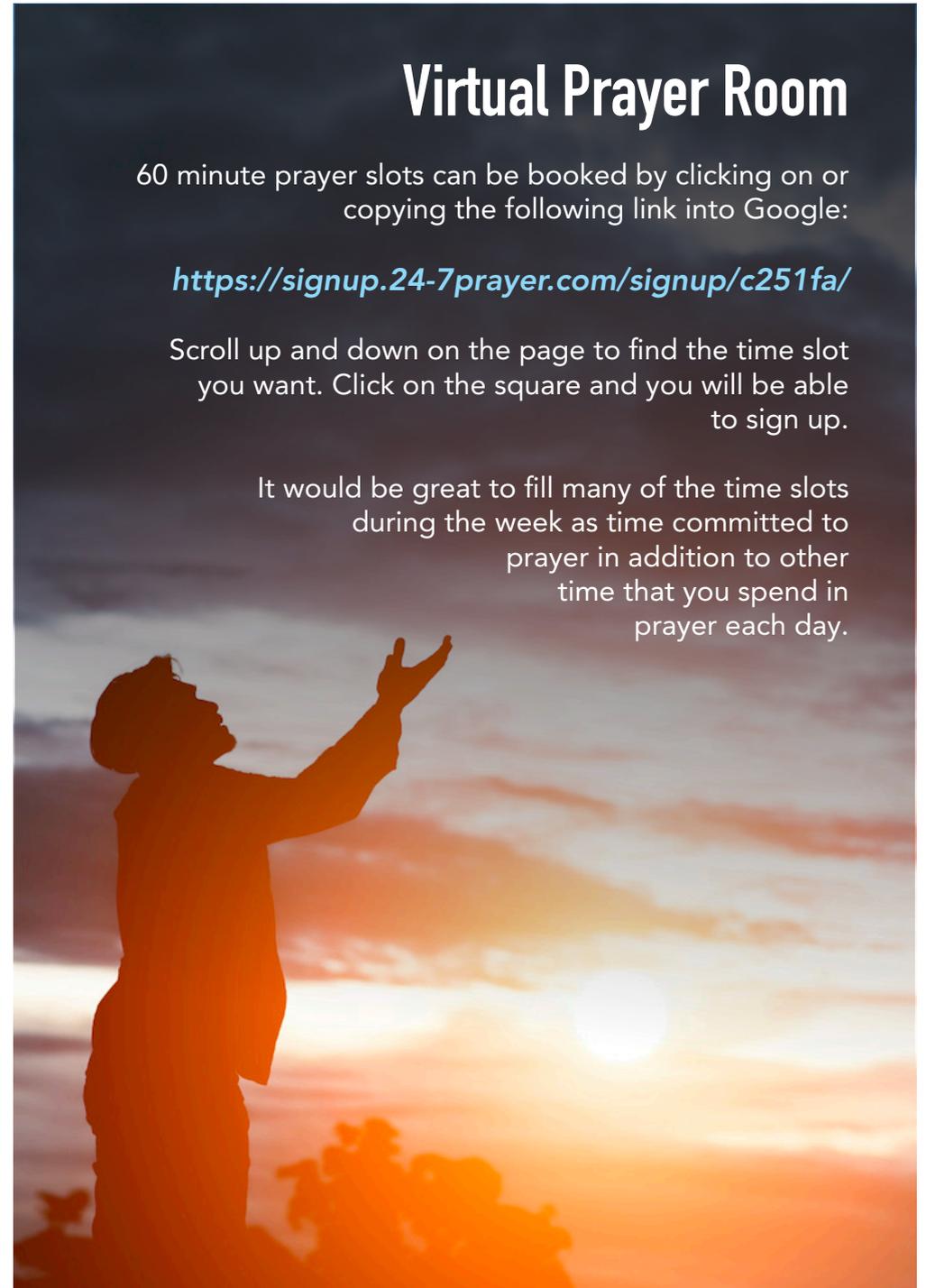
Virtual Prayer Room

60 minute prayer slots can be booked by clicking on or copying the following link into Google:

<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/c251fa/>

Scroll up and down on the page to find the time slot you want. Click on the square and you will be able to sign up.

It would be great to fill many of the time slots during the week as time committed to prayer in addition to other time that you spend in prayer each day.



Sunday 5th February

*"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever.
Amen."*

Praise and Thank God:

- Kingdom – the Lord is in control and we can trust His divine will.
- Power – God has power that was available to people in the Bible (*see Hebrews 11*) and is still available to believing people today as we trust Him to do in and through us that which will glorify Him.
- Glory – all the glory belongs to God and, as we seek to do God's will and glorify His name, His power is available to us.
- Forever – God is the eternal King and His Kingdom is 'an everlasting kingdom' (*Psalms 145:13*). In Jesus we have eternal life and have been 'made perfect forever' (*Hebrews 10:14*).
- Amen – 'May it be so' – when by faith, we say 'Amen' to a promise of God, that promise will be honoured to the glory of God.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are Yours.
Now and for ever.
Amen.*

Worship

'Our Father' – Bethel Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eIVSWdBaTE>

Sunday 29th January

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Isaiah 40:31

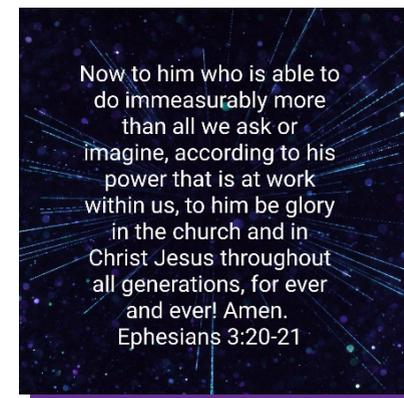
Words from the song...

