



### Prayers & Readings for this week

- Please pray for Christine Herbert who has had to go into hospital in Wythenshawe Hospital; we also remember Nat who has been acting as carer for his wife
- Pray for those struggling with the effects of lockdown and fear subsequently meeting up with people while danger of infection is still high
- With so many needs in society, our country and third world areas, our prayers are needed more than ever before
- Pray for Rev Michael Kane who is preaching today and his theme, very appropriately, is 'prayer'
- In thanking the Lord daily, we appreciate those who make life better for us and do things to help us

Monday	Reading Acts 16:16–40 Pray for Carol Wray and family
Tuesday	Reading Acts 17 Pray for Norma Whyte & family
Wednesday	Reading Acts 18 Pray for all who gather for person prayer at church
Thursday	Reading Acts 19:1–20 Pray for Efrain, Nertilla & Samuel
Friday	Reading Acts 19:21–20:6 Pray for Nikki & Mathew Armett, Antony Jessica & family
Saturday	Reading: Catch up Pray for Maud Batchelor

Sunday

Reading Acts 20:7–38

Pray for Arthur Basnett & family

Good morning everyone! Another Sunday has come around and we gather again to worship the Lord. It is a huge part of our week. It has been that way for me since I was twenty-one years old, living in a rural part of Lurgan, Northern Ireland. It was at a Crusade meeting that I accepted Jesus Christ as my saviour. The three thousand-seater marque was erected on the football pitch of the junior high school I attended as a teenager.

I worked just a few hundred yards away at a car parts department. A couple of mechanics I worked with were Christians and were so delighted to hear of my coming to faith. Lots of people were making decisions for Christ during the campaign.

Rather nervously, I remember telling my mum and friends. I went to visit a very dear friend of mine whom I had known since primary school days (we had also played together in a band for one year). I hadn't seen him for a year and had heard that he was gravely ill in hospital.

He too had decided to come to faith in the Lord the night before a life-saving operation (the surgeon was a Christian too and had prayed for Ian with his father before operating). His recovery amazed everyone and within weeks we were now Christian buddies, and everything was different.

The next few years were like a frantic discipleship course, learning so much about our faith, helping in youth work and Sunday School. We just loved the buzz of all that was going on. Our pastor told us about the one key youth worker he had prior to us joining the local Nazarene church.

His name was Gerald and he was a giant of a man and a key worker in the church. He worked in a local industrial park and one night coming home he was caught in a hail of bullets when terrorists were targeting another man (during the troubles of the seventies).

Gerald spent time in hospital before he died, and our pastor told the church he believed Gerald would die but the Lord would honour him by sending two people to take his place. It was only months later that Ian and I walked into the Nazarene church one evening and knew immediately that this is where God wanted us to be.

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*Loving, Growing, Serving*



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Pandemic-times Update

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Five years later both of us believed we had been called to pastor and preach. Indeed, there were a dozen young people who were called into ministry over a twelve-year period from my *home church*. Jim, the best man at our wedding is the present pastor.

Our stories are mingled with that of so many others. In fact, our stories become part of the greatest story ever told. *'How good is the God we adore'* that we may share His story. **Grace & Peace to all**