

'Sometimes we pray for ourselves, but have been slow to pray for others — especially those whom we see every day and whose lives seem to be going fine. There doesn't have to be a special crisis to motivate us to pray for our lives and the lives of others. Prayer offers to God the stuff of our everyday lives. Make it a point to pray about your normal every day and be sure to include your family members. Recognise that Satan is a thief who comes to kill, steal, and destroy and that he works nonstop to disable, discourage, and defeat believers. Use fervent prayer as a bold, strategic weapon to overcome through Christ. Be systematic in praying for your family. One way to do that is to mentally picture your family tree, and ask God to lay one person on your heart each day. Perhaps write their name somewhere you'll notice it or make their picture the background on your phone. If you are limiting your prayers, don't. God is who He says He is.'

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As Covid-19 threatens to overwhelm the health service, pray using these pointers, written by a senior A&E nurse in a large teaching hospital:

1. Pray for **NHS staff**, for safety, energy and peace in dealing with each patient.
2. Pray for those in **hospital leadership**, for wisdom and good decisions to give the best outcomes for patients.
3. Pray for **patients**, for healing, peace and ultimate return home. Pray for their **relatives** who feel helpless.
4. Pray for the **vaccine**, that it will work against this latest strain of Covid-19.
5. Pray for a **reprieve** and an end to Covid-19.

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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV 1984)

Prayers for Ryde continue every Monday for 15 minutes at 7pm. Join in using the link at **[Pray for Ryde – Continuing in Prayer](#)**
This is followed by our own prayer meeting using the usual link

Check out our website at **www.rydebaptist.xyz** for general updates, sermon notes and suggestions for reading and study.



What's On

Worship with Premier Radio

10 am Sunday Worship at home

6 pm Sunday Live with Pam Rhodes, followed by Prayer of Hope with Churches Together at **7 pm**

BBC1 10.30 am The Big Questions **1.15 pm** Songs of Praise



Recordings of last Wednesday's BU prayer broadcast and all previous ones can be found at

The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Prayer broadcasts .

Open Doors has released its World Watch List for 2021, highlighting increasing persecution of Christians worldwide. See <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/the-10-worst-countries-to-live-in-if-you-re-a-christian>

Fundraising for OM by climbing the height of Everest on his stairs! See more at <https://www.uk.om.org/Blog/climbing-for-logos-hope>

Download a prayer diary for January from SAT-7 at <https://www.sat7uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NP-January.pdf>

'God doesn't define worship as singing – and neither should we... Have you noticed the injustices exposed during this pandemic? I believe God is using this moment to draw the Church's attention away from the music and show, and back towards the things that he truly receives as worship. Things like racial equality; dismantling of white privilege; care for creation; kindness and care for our neighbour (including protecting our neighbours' health); the value of the small and unglamorous church gathering. Amazing lessons in worship can be learned when the music stops (or as Matt Redman put it: "When the music fades"). In this season where congregational singing is not permitted, we need to engage in some congregational listening. Let's be open to what the Spirit is saying.'

'There is no lockdown on the Holy Spirit.

There is no lockdown on mission - on a 'thank you' note, a nod to a stranger, a text to a friend, lingering after a Zoom meeting to listen, reading a psalm with a seeker, offering an smile to a red-eyed parent, leaving a meal, a cake, a Kit-Kat on a doorstep, inviting a friend/ neighbour to a YouTube service...we may be limited in how we can gather in our church buildings but we are still God's people with a mission in his world.

There is no lockdown on prayer. We may not be able to go to our friend, our family, our neighbour, but are not the Lord's ears open? Is there any mask-muffled, visor-buffered whisper he cannot hear? Is he not always near? Does he not still speak through his word? Send his angels? Is there any place barred to his Spirit?

There is no lockdown on grace. There is no lockdown on access to the Father. No lockdown on Jesus. And no lockdown on the Holy Spirit. He goes where he wills. Hallelujah.'

Mark Greene, Executive Director, LICC

Following the disruption at the US Capitol, **Donald Trump** has been banned from various social media and his accounts closed down. Not everyone agrees with this. Read more at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Why-Donald-Trump-s-Twitter-ban-is-bad-news-for-Christians>

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