

NCF Sunday Prayer Points - 2017

On 31st December we prayed for:

'Auld Lang Syne' (simplified English version) connected with Hebrews 10: 23-25 to pray about Christian fellowship and the call to persevere with fellowship and to trust in the Lord who gives us hope and encouragement; used some of the 'Prayer Guidelines December 2017' from the Nuneaton Prayer Network (both giving thanks and praying for).

On 24th December we prayed for:

The Philippines that more people would be found alive following the devastating storm and for those attempting to rescue them that they would be safe and that aid would arrive quickly.

The situation in Israel that there would be no more bloodshed and that a peaceful solution is found.

World leaders that Christmas would be a time for them to reflect on their responsibility and seek God for His leading.

The leaders of the UK and Theresa May in particular as they seek to work with the EU leaders to bring a good resolution to Brexit.

Our Church leaders that the message they bring this Christmas would speak to the hearts of those who don't know Jesus as their Saviour.

The congregation at NCF that they would have a really blessed Christmas time with family and friends and be excited about what 2018 will bring.

On 17th December we prayed for:

Birth of Jesus – the Crib and the Cross – we remember and give thanks. May the enormity of what happened touch us again;

Sorrow for the state of this world, but the ultimate victory is God's;

May people be drawn into Churches all over town as we all celebrate with Carols and preaching;

Looking forward to what God will do in 2018.

On 10th December we prayed for:

"I love you O Lord my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and the one who rescues me....." (Psalm 18 v 1-3)

Father thank You that we are together again.

Thank You that Jesus came and that He died for us so that we can have a relationship with God.

Father we thank You that throughout this year You have done what Psalm 18 says and delivered us from our enemies, shielded us, protected us in so many ways and spoken to us.

Father in the name of Jesus we ask that You continue to show Yourself in our lives as our rock, fortress, deliverer, and strength.

Father we ask that You would open up for us rivers of living water today.

Father if we feel lonely and dry inside, Your word says that when the poor and needy seek water You will not forsake them but will open up rivers of living fountains in the valleys, making the wilderness like a pool of water.

Father we thank You for that picture of how You bless us and turn our dry and lonely places into blessings and greater intimacy with You.

Father we wait on You now and if there's anything getting in the way of our relationship with You we confess it now.

We thanked our Father for speaking beautiful words over us, He says, "Rise up my love, my fair one and come away, o my dove. Let me see your face and hear your voice."

Father thank You that You are calling us to a deeper walk with You and our hearts do long for a life changing encounter with You.

Enable us today by Your grace to be sensitive to Your voice, presence and what You're doing, what Your heart is for us so we can share this with others.

Father please touch and fill us today, stir up Your gifts in us to share with each other.

We ask that you make bigger our capacity to run the race cut out for us.

Psalm 119:32

Prayed for breakthroughs- Micah 2:15

Father we are still praying for the breakthroughs promised at the beginning of the year.

For family members and friends to come into the kingdom of light out of the darkness.

We bring them to You again and ask that they come.

Prayed for the government, cities and that people would become aware of the presence of God and turn to God.

We also prayed that we who carry His name would return to our first love (includes me) and experience an awakening from the Holy Spirit.

Thanked Father for the word that is coming and that the Holy Spirit would make the word a reality in our lives. Asked the Lord for grace to

receive His word and that we will forgive as He has forgiven us. So that His fragrance will spill over out of our lives wherever we go. Amen.

On 3rd December we prayed for:
John's training;

The homeless in Nuneaton;

Support for the NCF family – especially Claire, Kath and Yvonne;

The situation in The Yemen.

On 26th November we prayed for:
People “struggling” at NCF using the verse from 2 Timothy 1:7;

Praying for Ministers and church leaders in Nuneaton:

YWAM (new leadership team);

The winter night shelters (November 2017 issue);

Praying for Zimbabwe.

On 19th November we prayed for:

NCF and the whole Church in Nuneaton;

Sickness;

Kath's appointment on Tuesday;

John and Gill;

The Government.

On 12th November we:
Remembered those who gave their lives in War and the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus (John 3:16);

Claire and family;

Kath and her surgery;

John's Interview;

Activities in NCF, including the Sunday School;

The churches in Nuneaton;

Shooting in church in USA recently;

Ears to hear God's word today.

