

Prayer Diary

21st May - 31st May 2020

Between Ascension and Pentecost the disciples waited...

We are waiting for confirmation of a successful
Hartlepool **Communities of Hope** bid.



*Please offer this to God in your daily prayers.

Thursday 21st May 2020 Ascension Day*

"I know the plans I have for you" Jer. 29:11

- + Give thanks for all who seek to relieve poverty and homelessness. For the Hartlepool Foodbank, Poolie Time Exchange, St Aidan's Kitchen, Baby Bank and charities supporting the homeless.
- + We continue to pray for confirmation of a successful Hartlepool Communities of Hope bid.

Friday 22nd May 2020 *

"Always keep on praying for all of God's people"

Eph. 6v18



- + Give thanks for those who are supporting others in these difficult days remembering family, friends, Hartlepool Support Hub and all key workers.
- + Remember those people in the business world worried about money and the future and those who have had cancelled treatment for ailments and are worried.

Saturday 23rd May 2020 *

"Let us praise him with music and song" Psalm 95:2

Dear Lord,

Three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly

Love thee more dearly

Follow thee more nearly

Day by day" (from Godspell, based on the prayer of St Richard of Chichester)



+ Especially in these strange times pray we may see God in all people, in their actions, in nature, in technology, in stillness and in prayer...

+ Give thanks for the technology which allowed an interview, and Hartlepool Communities of Hope Steering Group to meet

+ Pray confirmation of our bid is received.

Sunday 24th May 2020*

"..everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" John 13:35

+ Pray for those in Hartlepool, as well as nationally and internationally, combatting modern slavery and those supporting refugees and social outcasts.



+ Give thanks for the many new and growing Christian communities and pray that our busy and vibrant parishes are enhanced as Communities of Hope.

Monday 25th May 2020*

"Give thanks no matter what happens" 1 Thess. 5v18

- + Pray for those who are homeless or being abused.
- + Give thanks for all individuals and organisations, particularly locally, who support the homeless, the abused, refugees and those exploited as modern slaves.

Celtic prayer...

Bless this house, O Lord, we pray
Make it safe by night and day.
Bless these walls so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out.
Bless the roof and chimney tall,
Let thy peace lie over all.
Bless the doors that they may prove
Ever open to joy and love.

Bless the windows shining bright,
Letting in God's heavenly light.
Bless the hearth a-blazing there,
With smoke ascending like a prayer.
Bless the people here within...
Keep them pure and free from sin.
Bless us all, that one day, we
May be fit, O lord, to dwell with Thee.

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Tuesday 26th May 2020*

"Never stop praying" 1 Thess. 5v17



Dear Lord,

You are the light of the world. As we pray in silence and stillness shine in our darkness. Fill us with joy and peace.

Amen



Wednesday 27th May 2020*

"Are any of you in trouble? Then you should pray" James 5 v13

We pray, Lord, for all those losing hope and are in despair, for those in need of food, clothing and shelter. Locally, may we find a way of extending the support given through St Aidan's Kitchen, Poolie Time Exchange, Foodbank etc. by becoming successful and effective Communities of Hope. Amen



Thursday 28th May 2020*

"Your Father already knows your needs" Luke 12:30

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ at my right, Christ at my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me
I arise today.
Amen

(from St Patrick's Breastplate)



