

Matthew Chapter 5:5-15

“**A**nd when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “This, then, is how you should pray:

“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.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from the evil one.

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.



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**“Praying Together”**



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***This leaflet is intended to print and fold and take with you. It is to help you pray for the life of the church, community and the world.***

### **ZOAR METHODIST CHURCH**

- Please pray for God's blessing to be on the various groups that meet each day. Pray for those who attend and for encouragement for those who lead.
- Pray that all who come to Zoar may find a warm and loving welcome.
- Pray for wisdom and compassion for the church and circuit leaders, the stewards and pastoral visitors.
- Pray for spiritual growth amongst the children and young people's groups. (Kid's Church – Playgroup – Toddlers – Random – Rainbows – Brownies - Youthy – Open the Book – XLR8)
- Let us pray for God's Holy Spirit to change hearts and lives.
- Let's pray for unity amongst ourselves that we may be a witness to the love of Jesus in the world.
- Let us pray for deeper unity with other churches and a closer working together with other Christians in the area.
- Let us pray for a common purpose and vision.

Pray that we may be faithful in our calling to:

- **Worship** - **to help people of all ages draw near to God**
- **Learn** - **to help each other to learn of God's love**
- **Care** - **to care for one another**
- **Serve** - **to serve those in need, both near and far**
- **Evangelise** - **to make followers of Jesus**

### **COMMUNITY**

- Let's pray for those who are not well – in body, mind or spirit. Those at home, in hospital, and those in care.
- Please pray for the sad, the despondent and the confused.
- Pray for our local schools – both children and staff.
- Pray for those who serve us in our local shops and banks.
- Please pray for our local councillors and MP. Pray for strength and wisdom to carry out their duties.
- Pray for family life. Remember especially those where relationships are difficult.
- Pray for all those who are lonely because loved ones have died.

**We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. (1 Thessalonians 1:2)**

### **WORLD**

- Let's pray for peace in God's world.
- Pray for those who lack basic needs.
- Please pray for the leaders of the nations. May God grant them wisdom and integrity.
- Please pray for those places where there is injury, injustice and inequality. Think of those in the news today.
- Let's pray for the protection of the earth. May we use wisely and sparingly the riches of God's earth.
- Let us pray for those who are persecuted because of their faith. May God give them courage



