

PRAYER TOPICS WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 2nd MAY 2022

As we start our series on prayer, I thought it may be good to once again visit the way Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

Our Father in Heaven. Abba. I am fully aware that some people's experience of a father figure is not a good one, and so are immediately put off by that phrase. But here is a perfect love. Here is what you may have longed for in a parent and never had. Here is a love freely given, fair, just to discipline, guiding, perfect in every way.

1. Right at the start fall back into the Father's arms and silently rest in this wonderful love.

Now that we have felt His love we have a call to worship and praise God.

Hallowed, Sanctified, Holy is our God.

2. Praise God in worship and prayer for who He is and what He has done.

Given His Son the perfect one to die for us. Your Kingdom come. Do we really want to see this? Have we a part to play in this?

3. Pray that we see this happen.

Your Will be done here on Earth as in Heaven. It seems that God's influence here on Earth is anything like what it is in Heaven. There are wars, famine, natural disasters, man made ones, pain, sickness and tears.

4. Pray for God's World.

Pray for peace. Ask God how we can make a difference. Give us today the things we need, food, clothing, health.

5. Pray today for the aid agencies, Tear Fund, Red Cross, Oxfam etc. Pray for smaller organisations like Food Bank, Community Fridge. Thank God for our provisions, we are so rich and so privileged compared with so many in our World. Think of the displaced refugees, some who have come into our area.

Forgive us our sins. Not one of us is perfect. We think, do and say things which we should not. We offend others, we bear grudges against others, some who do not even know they have offended us. Think about the fact that if we do not forgive others, the only people affected are ourselves, because we fester and moan, and start to hold grudges, and so it goes on.

6. Pray that we put things right.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. The Message puts that so wonderfully, keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

7. Pray just that. Guide us and guard us.

Then finish off the week in prayer, praise and worship to the God who is still in charge.