

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH APPLEY BRIDGE**

### **Prayertime for the Day (week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021)**



**1. A prayer of Thanks.**

Light of light, Lord of Lords, God of this world and the next, We give you thanks for the promise of this day, We give you thanks for the challenge of this day, We give you thanks for the blessings of this day. Light of light, Lord of Lords, God of this world and the next, We give you thanks, Amen.

*(faithandworship.com)*

**2. A prayer for all at this time.**

We pray for everyone in our global family who is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, for those in our own parish, and for those who live in countries where healthcare is limited and poverty brings enormous challenges. May God grant us all the gift of an open-hearted, generous and compassionate response to those in need. Amen

*(cafod.org)*

**3. A prayer for India.** Heavenly Father, we pray for the country of India as they battle against the new wave of Covid. Move the nations of the world to assist in providing the health equipment they need to bring it under control. Amen.

**4. A prayer of thanks for Grandparents.**

Gentle Saviour, we thank you for the wisdom, listening ear and practical help that many grandparents can give, especially to those who share their Christian faith. Please draw near to any grandparents who would love to spend more time with their grandchildren. Many have been unable to do so, due to Covid restrictions. Help them to pray and find ways to communicate their love for them. For your glory. Amen. *(blackburnprayers.)*

**5. A prayer during the local elections.**

Lord, we pray for local councils and local councillors that they would have the resources and the wisdom to work in ways that build up and support their local communities. Amen.

**6. A prayer for healing.**

For those weighed down by ill health, bring wholeness to body, mind and spirit. For those weighed down by worry, bring wisdom, peace and reassurance. For those weighed down by fear, bring freedom, release and liberation. For those weighed down by sadness, bring comfort, strength and joy. Amen. *(faithandworship.com)*

**7. Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch or a sense of the Lord's comfort from His Holy Spirit. Amen**

**Song:**

**One the many Charles Wesley hymns. "O For a Thousand Tongues"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNgrbgGafv0>



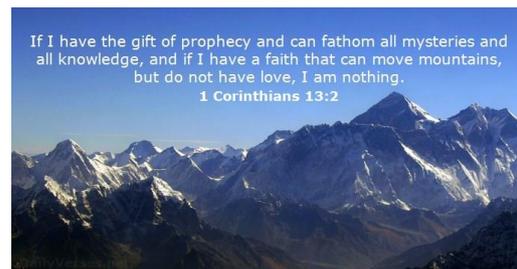
**Merciful father. Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## BIBLE PASSAGES.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. **James ch2 v 14-17**

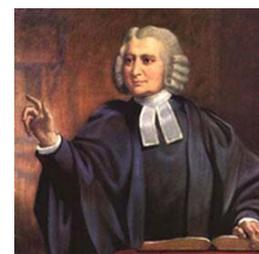
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **Colossians 3 12-14**

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **1 Cor 13 v 1-7**



## CHARLES WESLEY

Charles Wesley was the eighteenth of Samuel and Susannah Wesley's nineteen children (only 10 lived to maturity). He was born prematurely in December 1707 and appeared dead. He lay silent, wrapped in wool, for weeks.



When older, Charles joined his siblings as each day his mother, Susannah, who knew Greek, Latin, and French, methodically taught them for six hours. Charles then spent 13 years at Westminster School, where the only language allowed in public was Latin. He added nine years at Oxford, where he received his master's degree.

In 1735 Charles joined his brother John (they were now both ordained), to become a missionary in the colony of Georgia, America. Shot at, slandered, suffering sickness, shunned, Charles could have echoed brother John's sentiments as they dejectedly returned to England the following year: "I went to America to convert the Indians, but, oh, who will convert me?"

During May 1738, Charles began reading Martin Luther's volume on Galatians while ill. He wrote in his diary, "I laboured, waited, and prayed to feel 'who loved me, and gave himself for me.'" He shortly found himself convinced, and journaled, "I now found myself at peace with God, and rejoice in hope of loving Christ." Two days later he began writing a hymn celebrating his conversion.

Throughout his adult life, Charles wrote verse, predominantly hymns for use in Methodist meetings. He produced 56 volumes of hymns in 53 years, producing in his lyrics what brother John called a "distinct and full account of scriptural Christianity." The Methodists became known (and sometimes mocked) for their exuberant singing of Charles's hymns. A contemporary observer recorded, "The song of the Methodists is the most beautiful I ever heard ... They sing in a proper way, with devotion, serene mind and charm." The compiler of the massive *Dictionary of Hymnology*, John Julian, concluded that "perhaps, taking quantity and quality into consideration, [Charles Wesley was] the greatest hymn-writer of all ages.