On 5th November we listened to a presentation on "Open the Book."

On 29th October we prayed for:

Lord we look to You today to bless everything we do. We want to lift Your Name high and to honour You. We want to be true worshippers and we surrender to You and reach out for You. Lord we are desperate for You today.

Thank You Father that Jesus died to save us and rose again. Thank You Holy Spirit that You have come.

Father we present ourselves before You and come into Your presence. we draw near and as we do, You draw near to us. Holy Spirit we welcome you. Please speak to us.

We worship, listen and receive your words which are alive as it is says in Hebrews 4 :12. And we ask Holy Spirit that You would open our eyes to see what You are doing so we can see You and touch our ears as well. Guide and lead us.

May Your will be done in our lives today Lord as it is in heaven. Amen!

On 22nd October we prayed for:

A passion for the nearby estates, including the new ones;

All the Nuneaton churches;

Nik and Maggie.

On 15th October we prayed for:

Keith that all would be well with his x-ray;

We gave thanks for Rob having come out of hospital and his ongoing health;

We thanked God for His hand upon the world and that He would guide and give wisdom to the leaders of the world's nations that they would seek His face;

The Brexit negotiations that they would seek a fair and equitable solution for all;

John as he prepares for his interview with Elim that God would give him peace and guidance.

On 8th October we prayed for:

Dear God,

We thank you that no situation is too far out of your control to provide. For you are Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides. We thank you that you own it all, and hold everything in your hands. We thank you that you know our needs before we even ask, before we even come to you. You're aware of all that concerns us, and you have a plan. You hold the provision, you have the solution. You alone can move mountains to make a way for your children. We ask for your answer, in your timing, in your plan, to be given for every need that weighs our hearts down. Forgive us for doubting you, for worrying, and for trying so hard to work everything out on our own. Help us to trust you more, help us in our unbelief. We choose to recognize and to believe that you are able to accomplish far more, to do far greater, than we even thought possible. We thank you in advance for your miracles, for paving out pathways, for your provision for those who love you. Thank you for the abundance of blessing and goodness you have already stored up. We trust you this day, and every day, and are so grateful for your Power and joy that fills our lives. Thank you for teaching us to be content in all circumstances, we love you Lord, we're leaning on you,

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

On 1st October we prayed for:

Gave thanks to God for His provision for us and answered prayers and that He never left us and promises to meet all our needs;

All the countries affected by the recent hurricanes and flooding that help and aid would reach them quickly and that leaders would put the safety and care of people above monetary consideration;

The leaders of our nation that they might seek God's leading as they met at conference to decide future policy and for those leading the Brexit discussions on both sides for wisdom, discernment and justice to prevail;

Church leaders around the world and particularly in our country for boldness to speak out for God's authority and to oppose injustice;

We prayed for Nuneaton and its leaders both secular and church that they would seek God's will and leading as they lead the town and their congregations. We prayed especially for YWAM as they undergo significant changes that God will be at the centre of it;

We prayed for NCF that God would continue to lead us along His path and pour out His blessings on us.

On 24th September, we prayed for:

Those effected by the recent hurricanes & Mexican earthquake. The Guardian ran a recent article that almost 180 million people live in the top 10 highest risk areas and many of those are some of the poorest regions/countries in the world ill equipped to cope or recover. Prayer that long after it disappears from the news we would remember those impacted and pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer the lasting effects to agriculture, water supply, health etc. Thanks for those risking their own health and life in aid agencies such as 'Mercy Ships' and 'Medicin sans Frontier.' Thanks to God for the skills and giftings they/we are given to serve and help others with.

Prayer that we often concentrate on those in such great need but forget to pray for those in great spiritual need who may be our friends, family, community, colleagues.

Prayer for those who don't yet know the Lord.

Thanks that we can call Him Lord, thanks that we love because He loved us first, thanks that He gave His one and only Son thanks that He sent Him not

to condemn but to save, thanks that nothing in all creation can separate us from His love.

On 17th September, during our Family Service we prayed for:
Our friends, our family and other people that we know.

