

'The prayer life of the Psalmist is filled with anger and rawness. There is no attempt to be polite or docile. Real prayer is being open about the negatives and yielding them to God... they are never yielded unless they be fully expressed.' *Walter Brueggemann*

*How deserted lies the city,
once so full of people!
How like a widow is she,
who once was great among the nations!*
Lamentations 1.1

Father,

We pray for Beirut, so badly damaged in a horrific explosion this week. We pray for all who have lost loved ones and homes, or suffered injury. We pray for the churches in Beirut. Please comfort your people and remind them of the promise of eternal life for your followers.

Please help churches and other Christian groups repair their buildings so they can serve people again. We pray that this will not stop you being glorified or the Bible being preached.

Amen.

Please see the attached sheet from BMS with prayer pointers for Beirut and the Lebanon

What mercy says in calamity:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/dont-wait-to-be-done-with-sin>

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Please note! Items for 7/52 should be given to **Sally** by **midnight THURSDAY** on 641305 or email: **ian.pratt5@btopenworld.com**

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So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold – though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.

1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT



'A sign of growing maturity in Christ must be the ability to choose to stand in the safety of God's embrace, protected from the storm.

My peace is not the resolution of my problems and challenges. Rather, it is entrusting myself to God even as the storm rages before my eyes.' *Micha Jazz*

Check out our website at **www.rydebaptist.org** for general updates.

Sermon notes and suggestions for reading and study are on **<https://www.rydebaptist.xyz>** — the Sunday supplement.



What's On

Worship at home with Premier Radio **10 am Sunday**.

BBC1 10.45 am Sunday morning live; Songs of Praise at **1.15 pm**

Also listen to **Pam Rhodes** on Premier Radio for Sunday Live at 6 pm, followed by Prayer of Hope from Churches Together at 7 pm. Pam Rhodes also leads a lunchtime singalong every weekday at 1 pm on Premier Radio.



Prayer broadcast with BU General Secretary Lynn Green at **7 pm** this Sunday.

Prayers at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

All available at https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx

Please contact **Alison** on alison.ridout@btinternet.com or by phone so she can send you the link to the coffee morning on Zoom each Thursday at 10.30 am.

BBC reports: *'coronavirus in India is now increasing by at least 50,000 cases per day'*. Barnabas Fund reports: *'In certain parts of India.....pastors and other Christians have been excluded from government food distribution for the poor and needy during lockdown'*. While lockdown is easing in many places, in some nations the situation continues to worsen. **AMEN Trust** say: *'We have now sent out over £50,000 to our partners around the world who are providing food and help to those in dire need. We will continue to send support to our brothers and sisters in India as long as there is a need and as God provides'*. Please donate now if you can help at: www.amentrust.co.uk

Hundreds of **Tear Fund** supporters have started creative fundraising challenges, such as 8-year-old Grace, a keen dancer, who tap-danced up and down her street for 2.6 kilometres. One family rose to *The Climb* challenge, ascending the height of Everest by repeatedly climbing the stairs at home. This is a crucial time to prevent millions of people being pushed further into poverty. Start your fundraising journey today by signing up and creating your own challenge.

https://www.tearfund.org/en/about_you/fundraise/go_for_it/

The power of lament

'This moment can be a gift to the church. There is nothing good about suffering, but God can work good from it if we will allow him. Can we allow ourselves to be pushed deeper into Jesus? Deeper into prayer, scripture and dependence on God; deeper into care and awareness of our neighbour; and deeper into a lament for the state of things – the way we as a society are now living, the failings of our discipleship and witness, the loneliness, despair and anxiety of many? Lament in the presence of Jesus is powerful.... If we receive the gift of lament, we will find ourselves drawing near to the heart of God himself who also weeps and grieves over the world.'

Paul S Williams, Chief Executive of Bible Society

Mark Greene of LICC reflects on the need to lament:

'Suffering is almost entirely absent from contemporary worship songs. By comparison, 28% of the psalms are psalms of lament. We need to grieve, to name what is before us for what it is. Not to do so is to suppress the truth and numb the emotions. If we do not mourn what grieves God's heart we are less likely to be intercessors and champions for the change that the Father sent his Son to bring about, and called us to participate in.'

<https://www.licc.org.uk/resources/look-what-weve-done-to-our-songs/>

IMPORTANT!

Dear friends,
Still looking for help as a "deputy" treasurer for RBC. One offer of help has been given, but more would be welcome! The accounts are now based on spreadsheets not difficult to learn. Please contact me if you can help. In Christ, Jim.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the work of the Church. If you are able to give by standing order, PLEASE do so!

**RBC Barclays current account number 20731102
sort code 20-60-55**

If you usually give by cash or cheque, contact Jim on 810991 to arrange delivery or collection

**We are currently running at a deficit as follows:
-£10,768. This is mainly due to the loss of letting fees for
the GSC**