*"How good is the God we adore! Our faithful, unchangeable friend:
His love is as great as His power and knows neither measure nor end.
For Christ is the First and the Last; His Spirit will guide us safe home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come."*

Praise and Thank God:

We take time to reflect on the year that has passed and praise and thank our Father in Heaven for all His blessings.

- for the new things He has begun in the Body of Christ here
- for the work we've been able to do
- for the help we have given
- for the support we have found from those around us
- for friendships, families, colleagues, neighbours
- for those unexpected moments of joy and celebration.



Prayer

Lord thank you for what is possible when everyone gets involved in praying, serving and giving. Thank you that you multiply more than we could ever ask or imagine. **Nicky Gumbel**

Worship

'Praise Him Forever' – Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aB2ecbWX28>

Monday 30th January

“They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Prayer is not always straight forward, sometimes it seems that we have to wrestle with God. **Genesis 32:22-32; Colossians 4:12**

Worship

‘The Lord’s Prayer’ – Hillsong Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCxqjEz5hJ4>

Give thanks for

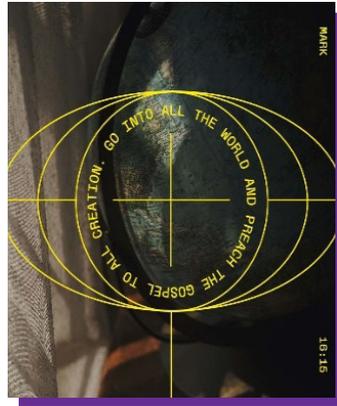
- our church and church family for the worship we enjoy and the fellowship we enjoy
- for the opportunities we have to deepen our faith.

Pray for:

- God’s church on earth
- that all Christians find new life in Jesus Christ
- that all those you meet.....might see something of Jesus
- that the church will overflow with the reality of the presence of Jesus. **(Justin Welby)**
- Outreach to young people through the ministry of the PAIS team.
- Opportunities to reach out to our communities
- Unity and collaborative working between the churches to see God’s kingdom come in Bolton – through outreach events and coming together to pray.
- Outreach to our community – making the most of new opportunities that the Lord presents to us.

Prayer

Lord help us to be a community that brings your light to a dark world. Pour out your Spirit and revive your Church. **Amen**



Saturday 4th February

The eternal state is not to be a shadow of our former self. It is to be fully human again, an embodied life in which we may run and not grow weary – walk and not be faint. **(Steve Brady)**

Worship

‘A Christian’s Daily Prayer – Sovereign Grace Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBgX7WetmAQ>

Pray for:

For those you know who are being tested and going through trials at this time, that they will know God is with them and will stand strong in their faith.

- Against the work of the devil in our town – poverty; physical and sexual abuse; sickness; ill health; mental health needs; self-harm; suicidal thoughts; anger; isolation; immorality.
- For a move of God in our town – bringing Godly prosperity; love and compassion; health and wholeness; peace and joy; community; self-worth; purpose in life; morality.
- For Christians in other countries who are being persecuted for their faith or are living in the midst of conflict.

Prayer

Father, you never promised us that life would be easy but Your Word reminds us that you are always with us.

As we face times of testing, thank You that You have given us Your armour to help us stand against the evil one.

Help us to steer through the battles and blessings that lie ahead. Help us to live by the values of the Sermon on the Mount and be characterised by the Beatitudes so we can be salt and light in the world around us.



Friday 3rd February

"Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us." Luke 11:4

When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, we receive forgiveness for our sin, which Jesus paid the debt for when He died on the cross and rose again, and secure eternal life. However, we still succumb to temptation and sin and this robs us of fellowship with the Lord, so we need to continue asking for God's forgiveness on a daily basis.

Worship

'Forgiven' – Sovereign Grace Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9v3v1C8K0mc>

Pray:

- That God would remind you of the ways in which you have sinned in thought, word or deed and confess these sins to God.
- Thank God that when you confess your sins, He forgives you.
- Accept God's forgiveness and let go of any guilt you are holding on to because of sin.
- For anyone you have hurt through your words and / or actions, that your relationship would be restored.
- Forgiveness for those who have hurt you.