On 10th September we prayed for:
We thanked the Lord for His goodness, mercy and answered prayers.

Thanked the Lord that we can meet together, worship together and read the Bible together.

Prayed about hearing Gods word today and asked for ears to hear and eyes to see what He is doing.

Declared that if anyone is in Christ the old has gone and the new has come.

Thanked the Lord for our new hearts and the promise in Ezekiel 36 v 25-27. The Lord says he will sprinkle clean water on us, make us clean from impurities, give us new hearts, new spirits and remove our hearts of stone make it a heart of flesh (sensitive to Him). He will put his spirit in us and we will walk in his ways. Prayed for world we live in although we are in the world but not of it.

Prayed for those affected by natural disasters - hurricanes, earthquakes, mudslides etc.

Prayed about the difficulties in North Korea and their nuclear program. Prayed for Kim Jong-un that he would take a different path and that he would meet/encounter Jesus and repent. Prayed for unnamed believers in North Korea that the Lord would help them in their situations.

We lifted up the UK, that the Brexit negotiations would go according to God's will and prayed that this country would return to the Lord in repentance and there would be an outpouring of the Lord's Spirit upon believers so we will be awakened and that people who have not had an encounter with God will God cry out for mercy and repent. Lord please do this. Amen

On 3rd September we prayed a lot as it was our Prayer Sunday. See the Podcasts Page for all the details and PowerPoint slides.

On 27th August we prayed for:
The Kim family in Korea and UK;

NCF using Ephesians 3:14-19 as the prayer;

Praying for our church leaders (town-wide) including ROC;

Praying for the NHS locally.

On 20th August we prayed for:

We read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and thanked God for the Bible. We can read it in a language we know and have people around us to help us to understand it. We prayed for the work of the Bible Societies and translating teams, asking that they would have the resources and time for their need.

We remembered those who had been in Barcelona this week. As the Prince of Peace, please bring comfort.

Floods in Nepal, India and Bangladesh.

Landslide in Sierra Leone.

Refreshment for politicians in the Houses of Parliament as they near the end of their summer break. May the Christians there be able to speak about God and be a good influence to those around them.

On 13th August we prayed for:

Today we prayed and gave thanks to God that He is in control of His world despite everything that we see man is doing to it and that at the end in His time Christ will return in glory to take His people home.

We prayed for the state of some of the many nations around the world and asked for God in His Sovereign power to give wisdom and discernment to those who have authority within it. We prayed especially for the leaders of the USA of North and South Korea and China and Japan for tolerance and understanding.

We prayed for the leaders of the Church worldwide that they may know when and how to speak out at this time that they may have a positive influence on world leaders.

We prayed for the local church that its leaders may know God's anointing afresh to lead their congregations and to influence local politicians for good.

Finally, we prayed for individual Christians that they might be ready to stand for Christ and exert Godly influence where they are and to those around them and for our children that they might stand firm in their faith despite what they see around them.

We concluded with the Lord's prayer.

On 6th August we prayed for:

Psalm 46:1-3,7, 10, 11

God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

And the mountains shall into heart of the sea

Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

The Lord Almighty is with us

The God of Jacob is our fortress.

He says, "Be still and know that I am God,

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth".

The Lord Almighty is with us

The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Father thank you for the song let's forget about ourselves concentrate on you and worship you. We want to do that.

Father thank you for this week and for reminding us of who you are in the beauty of the natural world.

Thank you for the many rainbows we have seen in the sunshine and the showers, the wind and hail. The beautiful flowers that have sprung up.

Thank you that Jesus reminds us not to worry about what we will eat or wear. The flowers and clothed in splendour and the birds are cared for. If you look after the plants and birds so well- surely you will take care of us.

Father we are here in your presence. Open the eyes of our hearts so we may see you seated upon your throne.

Father enable us to surrender to you and let you light shine on us as we enter your presence.

Anoint our eyes that we may see you. Anoint our ears that we may hear you as we come before your throne today. We worship and adore you.

Father we do pray for our loved ones that are not walking with you today. We beg you, beseech you Lord that they may encounter Jesus and experience the greatest miracle - salvation.

Father we bring our needs to you today, whatever they are. We ask that your will be done in our lives on earth as it is in heaven.

