

St Thomas' Prayer Diary – October 2020

"I have not said to Jacob's descendants seek me in vain, I the Lord speak the truth, I declare what is right". (Isaiah 45 v 19)

1	Pray for Sam and Caleb as they are involved with student outreach at St John's University. Pray for wisdom and discernment especially during this difficult time.
2	Pray for Joe Winstone as he works with students at York University. Pray for good relationships and positive outcomes.
3	Pray for the staff at St Thomas', especially those who are involved with worship as they prepare for tomorrow's service.
4	Continue to pray for our on-line service today. Pray particularly for Al as he speaks that he might receive God's wisdom and discernment.
5	Pray for the children in St Thomas' that there might be a positive response to the 'Church in a Bag' initiative.
6	Pray for Charlotte as she rolls out the above initiative. Pray that she might continue to be given fresh ideas as she seeks to engage the children.
7	Pray for the various church groups which are not able to meet in the usual way. We remember – Natter, Drop in etc.
8	Pray for the Wells family today - John, Jeanette and Angie, that they might know God's presence in a special way.
9	Pray for the older members of our congregation that they might not feel isolated due to Covid restrictions.
10	Continue to pray for the Churches witness in York that they might continue to present a positive witness for The Lord.
11	Remember some of the positive aspects of Al's teaching on the Sabbath. Pray that God will show us how to put it into practice today.
12	Use this week to pray for the various World situations. Today pray for Yemen and the dreadful suffering there.
13	Today pray for Syria – that there might be justice and peace in that land.
14	Pray for the many refugees on the Greek Island of Lesbos that they might be given shelter and the medical aid that they need.
15	Pray for the work of the many world charities, maybe one you support such as Tearfund, Water Aid, Oxfam, Medicin San Frontieres etc.
16	Pray that there might be help and hope given to Lebanon after the dreadful explosion in Beirut.
17	Pray for the Palestine/Israel situation that there might be fair and just solutions over claims to land and property.

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18	Pray for our services today that there might be a powerful presentation of the Gospel and that Jesus is uplifted.
19	Continue to pray that scientists might find an effective vaccine for Covid 19.
20	Pray for some of the businesses that you know about as they continue to experience real difficulty due to Covid 19.
21	Pray for our homegroups that they might provide spiritual stimulus in our lives to help us witness to our local community.
22	Pray for a family situation that is presenting real difficulty for you at this time – that there might be a real breakthrough.
23	Pray for members of the PCC that God will give them vision and they might experience a strong sense of unity.
24	Pray today for our country that our politicians might be given wisdom and discernment, especially about 'lockdown' decisions.
25	Pray for Al, Lucy and family today that they might know God's protection and His perfect peace.
26	Continue to pray for our two local schools - Haxby Road and Park Grove. Pray that the children will feel safe and enjoy their education and friendships.
27	Pray for Rachel Maskill, our local MP, that she might feel supported especially by the Christian community.
28	Pray for Chris, Suzy and children that they might know the Holy Spirit's guidance as they seek to make important decisions for their future.
29	Pray today for individual students who you know especially those involved in our Homegroups.
30	Pray for people in your street or for recent friendships made that you may be able to witness to them in a positive way.
31	As we approach the time for an on-line St Thomas' AGM please pray that vacant positions might be filled.