

## GLENBURN METHODIST CHURCH WEEK OF PRAYER



### SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

**Dwell:** Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 24**. Why not take a moment to read the whole Psalm, as well as dwelling on verse 1 as we come to pray today.

*'The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.'*

*Psalm 24:1*

**Pause for Prayer:** Today's prayer focus is on **Global Issues**. To help guide your prayers, spend some time today listening to the news, or reading the newspaper or newsfeeds online. As you hear about the challenges across the world, ask God to come and intervene bringing his healing and restoration to his world.

*Sovereign God, you created all that is seen and unseen, and for that we give you our praise and worship. You know that our world, and the people living in it, face incredible challenges. We ask that you would be at work in your world, bringing your healing, restoration, and provision. We pray that all might come to see your glory, and worship you with their lives. Amen.*

### MONDAY 6 September

**Dwell:** Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 139**. Why not take a moment to read the whole Psalm, as well as dwelling on verses 13-14 as we come to pray today.

*'For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.'*

*Psalm 139:13-14*

**Pause for Prayer:** Today's prayer focus is for **Children, Young People & Education**. As you come to prayer, think of the schools or education centres that are close to your home. Pray a blessing for all the children and staff that attend there, and pray protection over them as they begin a new term under continuing restrictions. Think also of the children and young people that live on your street, or who are part of your family. Pray for them by name, giving thanks that they are fearfully and wonderfully made, and incredibly loved!

*Loving God, we praise you that we know we are fearfully and wonderfully made. May such a truth be known by all our children and young people. May they know that they are incredibly loved by you and can find confidence in their*

*identity as children of God. We ask your blessing over these children and young people, and pray that as they return to school, they may be nurtured and encouraged to reach their greatest potential. Guide their steps we pray. Amen.*

## TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

**Dwell:** Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 31**. Why not take a moment to read the whole Psalm, as well as dwelling on verses 14-15 as we come to pray today.

*'But I trust in you, O LORD, I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand.'*  
*Psalm 31:14-15*

**Pause for Prayer:** Today's prayer focus is for **adults, employment, and stresses**. As you come to spend time in prayer today, focus on issues that affect most of the adults in our population. Issues such as employment, finance, stress, mental health, family challenges, loss. Ask the Spirit of God to prompt you as you pray specifically for the people known to you who come to mind when you think on some of those issues.

*Gracious God, our lives can be filled with so many challenges. There is change and transition, worry and stress that can often rage around us. As we pray for others today, and for ourselves, we ask for your peace into anxious hearts, for your comfort into aching hearts, and for your restoration into broken hearts. Make us aware of your presence and strength at all times, and remind us that for you, all things are possible. Amen.*

## WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

**Dwell:** Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 73**. Why not take a moment to read the whole Psalm, as well as dwelling on verse 26 as we come to pray today.

*'My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.'*  
*Psalm 73:26*

**Pause for Prayer:** Today's prayer focus is for the **Elderly in our community**. As you come to pray today, think on the care homes in your area, and pray for both the staff and residents who are there. Think too of neighbours or friends and pray a blessing over them on this day. Think specifically of those who may struggle with isolation, particularly after this season of pandemic. Today, why not go a step further than prayer, and pick up the phone to brighten up someone else's day with a surprise conversation.

*Wonderful God, we give you thanks for the wisdom we have in those older members of our community. We thank you for the lives they have lived and how they have paved the way for generations to follow. We pray your blessing and strength in abundance. We thank you that you are a God who journeys with us through all the seasons of life, and that we can firmly say that your grace is sufficient. Give strength as we navigate challenges that can come with age and bless us with friendships that brighten a gloomy day. Amen.*

#### THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Dwell: Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 126**. Why not take a moment to read the whole Psalm, as well as dwelling on verse 3 as we come to pray today.

*‘The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.’*

*Psalm 126:3*

**Pause for Prayer:** Today’s prayer focus is for **Healthcare and Emergency Services**. As you pray today, give thanks for the dedication, skill, and courage of all our healthcare and emergency service workers. We have been incredibly blessed over this pandemic season from the provision of services available to us, and it is right to give thanks in prayer today. As we give thanks, we also want to pray for continued energy and protection for all those working in those caring and response professions. Think particularly today of our hospitals, and those who are receiving both in-patient and out-patient care. Pray for healing and strength in the journey of recovery.

*Compassionate God, we give you thanks for the wisdom and skill that we find in our healthcare and emergency services. We praise you for each person that serves and ask that you bless them with health and strength. We too give you thanks for your strength and healing amid times of weakness, and pray for those receiving treatments, that they might know your presence and power at this time. Restore, heal, strengthen we pray. Amen.*

#### FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Dwell: Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 111**. Why not take a moment to read the whole Psalm, as well as dwelling on verse 10 as we come to pray today.

*‘The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.’*

*Psalm 111:10*

*Pause for Prayer:* Today's prayer focus is for **Leadership & Government**. Take some time to pray specifically for the politicians and leaders in your area. Ask God to grant them the wisdom they need to lead with integrity and knowledge. Pray for Stormont and the decisions that need to be made among government leaders. May God guide their steps for the benefit of all in our community.

*All-knowing God, we thank you for those who have been appointed in positions of leadership within our community and government. We pray your blessing upon them. Grant them your wisdom that they may lead us wisely forward for the good of all. Grant them courage and fill them with integrity as they serve this country. Amen.*

### SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

*Dwell:* Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 145**. Why not take a moment to read the whole Psalm, as well as dwelling on verse 3 as we come to pray today.

'Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.'  
*Psalm 145:3*

*Pause for Prayer:* Today's prayer focus is for **Our Church**. We want to spend some time giving thanks to God for Glenburn, and for all those individuals and families who are connected to us. Today, we want to think about organisations restarting and ask for wisdom and protection for leaders as they put preparations in place. Also today, we want to ask God to increase our vision of what he is calling us to do as a church in our community.

*Almighty God, we are so thankful for the community of faith that you have given us in Glenburn, and we ask your blessing on each person, young and old, who are connected to us. We thank you for the legacy of faith over many decades that has sought to show your love to others through the mission here. We humbly ask, Gracious God, that you would renew our heart, our passion, our energy for your work among our communities. Strengthen our faith as we worship together and use us in mighty ways for the sake of your Kingdom we pray.  
Amen.*

**Why not join us today for a prayer walk around the area, simply inviting God's blessing over homes and families. Meet at the Church at 11.30am.**