Father we lift up Nuneaton to you. Give us God ideas to bring about change through acts of love and compassion.

We also pray for our leaders in politics as Brexit negotiations are taking place Lord. We pray that our Prime Minister and other leaders use wisdom.

Lord we want to be true worshippers and need your presence with us. Lord help us to look to you as your word comes. Remove all distractions and lukewarmness in our hearts and set us free.

So, we draw near to you and as we do that, you draw near to us. May your will be done in our lives Lord today, as it is in heaven. Amen

On 30th July we prayed for:
The plight of the Yemen crisis;

Our families and loved ones would return to God;

The Kim family in Korea;

Paul, Lynne, John and Gill as they continue to grow as they lead us;

Members needed prayer as they undergo tests this week;

Christian MPs.

On 23rd July we prayed for:
We thanked God for His love and care towards us and His provision for all our needs;

Protection for Ivette and family as they travel to Chile to her family for the first time in ten years;

All in the church who are not very well or have family members who are ill;

The churches of the town that God may use them to reach out to those around us who don't yet know Him;

The leaders of our nation as we go through a process of change that they might have wisdom and discernment from God to bring His will to fruition;

The leaders of the nations of the world that they might seek God's grace and mercy as they seek to bring peace and stability to our world.

On 16th July we prayed for:

Thanks for meeting together before our living, hearing, knowing and loving God;

Request that He would help us put other things aside as we meet with Him;

Prayer to bless the church, wherever they meet and prayer for wisdom and guidance to teach truth, in a struggling world. Prayer that we would not be distracted or led away from truth and the ability to teach this in our schools, judiciary, communities and churches.

Prayer that those far from the Lord would hear and heed His call;

Thanks for the blessings of the week and prayer for those who may have had a difficult week through ill health, worry or burden;

Thanks that God knows all about us and is our strength, our rock and our refuge and that we can always take comfort and strength from knowing that in His great mercy we are His.

On 9th July we prayed for:

North Korea and their leader, that the situation will be changed;

Believers who are persecuted throughout the world. Lord, You do miracles (Acts 12:12);

Bless the leaders of NCF;

Those who are sick mentally, spiritually and physically;

On 2nd July we prayed for:
Good communication;

The ROC Conversation.

On 25th June we prayed for:
Our Prayer Sunday – a lot of the Service was devoted to prayer.

On 18th June we prayed for:
Prayer that the Lord would enable us to come before Him, humbly yet expectantly. Prayer that our hearts would be prepared to hear Him.

Thanks for His provision throughout the week. Prayer that He would help us put aside other distractions to focus upon Him this morning. Prayer that He would be the head of our households / lives.

Prayer for those experiencing difficulty in their faith, health or challenges. Prayer for direction & wisdom for those embarking upon new seasons in their lives.

Thanks that God never leaves us, never forsakes us & that we can always trust in Him.

On 11th June we prayed for:
2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven and will heal their land".

Heavenly Father we have sinned through our own fault in thought word and deed and by what we have failed to do.

We are sorry Lord and repent. Have mercy according to your love.

Lord search us and reveal to us how you are working in our lives and grant us the grace of your healing, deliverance and a deep and true repentance. Amen

Holy Spirit, we welcome you here today and ask that you would refresh us as we wait before you.

Holy Spirit please open our eyes to see if the truth about Jesus in our lives and how much he wants to heal us.

Open our ears too, so we can hear what you are saying to us today.

Holy Spirit we ask that you would do something new in us today so that we leave this place changed.

Father God we pray about the Recent General Election. We pray for the Government to come under your rule.

Lord we pray that our nation will increasingly see that Jesus is their refuge in this troubled world.

Lord we repent on behalf of our nation. We have turned from your word and rejected your word and dependence on you.

Lord please pour out a spirit of repentance on this nation so that we can become a nation that follows you again.

Lord we ask that a holy fear will sweep across this nation leading us all back to you.

Lord we pray for this service. Again Holy Spirit we welcome you our hearts are open to you.

Lord we thank you that you are Jehovah Rapha - The Lord heals.

Lord your word says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick.

We come to you today in faith asking that you would heal us from every sickness,disease,and illness.

