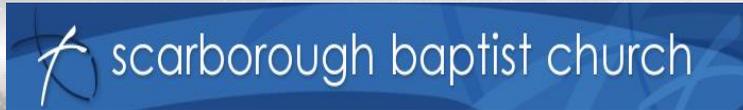


September Prayer Month: a journey through the resurrection and ascension



Prayer Week #23

An update on the prayer needs of the church

Monday, September 07th – Psalm 8: ⁴“Why do you care about us humans? Why are you concerned for us weaklings?” ⁵You made us a little lower than you yourself, and you have crowned us with glory and honour. **What are human beings?** God is the lover who never stops loving. Although humans can express noble emotions, their love often diminishes even loving evil. God sends the perfect human, Jesus, who dies as a human, to give new life and a new future for humanity. What and how we love is transformed in Jesus.

Tuesday, September 08th – Psalm 9: ⁹The poor can run to you because you are a fortress in times of trouble. ¹⁰Everyone who honours your name can trust you, because you are faithful to all who depend on you. **The poor are prey to the cruelty of those in power.** They may have no one else to run to other than God. God responds to the cries of the poor. Jesus says that he has come to bring good news to the poor. How do we trust in God when we do not have much? How do we as a church and individuals help others in their struggle with poverty? Can the church be a place of refuge?

Wednesday, September 09th – Psalm 10: ¹⁷You listen to the longings of those who suffer. You offer them hope, and you pay attention to their cries for help. ¹⁸You defend orphans and everyone else in need, so that no one on earth can terrify others again. **God can strengthen us and others.** In your prayers this week, ask in faith that God will strengthen you. Ask that he will strengthen others. Notice the actions of God in the Psalm. Listens, offering hope, paying attention, defending the weak and helpless. God’s presence is made known in these ways.

Thursday, September 10th – Psalm 11: ¹The LORD is my fortress! **God provides protection for His people.** As you seek the Lord this week, please be comforted and may you gain confidence in God and His love for you and others. Please pray for three others - in the church, in your neighbourhood, and in your family. Pray that they will be comforted. That in fear and despair that they will know the confidence of running to God.

Friday, September 11th – Psalm 12: ⁶Our LORD, you are true to your promises, and your word is like silver heated seven times in a fiery furnace. **The one quality that is most absent in our world is truth.** When we find truth, we are willing to trust, to open-up, to follow. Truth also encourages us to be truthful. In Jesus we see the exact image of truth. He shares truth in a way that transforms others. He is true to His promises – “you are forgiven”; “you have been made well”; “you have been given faith”. In His telling of the truth He is falsely accused and killed. Because He tells the truth He goes to the cross to break the hold of lies and evil in our life.

Saturday, September 12th – Psalm 13: ³Please listen, LORD God, and answer my prayers. Make my eyes sparkle again, or else I will fall into the sleep of death. **Praise God** that he brings people into our lives. Family and friends, the church family; these are the people that surround us with love and acceptance, fun and humour. May the Lord help us to be thankful and to value those that God brings into our lives. **Let them know today how much you appreciate them.**

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for families and friends over East and overseas that may be vulnerable to the virus.
- Pray for those in the church who are separated from family and friends.
- Pray that those who are grieving; those that are fearful will find safety and comfort in God.
- Please pray for the elderly and the vulnerable.
- Please Pray for those who are unwell and struggling with health challenges. Pray for healing and rest.
- Pray for missionaries and their families. Pray for encouragement and protection often in difficult places.
- Pray that we will be excited about the good news. Pray that we will enjoy God and others.

Praises

- Praise God that he is Our Father. That we know God in His Son. We have been given His Spirit.
- Thank you, God, for your love for us. Thank you that because of you we can love you and others.
- Praise God for worship and prayer.
- Praise God that in our weakness He gives us the courage to persevere. May those who are struggling with fear know the strengthening of the Spirit.
- Thank God that He is with us. May His presence strengthen and bless us and others.
- Praise God that He is true to His promises.