

o Day 6: Sat 14th October

**Read:** *My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave me, that they may be one as We are One: I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent Me and have loved them even as you have loved Me.*  
(John 17:20-23)

**Reflect:** Having prayed for His immediate disciples Jesus now looks ahead in time and prays for all who will believe in Him through their message, including us, which is an amazing thought! Notice His desire is that the world may believe in Him, and that unity among His disciples lets the world know that He has been sent by the Father.

**Respond:**

- Thank God that He loves you even as He loves His dear Son.
- Pray for unity in the church in Leeds so that others may believe.
- Worship Jesus as the One who shares His glory with His disciples.
- Pray for your 3 people that they may believe that God the Father sent Jesus His Son.

Day 7: Sunday 15th October

**Read:** *Father, I want those You have given me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory you have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world.*

*Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. I have made You known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them.*  
(John 17:24-26)

**Reflect:** As Jesus concludes His prayer he returns once more to the theme of glory, this time He has in mind His glory that He wants His disciple to see when they are ultimately with Him. One day we will be changed completely so that we can see His glory in its fullness. We will be like Him for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). In the mean time we can see a measure of His glory by contemplating Him and we are transformed into His likeness as we do so with ever-increasing glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). Notice how Jesus wants to continue to make Himself known to His disciples and comes to indwell them through His Spirit.

**Respond:**

- Thank Jesus that He wants you to be with Him where He is and to see His glory.
- Pray that as a church we would see more and more of Jesus' glory.
- Worship Jesus as the One loved by the Father from before creation.
- Pray again for your 3 people that they may know Jesus Himself in them by His Spirit.

**South Parade Baptist Church**  
**Week of Prayer 8th—15th October 2017**



Our teaching series throughout the Autumn and into the new year is focusing on Discipleship—what it means for us to follow Jesus. When we look at the life of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels, we can't help but notice that He was a man of prayer. For example Luke tells us 'Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.' (Luke 5:16) We also know that He spent the whole night praying on occasions, that He prayed before important decisions and events in His life, that He prayed with others, that He prayed publically as well as privately, and that He adopted different postures in prayer (kneeling, standing, prostrate).

Prayer was clearly a priority in the life of Our Lord and Saviour. Nor has He stopped praying. Romans 8:34 makes this wonderful truth abundantly clear 'Christ Jesus ...is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.' What was and is true for the Master needs to be true for us as His followers. We too want to be known as people of prayer and as a church who prays, like the early church who 'devoted themselves to prayer' (Acts 2:42). Prayer is about relationship with our heavenly Father, through His Son, by His Spirit. Prayer is a privilege. Prayer is powerful. Prayer is warfare. But prayer doesn't just happen - like Jesus we need to be deliberate and intentional about it.

That's why we're having this week of prayer.

Below is some information about what is happening during the week and over the page is a 7 day prayer diary based on Jesus' prayer in John 17 for you to use as a guide.

**What's happening?**

**Headingley**

Prayer stations and prayer resources will be in the Sanctuary at the following times:

Monday 2pm—7pm

Tuesday through the night until Wednesday 7pm

Thursday 7pm—7pm

Friday 7am—2pm

Tuesday Morning Prayer 10.30am—11.15am in the Green House

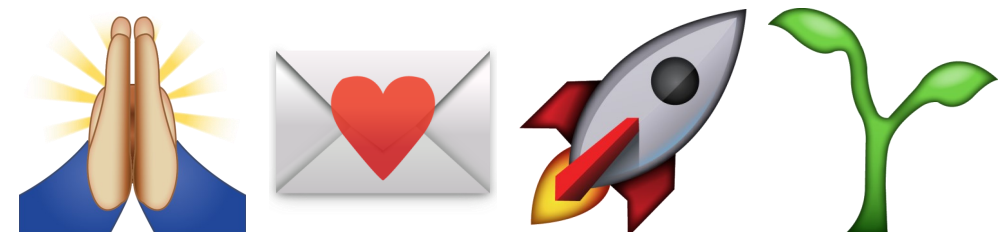
Saturday 'House of Prayer' 8am—11am in the Green House

**Cragg Hill**

Thursday 7.30pm—8.30pm, prayer with particular focus on Asylum seekers and refugees in the Upper Room.