We receive our healing Lord by faith in Jesus name. Amen

Isaiah 45 v 2-3 says

"I will go before you and make the crooked places straight

I will break into pieces the gates of bronze and will cut the bars of iron.

I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places.

That you may know that I am the Lord who calls you by name ,am the God of Israel".

Amen

On 4th June it was International Sunday and so we used A4 Prayer Profiles to pray for 40 different countries/global organisations. These are available on our Podcast page.

On 28th May we prayed for:

John14:21-24

28 Coptic Christians are killed on a bus in Egypt

www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Archbishop-Justin-Welby-heartbroken-by-Christian-gun-attack-as-death-toll-rises

Muslims during Ramadan

www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Christians-urged-to-pray-for-Muslim-world-during-Ramadan

Information from Nuneaton Prayer Web Guide

www.nuneatonprayerweb.btck.co.uk/GettingInvolvedPrayerGrid/ThisMonthsPrayerGuide

On 21st May we prayed for:

We prayed with Thanksgiving in our hearts for those who have received complete healing over the last eighteen months and those who are on the road to recovery;

Those who are still ill that God's will prevail;

The upcoming election that as a result more Christians would be in Parliament and God would guide those elected;

The situation in the world that God's sovereign power would be restored;

Our church leaders that God would anoint them afresh and for John as he awaits the outcome of his Elim application;

All who are away today that God would bless them wherever they are;

God's overarching love to be over us at all times and in all circumstances that we may put our complete trust in Him.

On 14th May we prayed for:

The sick, giving thanks to Jesus for what He had already done:

The leadership in this church;

God's guidance in the coming election so that we may be in line with God's plans and purposes;

Those doing GCSEs over the next few weeks.

On 7th May we prayed for:

The recent local Council Election, General Election plans, European Election and political situations across the world;

Prayer to strengthen and uphold those struggling in the political process to hold to their faith;

Thanks for our mild and stable governance;

Prayer for those abroad without the right to vote or expression, suffering oppressive conditions and prayer for the Persecuted Church within this area;

Thanks that God's great plan and promises transcend any political earthly process;

James 1:18, 19 "In his goodness he chose to make us his own children giving us his own true work and we out of all creation became his choice possession."

Help us behave, think, pray and reach out to the world as if we truly are the above;

Help us respect one another's political differences and to remember that there are no political parties factions or borders in God's kingdom;

Help for us as individual and a nation to come back to the cross and to God's ways, acknowledging that only by doing so can we ever truly make progress on the social / national issues that may concern us.

Prayer to give our decisions and directions to the Lord for Him to lead us in His ways.

On 30th April we prayed for:

Those who are sick of suffering, for those who are grieving and for those who find it difficult to find the words to pray;

Turn the hearts and minds of those who commit terrorist acts – give them hearts of love for You;

Pour our Your Spirit on us, so that Your power will touch many others;

Fill the lives of people who experience darkness with the light of Your love and send them the help and friendship they need.

On 23rd April we prayed for:

Psalm 85:6-7

"Will you not revive us and bring us to life again

that your people may rejoice in you.
Show your loving kindness
O Lord grant us Your Salvation."

Father

We humble ourselves before you today.

We surrender our hearts, soul, mind and strength. We are sorry if we have not loved you with all our hearts. We ask your forgiveness.

I ask that you would enable us to return to our first love. Enable us to be faithful to you regardless of what life brings our way.

Father we ask that you would revive us and visit us in a new way and pour out your spirit upon us.

Remove obstacles, hindrances in our lives as we surrender to you. Pour out a spirit of repentance upon us.

Father this world is so dangerous; we are reminded each day of this. We ask that righteousness be established in our world, cities and towns.

We pray specifically for Nuneaton & villages. Please grant that people hunger for righteousness, seek and find Jesus.

We pray for righteousness to influence education, NHS, adult social care & children's services

We pray your will be done on the 8 June. The day of the General Election.

We prayed again for Nuneaton that the Lord would pour out his spirit on people in this town and "sons and daughters will prophesy, old men dream dreams & young people will see visions"

We prayed that Nuneaton will be open for the king of Glory to enter and to receive his blessing and that many people will turn to Jesus.

