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## APRIL 2009

### ***“HE STEADFASTLY SET HIS FACE TO GO TO JERUSALEM”***

LUKE 9:51

**SINGLE MINDED DETERMINATION!** Jesus knew full well what going to Jerusalem would lead to. There was a price to be paid for our salvation. “You were bought with a price” says the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:20. That price was death on a cross for our sins and Jesus, the Son of God, was the only one who could pay it., because our eternal salvation depended on Him going through with it.

Let us pray that during this Easter time the Holy Spirit will give to the Church in the City a fresh dynamic appreciation of “*Jesus Christ and Him crucified*”, and a fresh dynamic experiential confidence that **THIS GOSPEL “ IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION OF EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES”**

Let us pray too that this **SINGLE MINDED DETERMINATION** will be reflected in the way that the Church follows the Lord Jesus, because that is what He is looking for. Luke 9 ends with Jesus saying “No one, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God” [v62]

Lord, deliver us all from “*I will follow you BUT...*” [Luke 9:61] responses to you!

Sheffield Prayer Team



Join The Prayer Concert every quarter at Wesley Hall. Crookes, to pray for Sheffield. The next meeting is 30th MAY from 9 till noon.

## Special Days in Holy Week.

**Now that I have washed your feet—  
you should wash one another's feet.**

**John 13:13**

**Maundy Thursday 9th April - commemorates the 'Last Supper'.** During the meal Jesus

washed his disciples' feet. Jesus gave us an example to follow; we are to serve one another.

Let us reflect for a moment, confessing where we have not obeyed the Lord.

•**Please pray:** for any broken relationships in your life, your church and churches in Sheffield.

•**Please pray:** that God's people will become more willing to take on the mantle of servant, obeying Christ's example.

***And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone forgive him, so that your father in heaven may forgive you your sins.***

***Mark 11:25***

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

**Good Friday 10th April -** the arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus Christ. **Jesus stood in our place.** His death paid the penalty, not for his own wrong doings, but for ours

**Fasting.** Consider fasting today. This may help you remember the sacrifice Jesus made for you on the day of crucifixion. Reflect at these times if you are able.

- The third hour of the day - Jesus was nailed to the cross. (9:00 am)
  - The Sixth Hour of the day - darkness covered the land (12:00 noon)
  - The ninth hour of the day - the darkness left, and the Lord died (3:00 pm).
- Please pray:** for Christians take part in processions of witness and the effect on watchers, on this Good Friday.

### **THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

The only basis for real and lasting peace is the work of Christ on the cross. We cannot be at peace until we know Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Jesus Christ came to make peace between God and humanity.

***"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"***  
***Romans 5:1***

•**Please pray:** that the message of the Cross will be heard this Easter, in the homes of your family, our friends and your neighbours, and that opportunities to share your faith will open

### **12th APRIL—EASTER DAY.**

**Alleluia!**

**Lets celebrate together  
the resurrection of our  
Lord!**

**Let us pray that we will  
all have such an experience  
of the love of the  
Father that we cannot  
stop sharing the Good  
News.**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

### [Global Responses to Global Threats](#)

Do you wonder how to link current affairs with your faith? A conference in Sheffield on the 25th April will look at these issues that concern us all.

•**Please pray:** for guidance, and understanding, not only for those attending, but for all Christians in these days.

## 31st May –Pentecost Sunday

From 3 till 4.30pm

Come and join in the biggest prayer meeting  
the world has ever seen!

