

# 24-7 PRAYER WEEK 19-26 July 2020

## Wednesday to Thursday

❖ I have known over the years of the deprivation and needs in our beautiful bay. As I considered it this morning (6am - 7 am) I realised how divorced I was from this situation. During lockdown I have been enjoying UV services and also things such as the church meeting. To receive such services each person/family has to have a settled home in order to have broadband. When you see fellow UV people they are, like me, sitting in a comfortable home, generally with space around them. In recent months I have been helping at 'The Larder' food bank. This has opened my eyes to the numbers of people living in very cramped accommodation which is sometimes substandard as well. This is not a criticism of the church but just a realisation of how difficult lockdown must have been for so many local people. Obviously, there are all the difficulties with relationships as well. The problems with the reductions in work opportunities will only deepen the difficulties and probably lead to more young people leaving the area. Our community desperately needs our churches to be aware of these needs and to support them in as many ways that we can. - **Judy**

❖ I was singing along to *My Lighthouse* at the end [of my prayer hour] and I felt a soft breeze down my back.

❖ WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION:

Used words and music to help us focus our time and prayer for our local area using the 3 themes of Micah 6:8

- JUSTICE
  - Prayed for those who need a voice locally, including those in gang culture, those discriminated against, the younger generation, the elderly and vulnerable, the socially deprived.
  - Also, particularly for care homes & care workers.
  - Asking the Lord for Christian influencers who would be seen as different because of Jesus.
  - Thread of HOPE.
  - Listened to 'Let me be filled' – Brian & Jen Johnson
- LOVING MERCY
  - Prayed for Alpha tonight
  - Prayed for mercy for the homeless, domestic violence, children in care, the unemployed, broken families.
  - Our God is a god of miracles; He is able, all things are possible....
- WALK HUMBLY
  - Prayed for leaders across Torbay; the council, community larder, care homes, education, local MP (Kevin Foster), social workers
  - Recognised need for WISDOM with limited resources
  - Asked that Christians would be placed in key/ influential positions locally.

❖ THURSDAY LUNCHTIME SESSION:

Good time of praise and prayer together

- JUSTICE
  - Prayerfully supporting Christians Councillors, MP's and Council Leaders who can influence just and wise decisions in the spending of budgets
  - That the church as a whole will be a beacon for Justice and Mercy. Start with us as individuals, we should be the beacons
  - Pray for fetal justice. Abortion is a pandemic and an example of lack of justice
  - Supporting Charities who are suffering because of lack of donations
- MERCY
  - Prayer for a truthful Media
  - Ask God for a release of the harshness in our Culture. May God's grace be infectious
  - Reaching out to a lost generation who misunderstand the gospel
  - Prayed for the million people who are profoundly deaf and that they would receive transparent masks.
- WALKING HUMBLY
  - Philippians 2
  - Help us to walk with humility which will honour the name of Jesus
  - Forgiveness for our selfishness and guide us to help. With the help of the Holy Spirit may we be salt and light
  - That the Church would be united as one despite denominations and divisions
  - That Good News to Torbay would be a Kingdom Project, not a UV project. That UV would be the catalyst not the controllers. Need a partnership of people not just proclaiming the good news but being good news.