

Inshes Prayer Topics for 14th October 2020

The LORD is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

1. Pray for **Ken Elliot**, Xian medic kidnapped by Islamic terrorist group in Jan 2016 & still held. Recently released Swiss/French lady reported spending time w him in early days of his captivity. Pray for his wife **Jocelyn** & family who continue to pray & campaign for his release.
2. On Oct 10th **North Korea** celebrated 75 yrs since foundation of Workers Party, currently led by Kim Jong-un, with large military parade in which a new nuclear missile on display. Pray for restraint on NK leaders; for persecuted church, many secret believers, & many poor & oppressed in population
3. Give thanks govt of **Sudan** has pledged to end 30 years of Islamic law – pray this would happen & might open up opportunities for gospel witness among many as yet unreached peoples.
4. Of 430+ **SU Groups** running at some point last year, only handful able to meet so far this year & most in secondary schools being led by senior pupils and/or teachers. Pray for creative alternatives: some considering online SU Groups; others may take group outdoors weather permitting
5. Give thanks **Kinmylies** been able to resume services in church building. Pray for **Scott Polworth, office bearers & Anne Gunn** esp with launch of new community magazine & newsletter which hope will connect church & local community & be focal point for community groups to highlight their work
6. **Christianity Explored (on Zoom)** starting Sun eve Nov 1st : pray people with an interest in finding out more about Christian faith might come – ask God if there is someone you could let know about it
7. **CARE:** *Father, we pray for vulnerable children who have experienced additional difficulties during lockdown due to relationship tensions, poverty, the interruption to their education, mental health problems and other factors. Please help them to recover as restrictions are lifted. Amen.*

Wednesdays - Praying at 7pm for 7 minutes for 7 people

Here are some possibilities when thinking about who to pray for:

- 1) someone currently working & serving in another country eg Alexander, Anjana & Arnold MacLeod; Caroline White; Kathleen Burns; Mayhews; Patons
- 2) for someone you know working for the NHS or one of the other 'essential' services
- 3) for an older member of your family or friend who might be more vulnerable or needy in the current situation – or someone living or working in a Care Home
- 4) for a neighbour or work colleague
- 5) for a leader, locally or nationally having to make difficult & important decisions
- 6) for someone in another church family that you know- for their encouragement, their witness
- 7) for someone whose job or financial security is threatened by the current situation