

Inshes Prayer Topics for 16th September 2020

O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me (Psalm 7:1)

1. Give thanks for practical help (meals, furniture, medication) by Christians given to many whose homes affected by explosion in **Beirut** & which has opened up conversations about Christ & gospel in an area of the city previously difficult to reach. Many people have committed to attending local Bible Study groups – pray for God to open hearts to his truth.
2. Give thanks **Kathleen Burns** is booked to fly home this Sunday. She'll then quarantine in her own flat for 2 weeks before she sees her Mum – pray for God to oversee all these arrangements.
3. **Caroline White:** *The announcement about when schools will restart was better than expected and certainly an answer to our prayers: Class 6 & 7 (like S1 & S2) will return on 23rd Sept & primary school aged children will return on 30th Sept. We would have liked sooner but, since we had heard it might have been January, we are relieved.* Give thanks & pray on for preparations
4. **Blythswood Day of Prayer** today asking we remember their work in **Serbia, Romania, Pakistan, India, Foodbank, Christian literature, etc** & in all of it that *'Christ be at the centre of all that we do and seek to do as an organisation and that the Lord receives all the glory'*.
5. Pray for meeting of **Crieff Fellowship Trustees** Thurs 17th having to decide on what to do re-January Conference 2021 which unlikely to be able to take usual numbers
6. Give thanks things went smoothly in church building last Sunday, pray that some of the glitches with Livestreaming may be sorted for this & coming Sundays. Pray for **Highland International Church (James Torrens)** currently meeting online but investigating possibilities of meeting physically again; & also for **Hilton (Duncan MacPherson)** also looking at re-opening. Give thanks for **Phil Gunn's** call to **Roskeen, Alness** & pray for God's blessing on congregation & **Phil & Clare, Anna, Ben & Beth**.
7. Pray for **Christine Moir (& Alan)** & her brother **Donald** & wider family in the loss of their sister **Jean Munro**, whose funeral takes place on Monday 21st
8. **CARE:** *Lord of Life, we pray that plans by pro-choice politicians to liberalise abortion law across the United Kingdom will not succeed. Please grant success to individuals and organisations that are campaigning to reverse the current permission that allows babies with disabilities to be aborted up to birth. 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