

Prayers for Sunday 8th August 2021

Let us pray to our God as we worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

To the bidding of “ Open our eyes” please respond “to see your glory”

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are commissioned and called to work as leaders and teachers in your Church. We pray for greater discernment of your presence and your will in our Christian communities, and a clearing away of all that obscures our vision.

Open our eyes... to see your glory.

Heavenly Father, we pray against the cynicism and complacency that deaden wonder. In the ordinary things of life may we detect your love and wisdom; through the everyday events may we encounter you, walking alongside us.

Open our eyes.... To see your glory.

Lord, we bring before you the people of Afghanistan who have already suffered so much as they face more turmoil in their lives and great dangers for their families. Have mercy on them Lord. We pray that those who seek to destroy the lives of so many, may themselves be overcome and the fragile peace re-established. We know that all things are possible with you Lord.

Open our eyes....to see your glory.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the physical bread you give us to nourish our bodies and for the spiritual bread that Jesus offers us to feed our spiritual lives. He brings our souls to life and gives us the promise of salvation and eternal life in Heaven with You.

Open our eyes...to see your glory.

Help us to see Lord, that the Bible cannot nourish us if it sits on the shelf unopened. Help us to take time to read your Word to feed us spiritually. As we eat our physical food help us to be constantly grateful for what we have and help us to be aware of not wasting food that we buy and show gratitude for Your constant care, provision and presence.

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Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose emotional damage makes trusting and receiving seem threatening and dangerous. We pray for peace of mind for the anxious and hope for all who are close to despair. We pray for all those known to us who are unwell at this time or awaiting an operation or tests. We pray especially for Zachary Sayers and Samantha Sayers, Karin Vallis and her brother Christopher, Angela Fox, Oli Kemp, Allan Brown, April Cane, Margaret Horwood, Sheila Marsh, Ross Alberto, Margaret Gillespie, Pauline Pincham, Lizzie Gosling, Matt Williams and Sam Kiely. May they know your peace in their lives.

Open our eyes....to see your glory.

Heavenly Father we pray for those who have reached the boundary of death that in faith they may journey through it and out into the unconfined space and joy of heaven. We pray particularly for, and the families of, Frank Warren, Margery Joiner, Nancy Webb, Kim Cyster, Karen Wade and Adam Phillips.

Open our eyes... and see your glory.

Heavenly Father we rejoice that the ordinary things of this world are saturated with your extraordinary love.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.