

'We watched awhile as you withdrew to pray. We watched and wanted to follow... but it was hard.'

Teach us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray in the storm, in these uncertain times.

Teach us to pray as we wade through the risk assessments and reams of changing advice.

Teach us to pray as we look at our friends who seem to have everything sorted and all going well.

Teach us to pray as we scroll through our phones, through the newsfeeds, Twitter, Facebook and more.

Teach us to pray as we fear for the future, even though we know we should hope for today.

Teach us to pray in the dark of the night when sleep never comes and our thoughts are all mangled.

Teach us to pray as walk in community, as we see the young man curled up on the bench and glimpse sadness in the young woman's eyes.

Teach us to pray as we decide the wrong from the right.

Teach us to pray, to listen, to sit in the stillness and breathe in the depth of your love.

Teach us to pray, to lift up your name and to call for your Kingdom to come here on your earth.

Amen.

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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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The foreigners residing among you must be treated as native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:34

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/by phone for the link to the Thursday Zoom coffee morning.

If anyone has a spare second-hand unused smartphone, tablet or laptop that could be adapted to use Zoom, please contact Kerry or Sally ASAP.

Thanks!

Dr Justin Thacker, director of Church Action for Tax Justice, challenges us at: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Stop-stealing-from-Africa>

Watch the video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtPEorB_31k

and speak up for home workers at: traidcraftexchange.org/hidden-hands

Read about what Christians are doing to speak up for others in Nigeria: <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/nigerian-celebrities-join-calls-to-end-mass-killings-of-christians-in-new-campaign?>

Do you agree with this author's stance?

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/If-you-re-a->

Dr Ruth Valerio of Tearfund says: 'God has created a world of awe and beauty, teeming with life, full of diversity, abundance and colour. Yet at the same time, a world that is seriously wounded.

The Bible is clear that God, people, and nature are interconnected and if one aspect is hurt, everything will be impacted. Racial injustice, gender inequality and environmental breakdown are all real and the consequence of sin, personal, structural, and systemic.

The desperation of poverty and the greed of wealth support a system at odds with God's original intention of peaceful relationships between all things. As we consider the end of lockdown, what can you and I do to build a better world?'

- 1. Pray** - cry out to God and pray for change
- 2. Learn** - about what's going on in God's world
- 3. Speak up** - for justice and the poor
- 4. Live** - look at our own lives and lifestyles
- 5. Give** - how we spend and give our money shows what we value.
- 6. Imagine** - allow the biblical story to shape our imagination to envisage the world as it should be

See the full article at: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2020/August-2020/6-ways-to-build-a-better-world-after-lockdown?>

More about Tearfund's Reboot campaign at:

https://www.tearfund.org/2020/07/reboot_steps_-_a_better_world_for_everyone/

IMPORTANT!

Dear friends,
Still looking for help as a "deputy" treasurer for RBC. Offers of help have 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**