

## **CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD Prayertime for the Day**

**(week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021)**



**OUR WATCHWORD: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Ephesians 6 v10**

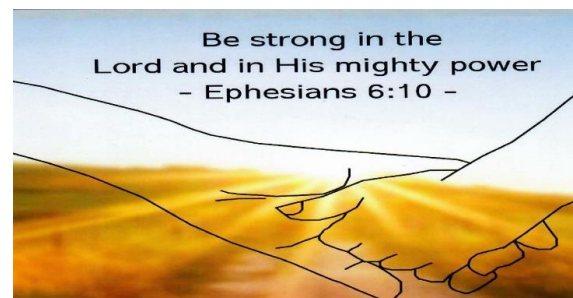
- 1. A prayer of praise at the start of a new year.** Almighty Father, beginning and end of all we are and the hope to which we cling, it is to you alone we bring our sacrifice of praise. Jesus Christ, Word of God becoming flesh, in whose footsteps we now tread, it is to your feet that we humbly bow in service. Holy Spirit, creating breath and life to all, a living presence within our hearts, it is in your power that we can do all things. Father, Son and Spirit. Three in One. Be the unity between our lives, the light by which we see and the rock upon which we walk today and all days. Amen
- 2. A prayer for those who are worried.** At the start of a New Year, Father, we ask that you draw close to those who may be fearful of what is to come. Worries and concerns over this new strain of coronavirus, the vaccine rollout and job security are among several things that may be worrying many people. Father, may they experience the peace of mind that only you can give. "Let not their hearts be troubled and may they not be afraid." In your precious name, we pray. Amen.
- 3. A prayer for all our schools.** Lord of our lives, we bring all schoolchildren before you now. You know that many of them have had a difficult time since the first lockdown in March. We think particularly of those from deprived backgrounds or who experience unsafe environments in their homes. We pray that all schools can reopen in early January and that mass coronavirus testing of pupils will be successful. Thank you, Lord, for teachers and those working in schools who have already done so much to continue children's education and to keep them safe. We ask that you would renew their strength at the start of this new term. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen. ([atimetoprayer@mulberry-house.com](mailto:atimetoprayer@mulberry-house.com))
- 4. A prayer for our health services.** Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; and we give thanks for the news that a further vaccine will be used to combat Covid 19, may it be used quickly, safely and effectively to bring relief to many who are fearful. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- 5. Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch or a sense of the Lord's comfort from His Holy Spirit.**

### **Song:**

A song to remind us that God is our hope and strength and He is in charge of our lives, "Father I place into Your Hands."

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

**Merciful father. Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**



## **BIBLE PASSAGES.**

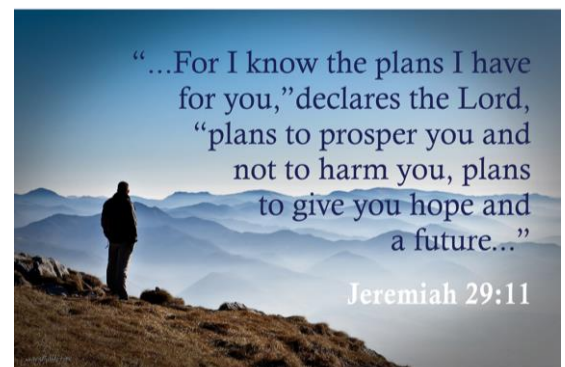
<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ***Ephesians 6 v 10-18***

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ***Jeremiah ch 29 v 11-13***



### **A PRAYER OF HOPE AFTER A DIFFICULT YEAR**



Dear God, Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favour as with a shield, and we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without You, we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Debbie McDaniel (*Christianity.com*)