Prayer

*Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.*

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

*Wash away our wrong doing and cleanse
us from our sin.*

*Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your
salvation,*

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Tuesday 31st January

"Your will be done." Matthew 6:10

Praying this prayer means that our prayers may not be answered as we would want. There are many examples in the Bible of people not getting their prayers answered
(e.g. Hebrews 11:13; 2 Samuel 12:16,18; Luke 22:42; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

Worship

'I Surrender' – Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgsqfjRslzA>

Pray

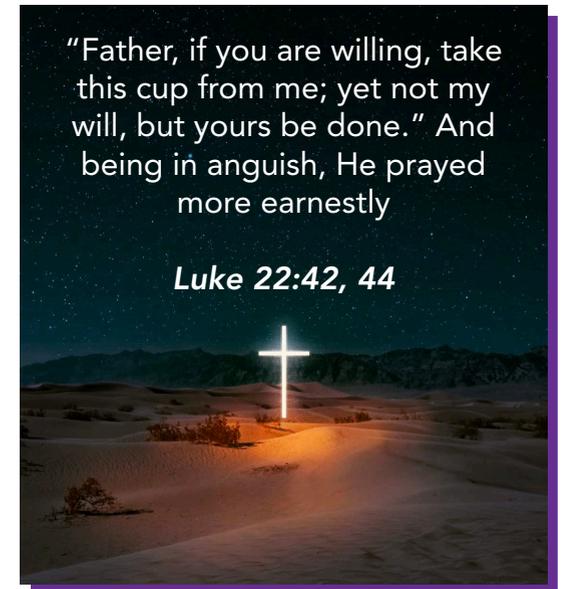
- 'Your will be done' in my life.
- For forgiveness for putting our desires ahead of God's will.
- About our unanswered prayers – that we would know God's will in these situations.
- For other people who are struggling with unanswered prayer.
- For God's will to be done in our church and in our community.

*All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live
I surrender all,
I surrender all
All to Thee,
my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.*

**Hymn by
Judson W. Van De Venter**

*"Father, if you are willing, take
this cup from me; yet not my
will, but yours be done." And
being in anguish, He prayed
more earnestly*

Luke 22:42, 44



Wednesday 1st February

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Isaiah 40:31

'Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in heaven, but for getting God's will done on earth.' (**Robert Law**).

True prayer is a partnership between heaven and earth and we must be available to be used by God to answer our prayers.

Worship

'In Jesus Name (God of Possible)' – Katy Nichole

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VukxLI6HLE>

We Pray with HOPE for:

- Those people we know who need God's healing – physically, mentally, emotionally.
- Family and friends who do not yet know God that they would encounter the Lord and come to faith.
- People we know who were once part of the church but are not currently worshipping with us, that they would come back into fellowship.
- People who have been hurt by the Church that they would find healing, be able to forgive, and worship the Lord once again.

We pray with HOPE

Lord God, we pray that You will open the eyes of those who do not yet know You that they will turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to Your power. May they know Your truth and be set free by that truth.

Lord, we pray for those who have wandered away from You that You would draw them to Yourself and help them to love You once again with all their heart, soul and strength.

Lord, we also pray for those who need Your healing touch that You would give them strength for the days ahead. May they know Your peace, presence and comfort in the difficult times and be assured that they are safe in Your hand. **Amen.**

(Acts 26:18; John 8:32; Deuteronomy 6:5; Isaiah 41:10)

Thursday 2nd February

Those who hope in the Lord... will soar on wings like eagles; will run and not grow weary, will walk and not be faint.

At its simplest and most obvious, prayer means asking God for help, and expecting Him to answer, naturally or supernaturally, by whatever means He sees fit. 'Daily bread' takes us back to God feeding his people in the wilderness with manna that only remained fresh for a day. A reminder to pray for today's needs rather than tomorrow's wants.

Worship

'Jireh' – Elevation Worship and Maverick City

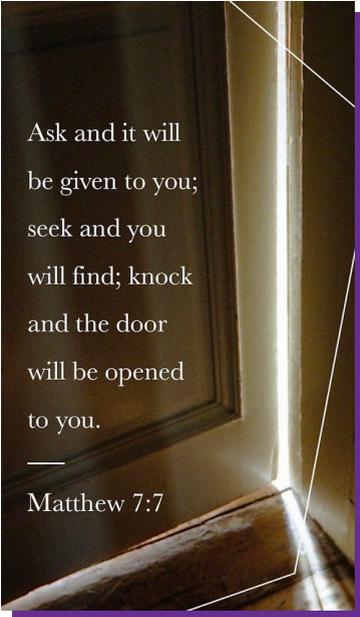
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1clPUqyQeG4>

A Prayer

Father God, we thank You that no situation is too far out of your control to provide, for You are Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides. We pray for ourselves and for those we know who are in need. Your word tells us not to worry about what we will eat or drink but instead to seek Your kingdom as You will provide. Help us to turn away from worry and trust that You are aware of all our needs and will answer. Thank You, Father. **Amen.**

Pray with HOPE for:

- Those people in our town who do not have enough food to feed their family.
- Those who are struggling to pay their bills due to increases in the cost of living.
- Businesses in our town that are struggling to survive.
- CAP Debt Centre – Sam and her team as they reach out to those in need in Bolton.
- for future clients to find a way out of debt and a positive lifestyle moving forward.
- God to show you how you can offer support to someone in need.



Ask and it will
be given to you;
seek and you
will find; knock
and the door
will be opened
to you.

Matthew 7:7