Thursday 9.00pm Taize service in connection with Horsforth Asylum seekers initiative, on the Horsforth Town Street 'Green', for those who can make it.

Friday 12.15pm—1.00pm prayer in the Cragg School Room.



### Day 1: Sunday 8th October

**Read:** *After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent." (John 17:1-3)*

**Reflect:** Prayer is learning to enjoy what Jesus has always enjoyed—relationship with the Father. Notice how Jesus begins this prayer 'Father....' We too have been drawn into this relationship. Because we are in Christ we too may address God as 'Father'. 'God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out "Abba, Father."' (Galatians 4:6)

#### **Respond:**

- Thank God for this incredible privilege of being adopted into His family through Jesus.
- Pray that you will enjoy a deepening relationship with God as Your heavenly Father.
- Worship Jesus as the One who has all authority and who has given you eternal life.
- Pray each day this week for 3 people you know personally who don't yet know Jesus.

### Day 2: Monday 9th October

**Read:** *I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began. I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your word. Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. (John 17:4-7)*

**Reflect:** As He hung on the cross Jesus cried out in triumph "It is finished!" He had completed the work the Father had given Him to do. This brought glory to the Father and salvation to all those who trust in Christ's finished work on their behalf. Notice how the focus throughout Jesus' prayer is glory; glory to the Father and glory to Himself.

#### **Respond:**

- Thank Jesus for what He has done for you and won for you on the cross.
- Pray that God will give us His vision for the work He wants us to do as a church.
- Worship Jesus as the One glorified with the Father before the world began.
- Pray again for your 3 people, that Jesus will reveal the Father to them.

### Day 3: Tuesday 10th October

**Read:** *For I gave them the words You gave Me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they are Yours. All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. And glory has come to Me through them. (John 17:8-10)*

**Reflect:** Jesus makes it clear throughout His ministry that He is not speaking on His own authority. Rather He is teaching those things He has learned from the Father. Also notice how Jesus is conscious of being 'sent' by His Father. This is another recurrent theme in His teaching. He does nothing independently, only what His Father gives Him to do. He does not come at His own initiative, He is sent by the Father into the world.

#### **Respond:**

- Thank the Father for giving you to Jesus and that you belong to Him.
- Pray for your Mission Community, that together you would glorify Jesus.
- Worship Jesus as the One who willingly submits to the Father's will.
- Pray for your 3 people, that they will accept the words of Jesus.

### Day 4: Wednesday 11th October

**Read:** *I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your Name--the Name You gave Me--so that they may be one as We are One. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that Name you gave Me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them. (John 17:11-13)*

**Reflect:** Jesus is conscious of His unity with His Father. All that the Father has is His and vice versa (v10). They have the same Name. They are one. Anyone who has seen Jesus has seen the Father. The Father is in Him and He is in the Father. Notice how Jesus changes the way He addresses His father to 'Holy Father'.

#### **Respond:**

- Thank God for His protection of you by the power of His Name.
- Pray for unity of heart and purpose in our church.
- Worship our God—unity in community. One God in three persons.
- Pray for your 3 people again that they will experience Jesus' joy in them.

### Day 5: Thursday 12th October

**Read:** *I have given them Your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. As you sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (John 17:14-19)*

**Reflect:** Jesus is acutely aware that He doesn't belong to this world, that He has come from the Father and is returning to Him. Like Him we are not 'of' the world, this is not where we belong, our citizenship is in heaven. However He has purposes for us in this world and so He sends us out in His Name to fulfil them. One of them is our being sanctified (our being made holy).

#### **Respond:**

- Thank Jesus for His word which is truth.
- Pray that you will grow in personal holiness.
- Worship Jesus as the Holy One who gives us His Holy Spirit to make us holy.
- Pray for your 3 people that you may be able to share Jesus' word with them.