



Encountering God's Love

## Prayer

Prayer is a wonderful way of developing our relationship with our heavenly Father. Jesus prayed to the Father and taught us through the Lord's Prayer to do the same by providing us with an amazing model prayer (the Lord's Prayer). As we pray, the Lord grants us peace, refreshes our soul, satisfies our spiritual hunger, assures us of our forgiveness and changes us for the better to be more like Him. As we intercede for others and our world, He can powerfully bring change for the better. We have a wonderful God who delights in hearing and answering our prayers.

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray and soon they learned and went on to have extraordinary powerful prayer lives. As a church we provide many opportunities to deepen our prayer life and grow in our relationship with the Lord and see Him at work as we pray.

Here are some of the many opportunities for you to deepen your prayer life. The days and times of prayer events can be found on the weekly notice sheet or the monthly Church newsletter.

### Praying with Others:

- ✓ Monthly Prayer and Praise - join with the church family for this key time of praise and worship, followed by intercessory prayer for the church, the local community and missionary links worldwide.
- ✓ Home Groups – small groups meet for times of fellowship, bible study and praying for each other.
- ✓ Strictly Come Pray – short weekly prayer times.
- ✓ Prayer for the persecuted Church – monthly prayer times.
- ✓ Women's Bible study – weekly bible study, fellowship and prayer.
- ✓ Prayer partners or triplets – for individual prayer support.
- ✓ Open Doors – drop in for coffee, chat and prayer.
- ✓ Prayer Events such as Thy Kingdom Come.

### **Praying alone:**

- ✓ The Church Daily Prayer Diary (also daily pages accessible via the PrayerMate App) helps inform your quiet time prayers.
- ✓ The church is open for private prayer during the week (contact church office for opening times). We have a comfortable Prayer Space with lots of prayer resources.

### **Can We Pray for You?**

We believe that when we pray, God moves. Whatever situation you are in, you can pray to God and He will hear you. However, it is often comforting to know that others are committed to praying for you too, either because you can't find the words yourself or because you want to know others are standing with you through difficult times and praying for you. We often have the joy of seeing God answer prayers as well as helping many to know the assurance that the Lord is by their side as they journey through challenging times.

You are invited to send your prayer requests to our dedicated prayer email at [prayer@moultonchurch.co.uk](mailto:prayer@moultonchurch.co.uk) or alternatively come to a Sunday service and meet with a member of the Prayer Team after the service to receive prayer in our comfortable Prayer Space.

Prayer requests sent by email will be circulated to our prayer team and treated confidentially unless you indicate that you would prefer wider circulation and/or prayed for in Sunday services. If you prefer the prayer only to be shared with the Vicar, Associate Vicar and Pastoral Care Coordinator please indicate. If you would also like one of the prayer team or a member of the clergy to contact you to see how you are doing, please mention that in your email.

Has the Lord answered a prayer for you recently? Have you seen God at work in your life? Maybe you have prayed or asked for prayer for guidance, healing, or peace and the Lord has answered. Please share these things to the same email address so that we can return thanks to God.

The Bible tells us in the book of Philippians Chapter 4 verses 6 & 19 *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.....And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"*