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The Power of Love

My mother was a great collector of prayers, which she always kept in her songbook. Now that we don't use songbooks so much during our worship, it is a practice that has mostly died out – but there are a few people who still have a treasure trove of wonderful words still hidden away in old songbooks and Bibles. Joyce Lear is one of them. Following the prayer that I included a couple weeks ago, Joyce was reminded of this prayer that was once used as inspiration during Christian Aid week:

Take our hatreds: make them into handshakes;
Take our prejudices: make them into peace-offerings;
Take our misunderstandings: make them into music;
Take our divisions: make them into dances;
Take our helplessness: make us hope;
For you never withdraw the power of your love.
Amen

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

Proverbs 3 v 27

PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

17 th	Ed Bowen, Becky G; Joe S; Martin, Amy S & family; Sharon D; Iris & Ivan D; Brian & Vera R
18 th	Derek & Liz B; Gwen L; Joan W; David, Rachel, Charlotte, Georgina, & Harriet N
19 th	Helen, Michael, Gracey, Isabella, Joseph, Leonie & Thomas L&W Clive & Pauline E; Jill Wh
20 th	Tom C; Olive M; Loraine B; Haydn & Trudi B; Hannah & Katie
21 st	Molly A; Ashayi. Moses, Junior & Eli C; Brenda H; Peter & Valerie S; David & Doreen S
22 nd	Laura & Neil B; Mark C; Aiden N; Charlie T; Daisy U; Brian & Pat U; David T; Jeanette N
23 rd	Ruth & Ted B, Bev, Jon, Harry, Jessica and Emily D; Kelvin & Linda J; Malcolm & Mary W, Janine J & family

PRAYER NETWORK:

We have sent out 5 requests this week:

- Betty and Terry Brittan
- Andy Sims undergoing surgery
- Lydia undergoing surgery
- Our Young People on International Youth Day that they may be given purpose and drive to be a voice for Christ in the World
- Our Young People awaiting A Level grades

Since 19th February 104 Prayer Requests have been received and 63 emails sent out for each request, which equates to at least 70 people praying. The Prayer Network is a vital part of our Fellowship. If you haven't already done so, please email at staplehillprayers@gmail.com if you wish to take part.

FLOWERS:

The flowers that would have been gifted for our altar table today would have been given by Paul and Heather Campbell in memory of Paul's dad, Brian.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- Our thoughts and prayers are again with those who are expecting exam results this week. The GCSE results are released on Thursday, so please remember our young people.
- We have heard that Doreen Slator's sister has been quite poorly in Sunderland.
- Our thoughts are with Catherine Reed this week following the loss of her sister, Dorothy.
- We continue to think of those who have recently experienced loss. Janet B, Yvonne W, Marc W & family, and Kelvin and family.
- Andy Sims underwent surgery in London this week, and it is good to hear that he is now home again. Our thoughts and prayers are with both Andy and Hilary.
- On a happier note, Michael and Claire welcomed a new grandchild into the Blowers fold on the 3rd August, Keira Hallie-Ann, weighing in at 6lb 14oz. Mother, Hannah, and baby are doing well - a baby sister for 4 year old Freya.



THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe, but the following activities continue:

TODAY Sunday 16th August

from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)

10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+) from 11am Sunday Worship available online

'Water into Wine' John 2:1-11

Monday 17th August

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Tuesday 18th August

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 19th August

2pm Extra Slice Group online
3.30pm Extra Slice Group online
7pm Extra Slice Group online
8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Thursday 20th August

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Saturday 22nd August

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Sunday 23rd August

from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)

10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+) from 11am Sunday Worship available online

'<u>Psalm 121</u>'