

**Kirby Muxloe**

**Free Church**

**Prayer Diary**

**February 2017**



**“But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”**

**Galatians 5 v.22**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Please pray for the deacons as they meet this evening. Ask God to guide them in all their discussions. Pray that the church will give the deacons support in all areas of church life.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Ask God to comfort the bereaved in Italy after the avalanche in Abruzzo. Thank God for the rescue services and those who came to the aid of people trapped in the Rigopiano Hotel; praise God for those who were rescued.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Pray for our Minister, Conrad, as he begins his studies on the Baptist Union Newly Accredited Ministers' Programme. Ask God to bless him and help him to manage the work required against other demands on his time.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Thank God for the monthly prayer and coffee time led by Bob Knight and pray that many will take this opportunity to gather together to pray. Please pray for the Messy Church taking place at our church this afternoon. Ask God to bless the families who attend and all who are involved in leading and helping.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Pray that we will get new life from the Spirit and be filled with God's love. Thank God that we can worship freely, and ask Him to bless Conrad as he leads us in our services today. Today is the BMS World Mission Day of Prayer. Please pray for all who give their lives to serving God abroad.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> In North Korea, Christians do not have the freedom to worship together. Please pray that there will be tolerance of different religious beliefs. Christians in that country try to look after each other using an old Korean practice called "holy rice." They set aside a portion of the little food they have, to give to the poor. Ask God to bless those helping others in greater need.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Please pray for those who are homeless at this cold time of year. Thank God for One Roof Leicester providing winter night shelter. Pray that the homeless will have secured alternative arrangements when the shelter closes.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Ask God to bless the Mums' meeting this morning and the Carey Gardens' service this afternoon. Pray that the Ministers' Conference, in Swanwick, provides a time of renewal and inspiration. Please pray for the keynote speakers, Peter Nodding and Pam Bryan.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Severe weather has killed at least 18 people in the southern United States and many more are injured. Ask God to comfort the bereaved, heal the injured and provide shelter for those who have lost their homes.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Many in Haiti are still struggling to access clean water and shelter. Pray for the aid agencies helping the people to be better able to withstand the effect of disasters.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Pray that God will guide politicians and others of influence as decisions are made regarding Brexit. Pray that He will grant them wisdom in their discussions that they may reach a fair, workable agreement that benefits all the countries involved.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Pray that we will be filled anew with the fruits of the Spirit as we worship today. Please pray for Sue Steer, the Lubbethorpe community worker as she leads our morning service and ask God to bless the service at the Kathleen Rutland Home this afternoon. Praise God for the youth Bible study group, Breathe, which meets each Sunday evening.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> As aid agencies face enormous challenges in Syria pray that they will be given wisdom as they decide what the Syrian church needs most in the time ahead. Pray that they will be given the strength they need.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Pray that Abi is able to light the spark of faith in the lives of the young people at the lunch club at Bosworth Academy today. Thank God for the opportunities Abi has to talk to the children in schools in the area.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Praise God for the work of MAF and thank Him that they have been able to distribute the first Bibles in the Baka language in South Sudan.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Pray for people you know who are unwell and for those who care for them. Ask God to give them comfort and strength when times are hard.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Afghanistan continues to suffer after years of conflict, with violent incidents a frequent occurrence. There were 1600 civilian deaths in the first six months of last year, with children making up a third of those deaths. Please pray for a lasting peace in that country, and for the safety and well-being of Christian Aid workers.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Ask God to bless the BMS conference "Christians working in Muslim Contexts: facing the facts not fuelling the fear" as it takes place at the BMS International Mission Centre, in Birmingham today. Pray that we will be able to work with people of all nationality and belief.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Today is the Universal Day of Prayer for Students when individuals, churches and communities unite to lift up students in prayer. Please pray for the students connected with our church. Pray that they will be happy with their courses, settled in their colleges/universities and growing in their faith. Pray for the Vision team as they lead the children in their activities. As we celebrate the communion service this evening we acknowledge our dependence on Jesus for our salvation. Pray for Conrad as he leads our services.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Praise God that prayers for the release of Uzbek Christian, Tohar Haydarov have been answered. Thank God that he is now reunited with his family after serving seven years of a ten year sentence. Pray for Tohar's healing after his time in prison.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Thank God for the service the church and Christians Against Poverty is able to provide to those wishing to have more control of their finances. Please pray for the course that begins this evening at our church.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Over the last two years, changing weather patterns have had a devastating impact around the world. Parts of Ethiopia and Somali and much of southern Africa have faced long periods of drought and severe flooding, causing huge food shortages. Please pray that God will provide for the needs of an estimated 40 million people in this region facing severe malnutrition.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Please pray for the BMS World Mission supported Bethlehem Bible College, as they enrol another 190 students on their ministry training programme. Pray for the work of the college in promoting reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis, and for the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel in helping to bring peace to the Holy land.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Ask God to bless the work of our link missionaries Daniel and Regiane Clark in Peru. Ask God to bring healing to their family, Daniel's father and Regiane's brother-in-law are unwell. Pray also for their new roles in Bethel Baptist church, where Daniel is helping with the pastoral team and Regiane is helping to organise the Sunday school.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Please pray for Rev. Steve Smith as he is inducted as the minister at Hinckley Baptist Church today. Pray that God will bless his ministry and he will seek God's guidance in all that he does. Pray that many will come for afternoon tea, 2:00pm -3:30pm, in the small hall today to find out more about the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held at our church next month.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Pray that we will experience God's goodness and love for us as the Holy Spirit surrounds us. Ask God to show us how we can share His love with others. Pray that God will bless the Songs and Hymns of Praise service this afternoon at 3:30, followed by tea and cake.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Fair Trade Fortnight starts today. Pray for all those who do not get a living wage or have good working conditions. Ask God for justice to be given to all workers. Thank God that more farmers and workers are now getting a better deal through the efforts of Fair Trade.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> The church in China continues to face harassment from government officials, with buildings being destroyed and church leaders arrested and imprisoned without trial. Pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit on the congregations affected so that they may be strengthened in their faith in this time of persecution.