### Five Sheffield Prayer Stations led by teams:

**North:** City Life Church. 1 South Parade Shalesmoor S3 8SS

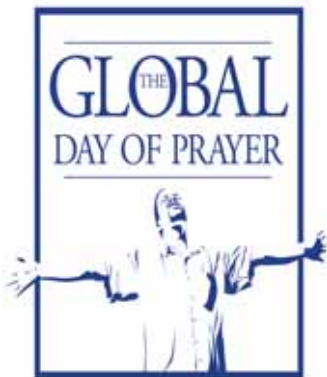
**South:** MCF. Unit 3. Dyche Lane, Jordanthorpe S8 8BT

**East:** The Beacon Church. 331 Arbourthorpe Rd. S2 2FH

**West:** St Stephens, Fawcett St. Netherthorpe. S3 7PL

**Central:** RCCG Faith Centre. 99 John St. [Bramall Lane] S2 4QX

Further details: 0114 249395/prayer@sheffieldcrosslinks.co.uk



## Bathing our Leaders in Prayer For a Month

Each month we focus on leaders and ministers in a particular area of the city. Starting in S6 we will \*give the surname of every one, irrespective of their denomination or stream. This month please pray for the wisdom and power of God in their lives and in their preaching of the Gospel; for their health and family; for their prosperity and blessing.

**Jessop, Weeding, Farrow, McElroy, Smith, Dawson, Shore, Loach, Fitzgerald, Maclaurin, Maconachie, Batchford, Bonardt, Lee, Hutchison, Lucraft, Hill, McNamara, Hallam, Coghlan, McGinnis, Draisey, Robinson, Nixon, West, Issacson.**

\*Please forgive us and pray for any leader we may have missed.

The apostle Paul exhorts us to 'pray for those in authority, that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all goodness and holiness'.

### On 21st April- The Queens real birthday-

- **Please pray:** for our Government and for those in the Ministry of Defence and for our soldiers working under direct orders .
- **Please Pray:** for those in Sheffield Council, decision making bodies and local government ministers
- **Please pray:** For the Queen and Royal family and all that they stand for in these times.

### WILLING TO PRAY FOR OTHERS?

Do you love people enough to pray for them? There comes a time when only God can help, but He has chosen to work in partnership with us, allowing us to play our part.

**Please pray:** for people *you know* who have no idea of the wonder of the Cross and resurrection, and all that it means.

**Please pray:** for Christians on the front line missions, on the streets and busy places going out to share the Good news!

**Please pray:** for God's people involved in prayer ministry; those reaching out to people in need, or in healing. Pray for Healing Rooms around Sheffield—Darnall, Totley, Netherthorpe, Woodseats and others.

- **Ask God** to give you a burden for at least one person, who needs salvation.

## What is an Intercessor? A Key Answer to continue this Year of Grace 2009:

14. An Intercessor is by definition a RIGHTEOUSNESS-SEEKER.

These highlighted verses are the points on our Compass of Righteousness, which is the Word of God. Please consider them.

-Love, Noel.

### Psalm 37 verses 1-8; 16-18, 22-40.

*<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;<sup>2</sup> for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.*

*<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.*

*<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

*<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this:*

*<sup>6</sup> He will make your **righteousness** shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.*

*<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.*

*<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret-it leads only to evil.*

*<sup>16</sup> Better the little that the **righteous** have than the wealth of many wicked;<sup>17</sup> for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the **righteous**.*

*<sup>18</sup> The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever*

*<sup>19</sup> In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.*

*<sup>22</sup> Those the LORD blesses will inherit the land but those He curses will be cut off*

*<sup>23</sup> If the LORD delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm;<sup>24</sup> though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with His hand.*

*<sup>25</sup> I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the **righteous** forsaken or their children begging bread.<sup>26</sup> They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.*

*<sup>27</sup> Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.*

*<sup>28</sup> For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off; <sup>29</sup> The **righteous** will inherit the land and dwell in it forever. <sup>30</sup> The mouth of the **righteous** man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. <sup>31</sup> The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip.*

*<sup>34</sup> Wait for the LORD and keep His way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.*

*<sup>39</sup> The salvation of the **righteous** comes from the LORD; He is their strong-hold in time of trouble. <sup>40</sup> The LORD helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.*

AMEN

Each month the Sheffield Prayer Team meet to pray for the monthly prioritised areas of the city. You are invited to join us at the Sheffield Cross Links office for that prayer time.

Every third Wednesday in the month from 11 till noon. For further information, or if you have prayer points for your area please ring the SCL office: 0114 2493956.