

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING 10TH JUNE 2020

Thanks again to the 22 people who were able to join our online prayer meeting by Zoom yesterday.

Just a short summary of the key reflections that came out of the meeting. I recommend that you use these as the basis of prayer over the coming week.

We reflected on God's love for us:

- June is a special month for celebrating the love of God: Trinity Sunday focuses on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Corpus Christi (14th June) focuses on Jesus bringing God's love to live within us through the Eucharist; the Feast of the Sacred Heart (19th June) celebrates the amazing love that God is continually pouring into our hearts through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus is the living Word of God became man to show God's love in person.
- Even in this time of isolation, God is showing us that He is present with us, not just in Church. He is preparing us for more difficult times that are to come* and encouraging us to really trust Him.
- God is using this time to refocus us to realise we are the Church: He wants us to strengthen our relationship with Him and with each other. United as Christians, the body of Christ, we can bring God's truth to those who will be searching for it in future times of crisis*.
- We should use this time to read God's word, deepening our trust in God alone. He is doing amazing things and providing a merciful opportunity for the world to turn to Him.
- God is continually drawing mankind to Himself, giving us Jesus to take away the barrier of sin that separates us from Him; and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to believe in Jesus, love God and to follow His commands.
- Jesus gives us his joy and wants that joy to be complete in us (John 15:11) . God's fullness of life and love is available to us - we just need to be open to it and receive it and put it to use.

We prayed:

- For anyone who is feeling inadequate, isolated: that God will bring His presence, love and sufficiency into their lives.
- For huge areas of Africa that are suffering a new plague of locusts (8,000 times bigger than any previous plague) which will bring massive starvation: that the West will repent of greed, reach out in compassion and love and help alleviate the starvation in the Third world.
- That we can comfort those in trouble as we are comforted by the Lord. That the Lord will bless and heal all those who are ill.
- For the children who are not at school, especially those who are vulnerable.
- For all the parents who can't return to work as they are caring for children; for everyone who is experiencing financial hardship and unemployment: that they will experience the love and support of God.

- For an end to the virus pandemic and for all the scientists developing vaccines and people managing track and trace.
- For all those families suffering from relationship breakdowns: that the Lord will heal and bless and restore peace.
- For the Lord to come into all situations of unrest, particularly racial tensions: that people do not resort to violence and lawlessness.
- For all members of our prayer group and for all Christians: to deepen our trust in God, that he can change situations.
- For the reopening of churches safely, the recruiting of marshals and cleaners and the lifting of restrictions on gatherings.
- For all priests and faith leaders to be empowered to minister to all in need; and for the laity to take on their vocation to be more active in their service in faith communities.
- Thanks to God for the technology that enables us to meet like this.

***Prophetic videos:**

There are two powerful videos recently circulating, talking about past prophecies of a time of great crisis in the world: but rather than generating fear, as some prophecies of this type can do, they speak of God using these times of crisis as a great mercy to give the world an opportunity and a stimulus to turn to Him.

Ralph Martin ["Fr. Michael Scanlan's Amazing Prophecy An Urgent Message for Today"](#) (20 minutes)

Christine Watkins ["THE WARNING \(the Illumination of Conscience\)"](#) (40 minutes)

We will be meeting by Zoom again next Wednesday at 8. I will send round the invitation nearer the time and hope once again many can join in.