

July 2020 DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER TOPICS

This month we are reflecting on the theme
of building a strong community.

Wednesday July 1st: Hebrews 10

This reading emphasises being together and that's hard for us all at the moment to do. Remember in prayer today all those who are finding the isolation challenging.

Thursday July 2nd: Galatians 6

Bearing other's burdens is part of being a supportive community. Whose burdens can you pray for today?.

Friday July 3rd: Ecclesiastes 4 v 112

A problem shared is a problem halved it is said. One can lift up the other when one of them falls. Pray for people who need to share a problem today and be lifted by the experience.

Saturday July 4th: Acts 2 v 4247

Give thanks for the groups and activities where food is shared and fellowship grows.

SUNDAY July 5th: Romans 12 v 113

Pray for the gifts and skills you have, and offer them in your prayers to God today.

Monday July 6th: Matthew 18

Where two or three are gathered I am there, said Jesus. Remember in your prayers today two other people you know well and ask God to surround them with love.

Tuesday **July 7th:** **1 Thessalonians 5**

Weakness comes in many forms – there is poverty, illness and deprivation to name three, but there are many more. Remember those who are weak today, whatever the issue is.

Wednesday **July 8th:** **Matthew 22**

Pray for your neighbours today, giving thanks for the blessings you have shared.

Thursday **July 9th:** **Matthew 5**

Pray today for the people who are the salt of the earth in your life.

Friday **July 10th:** **1 Corinthians 12 v 127**

Pray for the places where there is division today, may there be peace, harmony and understanding, both locally and nationally.

Saturday **July 11th** **1 John 1**

Give thanks for the people who have made a difference in your life because of the friendship and fellowship you have shared together.

SUNDAY **July 12th:** **Psalm 133**

Pray for people who work for unity at all levels of society.

Monday **July 13th:** **Philippians 2 v 316**

Rivalry and conceit cause many problems in today's world. Remember the people you know that are rivals in your prayers, as well as national or international figures who have let rivalry become their driving force.

Tuesday July 14th: Colossians 3 v 113

Pray for situations where forgiveness is required so that harmony can return and a new beginning can flourish.

Wednesday Wednesday July 15th: James 5

Pray for people who are hiding secrets from their loved ones and cannot be honest.

Thursday July 16th: John 15

Pray for the members of our Armed Forces, past and present, especially those who are recovering from trauma from the past. May they know how much they are loved.

Friday July 17th: 1 Peter 3

Think of the people you know who have a tender heart and give thanks for them today.

Saturday July 18th: Peter 4

Pray for the people who have gone the extra mile for others during this pandemic, and have offered this humbly and kindly without expectation of reward.

SUNDAY July 19th: Romans 15

Give thanks for those who have the gift of welcome and hospitality, two essential gifts for church families.

Monday July 20th: Acts 4 v 132

Praise God for people who have shared their possessions with others, and have gone without for those in need.

Tuesday July 21st: Ephesians 4 v 116

Sometimes there are people who need to hear the truth about their words or actions, and the effect that has had on other people. Remember the people you know who come into this category and can hurt others by what they say .

Wednesday July 22nd: 1 Peter 2

God loves you and chose you for his own! Give thanks for this in prayer today.

Thursday July 23rd: Romans 1

Who are the encouragers in life? We all have people who make life better just because they say the right thing at the right time. Praise God for them today.

Friday July 24th: Acts 1

The early Church grew because people prayed for each other. Pray for the Christian friends you know today.

Saturday July 25th: Romans 16

Look out for the people who cause division and create obstacles for you, and for the Church. If you have experienced this please pray for them today.

SUNDAY July 26th : Ephesians 2

Pray for the people who have particular gifts and skills that you admire.

Monday July 27th: Ezekiel 34 v 131

Pray for the community in which you live, especially for those who are hungry or worried about money or a job.

Tuesday July 28th: James 2

Pray for the work of our local Foodbanks, that they would be able to meet the practical needs of all who are hungry.

Wednesday July 29th: Galatians 3

We are all the same, no matter our age, shape or interests our age, shape or interests. Whatever colour skin we have, or hair style or dress sense, God loves us.

Pray today for the ability to treat everyone you meet with respect, concern and the love that God has for you

Thursday July 30th: 1 Timothy 5

Honour those in your community who have been through loss and distress, particularly during this pandemic with your prayers for them today.

Friday July 31st: Matthew 25

Pray that we can feed the hungry, heal the sick and welcome the stranger in Christ's name.

Prepared by Wellesley Church