**Points for Prayer (1) – 4 March 2021**

GIVE THANKS FOR:

* The knowledge that our unchanging God is in control of everything He has made and is continuing to work out His purposes even at this difficult time;
* For the joy we can share which comes from knowing God;
* The precious gift of our Lord Jesus Christ and the example He sets us;
* The forgiveness and comfort we can receive from God when life is difficult;
* The servant hearted nature of Kinver Methodist Church and the ways in which we care for each other: being especially thankful for the faithful work of the Pastoral Team;
* The dedicated work of the leadership team in ensuring we will be able to re-open safely for Easter services. That our church leaders will help us to be a witness in our community after lockdown;
* The amazing response to the Kinver Kids! videos on our YouTube channel. Pray that children and families will engage with the content and be keen to find out more about what it means to follow Jesus;
* Those in our congregation who have contributed to ‘Word for the Week’. Give thanks for their willingness to speak boldly about their faith and pray that as the gospel is broadcast in people’s homes, lives will be transformed, and God glorified;
* The technology enabling us to keep in touch. Give thanks especially for the Prayer Meeting and Lent Course being held over Zoom;
* Those who are continuing to care for the elderly and vulnerable in care homes and the sacrifices they are making to ensure folk receive the care they desperately need;
* The wonderful response and results of the COVID-19 vaccines

PLEASE PRAY:

* For the continuing success of the vaccine roll out;
* Pray for personal decision-making: that people would act thoughtfully and responsibly to help control the spread of the virus;
* For those who are suffering from cancer and chronic long-term conditions, that they will have timely access to the care and treatment they need;
* For those facing very real and serious financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic;
* For those who face losing their jobs and livelihoods as a result of the pandemic;
* That victims of domestic violence will receive the support they need to keep them safe;
* For those responsible for making the big decisions affecting our lives, our health and the economy and for wise and godly interventions from all Christians in public life;
* For children and teachers as schools as they prepare to return to full classes;
* For students waiting to return to university and facing uncertainty and anxiety. For families who are trying to support them;
* For the work of relief agencies as they support many of the world’s poorest people through the effects of the pandemic;
* For the success of COVAX in delivering vaccines to poorer countries;
* For those who are homeless. Pray that provision for the homeless will continue and an increase in the numbers living on the streets will be avoided;
* For those mentioned week by week in our book of prayer and all those key workers in our congregation – Sam, Leah and Jess, Myrtle, the families of Des Stevens and Pat Wilkes, our ministers and their families
* For planning meetings as our Churches begin to open again for regular worship and activities;
* That many people will hear about Jesus through this testing time and the gift of salvation in Jesus’ name will be found by many.

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**Points for Prayer (2)**

**1 Timothy 1: 15-17**

**Give thanks for:**

* *The perfect, sinless life of our Lord Jesus Christ*
* *The obedience to his Father which led Christ to the cross*
* *Christ’s life of service: always putting others before himself*
* *The perfect humility modelled by Christ*
* *The love and care for the poor and oppressed shown by the Lord Jesus*
* *Christ’s love for those who persecuted and eventually killed him*
* *The rejoicing in heaven over sinners who repent and turn to Christ*
* *The access we have to Almighty God through the death of the Lord Jesus*
* *Jesus, our Great High Priest, interceding in heaven for us*
* *God’s redeeming power to save us and grant us everlasting life*

**Pray for:**

* *Humility to repent and acknowledge our sin before God*
* *Strength to obey God’s Word and live in a way which is pleasing to him*
* *Willingness to put aside stubborn self-reliance and trust solely in God*
* *Meekness, gentleness and humility in the way we treat other people*
* *A right perspective on wealth and status and the desire to seek and value the things of God*
* *A spirit of kindness and generosity towards those in need*
* *Love for those whom we find it difficult to love*
* *A deep love and concern for those who do not yet know Jesus; and the courage to share our faith with them.*