

because greed enables some to have what they want while others do not get what they need.

*Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven*

For those who seek justice and kindness yet find only ill treatment cruelty and injustice, in the place of tenderness.

*Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.*

For those who seek a place to call home, a place where they can have a secure life and the opportunities we so take for granted...

*Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven*

For those who this week have suffered from peoples inhumanity.

*Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven*

For those who are ill in body, mind and spirit and those who mourn.

*Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven*

Lord we bring these our prayers to you in the faith that you hear and respond. Amen.

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen*

***Hymn: StF524 Listening God, you hear us when we cannot speak***

### **A prayer of blessing**

Generous God, bless us now with your grace that gives and gives again. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen**

**Hymn: StF 531 What a friend we have in Jesus**

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# **Coventry & Nuneaton Methodist Circuit**

## ***Worship is our Way of life!***

### **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

#### ***Readings:***

**Genesis 18:20-32**

**Luke 11: 1 - 13**

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## Opening Prayer

### Psalm 85

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to  
him in their hearts.

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those  
who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

### Hymn: StF110 In the wonder of creation

#### Let us pray together

Lord God your love goes on. Your creation was born from your love and you saw that it was good. You led your people in love and when they were disobedient you sought ways to bring them back to your way.

In Jesus you showed the height and length and breadth and depth of your love as he gave himself for us on the cross.

You continue to show us your love through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We praise and thank you for your love and we become aware of how we have taken your love for granted or refused to receive that love. We are sorry and ask your forgiveness which you offer out of love. As we receive that forgiveness help us to receive your spirit that we may sin no more.

In Jesus name we pray. **Amen**

## Time to Reflect

### Lord, teach us to pray.

What is prayer? At its most basic – communication with God. Prayer is not complicated – it is simple yet we can feel so inadequate when we begin to pray. We may have total understanding of the disciples who asked Jesus to teach them. We spend our lives in the discovery of what prayer means. Prayer is not easy yet at the same time it is the easiest thing in the world. It is acknowledging the presence of God with us and joining with God in conversation. It is basic to Christian life and the disciples recognise this in asking Jesus to teach them. John Wesley in his “Notes on the New Testament” says, “this prayer uttered from the heart, in its true and full meaning, is the badge of a real Christian”.

We pray it as it stands but it is also a blue print for all our praying, a template to copy and a framework to base all our prayers on. It is elegant in its simplicity starting with praise for God and for God’s will to be done before moving to please for human need and finally moving back to God to acknowledge his power and glory.

There are 2 other passages of teaching in our reading – their theme is perseverance in asking for what you ***need*** rather than

what you simply want and the assurance of prayer answered.

“You think it’s just ask and have” I can think of many times when my mum said that to me. Yet isn’t that also how we sometimes approach prayer, we ask and expect God to give us what we want immediately, not thinking that what we want isn’t necessarily what we need and now is not the right time. Then we are irrationally disappointed. God knows what we need and like any loving parent provides what we need.

Disciples throughout all time ask “Lord teach us to pray”. Jesus said – “Pray like this”.

### Take a time to sit (while singing or humming) Hymns StF 526 Lord of all hopefulness and StF 527 Pray for a World

#### A time of prayer

O God, give us your Spirit to keep us asking for what is good.  
to keep us seeking for what is true.  
to keep us knocking, until the door opens to show us the way. **Amen.**

For those who need bread because they starve during the daytime and go to bed hungry, because they lack the means to provide for their families and communities,