We thanked God for recent baptisms and asked for more people to accept Jesus, remain & bare fruit.

We prayed for the children & young people that they would trust Jesus and hold on to the Lord all their lives. Amen

On 16th April we prayed for:

Davit, as she was baptised during our Family Service.

On 9th April we prayed for:

The importance of Palm Sunday;

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon,

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love,
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
(Attributed to St Francis of Assisi)

On 2nd April we prayed for:

We gave thanks for the many blessings God pours out on us and prayed that the “I Am” series we are starting would show us more about who He is.

We gave thanks for Alan's baptism and prayed for Davit's on Easter Sunday.

We also gave thanks for the healings we have seen over the last twelve months: physical, emotional and spiritual.

We prayed for those involved in the Colombian land slide both the injured, the families of the killed and those trying to rescue others.

We prayed for Theresa May and her team and the European negotiators as they start to negotiate Brexit that God would reign supreme.

We prayed for Donald Trump and his administration as they begin to see the reality of the office they have taken on.

We prayed for the continuing wars around the world and asked that God's will might prevail.

We prayed for Nuneaton, the churches of the town and NCF in particular that we might hear God's leading and be bold to go out and do it.

We also prayed for Jeff, a member of the church who has been nominated as National secretary of the British Puppetry Guild. We prayed for wisdom, and an anointing on him.

On 26th March we prayed for:
Alan, as he was baptised during our Family Service.

On 19th March we prayed for:
1 Timothy 2:1-3
Says we are to pray, intercede and give thanks for kings and all people in authority.
Let us bring our hearts to the Lord.
We bring the Government before you, our PM and other politicians. We ask that if they do not know You, You would save them.
We pray that the issues in the referendum are debated with honesty and openness. We ask for discernment and wisdom in decision making.
We pray the UK may prosper and that we can work with Europe for the common good. We pray Psalm 23 over the UK.

We pray for our Leaders, strengthen and encourage them as they use their skills to help and support others.
We pray for the sick, sad, lonely, depressed, bereaved and ask that Lord You would comfort them.

Prayed for Syria and conflict in the Middle East. Prayed for the peace of Israel.

Prayed that today our ears would be open to hear what God is say to us today. We pray that as we hear we will encounter God.

Invited the Holy Spirit to remove all things that clouds our perceptions and gets in the way of us seeing ourselves the way God sees us.

Asked Father God to rise up hope in our hearts. Jesus restores our broken hearts and sets the captives free.

Jesus said of Himself - " I am the light of the world".
He says of us- "We are the light of the world".
Lord, we pray that those we meet this week will be brightened by Jesus the light of the world in us. Amen!

On 12th March we prayed for:
Our Prayer Sunday – a lot of the Service was devoted to prayer.

On 5th March we thanked God for:
His many mercies poured out on us – freedom to worship;

We prayed for the young and innocent, that they may choose wisely;

For sex education in schools to be morally helpful and useful;

May Your Church be all that You created it to be. Be Lord and Master of NCF.

On 26th February we prayed for:

Thankfulness for the Nature of God's Love

Thankfulness that the bible tells us God is.. merciful & gracious, slow to anger & abounding in steadfast love & faithfulness.

Thanks for the nature of that love from our heavenly Father.

Thankfulness that God's love isn't like ours. It isn't fickle or changeable, it never fades, it isn't conditional.

Thankfulness that if we move away from God, He never moves away from us or cease His love.

Thankfulness that when we dare to feel anger against Him due to our lack of understanding, He is always in control, omniscient , always good & always loving in return.

Thankfulness that when ever we feel alone, we never are, due to His unfailing love.

Thanks that His love isn't dependant upon our feelings. In times when we don't *feel* loved, we still are! His love isn't altered by our circumstances.

Romans 8: 37-39 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angel nor rules, not things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height not depth nor anything in all creation will be able to separate from us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus.

Thanks that we can't hide from this love, that we can't hide who we are or what we've done & that the challenge & comfort of this position.

Acknowledgement before God that only through Him can we change & we asked we help to not verve off to the right or the left but to hear His voice saying this is the way, walk in it (Isaiah 30:21)

Thanks for the ultimate expression of God's love – the cross of Jesus, the love of the Lord Jesus Christ & the great sacrifice.

Psalm 136:26 – “Give thanks to the God of heaven for his steadfast love endures forever”

On 19th February we prayed for:

"Injustice and my own attitude"

Lord, it's good to be actively concerned
about the abuses of human rights in other countries,
but I must not lose sight of the mis-treatment of others closer to me.
Most particularly, Lord,
point out to me my own failings
in lacking respect for those who come into my daily life.
I readily condemn slavery,
but help me to liberate those I know who are overburdened.
I condemn torture,
but lead me to discourage the use of cruel words and actions.
Remind me that those who degrade others
are themselves diminished.
Enlighten me so that I do not
jump to conclusions about people, or be judgmental.
Lead me always to respect individuals
for who they are, realising that their experiences
may be different from my own, as each follows paths in life
that are individual to them.
May I grow in appreciation that those who think differently from me
can hold equally valid views.
In these and other ways, Lord, may I grow in respect for all people.
This day, may others respect me as much as I respect them.
Amen.

Number 48 from "100 Prayers - Praying Each Day."

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Prayed for Nuneaton in terms of unity,

Marriage and Families;

The NHS.

On 12th February we prayed for:

We gave thanks to God that He is control of this world;

The son of a member of the congregation who contracted "Bell's palsy" on Thursday. He is now receiving medication and showing slight signs of improvement;

The situation in Syria as it has now gone out of the news since the ceasefire, but people are still living in atrocious conditions;

The government of the UK and particularly Theresa May and her advisers as they look to prepare a deal for Brexit;

The USA and the Trump administration that God would put Godly men and women around them;

NCF and our vision to see the church physically turned around because we have too many people to continue as it is. We prayed that God would provide us with the means to bring about that vision.

On 5th February we prayed for:

The theme of the prayer was "Family in God."

Thankfulness for our church family and the children /young people. Prayer for their protection and their walk with the Lord. May the Lord may add to their (children and young people) and our numbers; bringing in and welcoming new people into our loving family;

Isaiah 42:3 "He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle (NLT) phrased in KJV as a "bruised reed" and "dimly burning wick." Prayer for the many bruised reeds across our community to know the Lord and enter into His family; to be met with and cared for. Prayer for our "bruises" and times when we feel we are "burning only dimly;"

The needs in our church family – for those suffering with illness, both acute and long term, for those worried about their parents, their partner, their children, their financial situation, their job etc. Thankfulness that

God is omniscient and so knows all about our situations, thankfulness that He is all we ever need, that His perfect love and care surrounds us and that nothing is beyond Him;

Our wider family suffering persecution across the world; petition for God's out pouring of strength, reassurance, protection, healing, wisdom and we asked that His word would spread like a wild fire.

Wisdom for our family at NCF and our Christian family to stay close to the Lord; to stay true and close to His word and His will especially in the face of world views or popular secular culture.

We are ordinary people in an extraordinary family through Christ "See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God and that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1

On 29th January we prayed for:

Ephesians 6 v 18 - And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Lord, we thank you for saving us and giving us food to eat, clothes to wear, friends and family to share our lives with, and your Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us as we try to live our lives for You. Thank you for being our Father, the One on whom we can depend in all circumstances.

Lord we pray for those among us who are struggling today – will You encourage those who are downcast, sad or disappointed and help us all to put our trust in You whether things are going well or not. For those who are afraid or fearful, we pray that your right hand will uphold them, that You will strengthen them and help them as your word says. Lord we pray for those who are weary and burdened – may they know the peace and rest of the Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden light. Lord we pray for those who are ill or suffering in any way, that You will bring healing and restoration to show your glory.

Father will you bless the children among us, that they will learn who you are and be ready to accept you as their personal saviour, ready to serve you and give their lives to you, so that You may use them in your Kingdom for your purposes.

And we pray that many adults would be added to our number – people who don't yet know you as their saviour – help us to be tools that you can use to bring them into your family God. We lift up to you all the people that we know – our friends and families and work colleagues and neighbours. Have your way in their lives God and enable us to play the part that you want us to play.

We pray for church leaders in Nuneaton, that you will refresh them and help them to continue their work of serving you with enthusiasm and perseverance, because of your great name.

We pray for people who are in positions of authority across this country – will you influence them and lead them to make good decisions that will be according to your plans and purposes for this nation. Have mercy on us we pray, and let your gospel be spread far and wide in this nation again, and not hindered by laws or attitudes or social norms. You are the God of the whole earth, and you know this country and everyone in it – have your way here we pray.

And across the world, Lord, we pray for individuals who are persecuted for knowing you – be their strength and give them courage to stand up for your name. Give us the courage to do that in our lives too. For those affected by fires in Chile, God, have mercy on those families whose homes have been destroyed and who have lost loved ones. Equip your church there God and show your power and love to those affected by such terrible circumstances.

We pray for people affected by changes that the New American President is making. The world always seem to be in a state of difficulty for lots and lots of people. We know that each one is known and loved by you – for those who are your children, give them the grace that they need in every situation. For those who do not know you yet – we pray that they would be saved and believe in Jesus.

God, have your way we pray – for the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ!

On 22nd January we prayed for:

1 Timothy 2:1-3 says that we are to pray, intercede and give thanks for kings and all people in authority. This is God's command to every believer today.

Those in authority over us. our government and our leaders, asking that if they do not yet belong to You that You would save them. Please bless our

nation through godly leaders. May our Prime Minister and her cabinet receive the wisdom of God and act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives. May Marcus Jones, our MP for Nuneaton, and other local politicians find Your salvation, peace and direction.

The police in Warwickshire and throughout the UK. We ask for Your protection to cover the police and we ask for godly counsel and wisdom. May Your Kingdom of Peace be manifested in all those who have authority in any way.

The leaders in Your church. We ask that You would strengthen them during spiritual warfare and help them to remain encouraged. We pray for their families too that they will be able to trust You in difficult times. Lord we pray please have Your way with our leaders so they will be able to support those around them and that they will use their leadership to help others.

The sick among us. Lord please send healing and we ask that You send comfort to those among us that are lonely, sad or depressed.

The awful problems in the Middle East. Lord we see the children and families that are desperate. Show us how we can help.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Lord Jesus, You loved Jerusalem and wept over it, we love it also. We pray for Jerusalem to receive the Shalom of God which brings wholeness. May none of our leaders make decisions to harm Jerusalem in anyway and may You reveal Your perfect will to the leaders of Israel and the people in Israel looking for purpose in their lives.

On 15th January we prayed for:

Praise that we can freely come and worship You. Be the centre of our church and individual lives.

Syria – peace still holding, but other parts of world have war. Let there be a godly joy and trust for the believers there.

Peter Eccles' and TaeDae Yoon's funerals this week. Please draw close to the families, for smooth practical arrangements and for mercies in their journeys. Let Your love shine forth in these hard situations.

Please be glorified in the things we say and do.

On 8th January we prayed for:

Hebrews 4:14-16 – thanks that we can approach with confidence;

Malta – let Your children know Your glory and energy, particularly for those doing the Alpha Course and sharing the Jesus Film. There is strain due to lots of people coming in to the country;

Those who know You who used to attend NCF, but have moved to other places but are still going on with God. We also thought about the Prodigals who no longer follow God. Please let those who used to be Your disciple listen and follow again on this estate and Nuneaton. The Empty Chair is available for the Prodigal and for those who have never followed You so far;

This Thursday – our eyes are on You for which way You would have us vote;

The Eccles and Yoons as they face the funerals very soon – please be their shepherd and hiding place;

The ‘Haves’ and the ‘Have Nots’ – help us to play our part to encourage others in whatever life flings at us.

We read The Lord’s Prayer from the Amplified Bible.

On 1st January we prayed for:

Today we thanked God for His provision in 2016 and looked forward to what He has in store for us in 2017.

We remembered those who had lost loved ones over the Christmas period around the world and especially the families of Revd Tae Dae Yoon and Peter Eccles who both passed away unexpectedly just before Christmas. We asked that God would be very close to them as they start to come to terms with their loss and look to the practicalities of preparing funerals.

We prayed that God would have His hand on NCF as we start 2017 and that the important decision on 12th January would be in accordance with His will together with all decisions we make as a church this year.

