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WORKS AND PRAYER

In John 14:12-14 Jesus links together, in a very emphatic way, the connection between a Christian's faith, works and prayer. *"Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My Name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My Name, I will do it":*

"Most assuredly"; Jesus is emphatic, *"he who believes in Me ... WILL DO..."* His works. What a challenge to the level of faith operating in the Church. If it is real, living, committed, abiding in Him faith, it WILL be producing the works He did whilst here on earth, and in greater measure because He is now at the Father's right hand in the place of all authority! Is there evidence that this is so in Sheffield?

But behind the works of Jesus done by believers, is the *"I will do"* of Jesus in response to prayer in His Name; prayer that is focused on His glory and the fulfillment of His purposes. The Lord wants His Church to be in such a relationship of faith and union with Him that *"whatsoever"* and *"anything"* it asks of Him *"I will do"*; because the Father's glory in His Son is involved in it!

What a goal to be aiming for! Let us earnestly pray this month that the Church in Sheffield will increasingly be living and witnessing in the good of John 14:12-14, so that Sheffield will experience the impact of the *"works"* and *"greater works"* of Jesus.

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 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.

N.B. a SPL prayer time for the city on the 5th December. Please leave the date free!



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ALPHA COURSES

Several Alpha Courses are scheduled to start this month.

Please pray: for churches involved in running Alpha Courses, for the people joining the course for the first time, and for the people supporting. There will be an Alpha Prayer meeting on the **23rd September** to support such groups.- 8 till 9.30 pm at All Saints Ecclesall Parish Church. T: 2687574

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work in us, be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

Ephesians 3: 20

Back To Church Sunday September 27th 2009

Over 1/2 a million people will be inviting someone special back to church with them. 37,000 extra people are believed to have gone back to church last autumn as a result of a simple campaign of invitation and welcome.

The idea is that people attend ordinary Sunday services but with an extra emphasis on

welcome and explanation.

Some churches invite special preachers, others offer a lunch after the service.

Please pray for churches preparing special welcome services for new visitors.

Please pray: for all those invited, that they will have a good experience, and want to look further at the Christian faith.

Please ask: God if there is someone you could invite to Church, and pray for that person.

**Please pray for physical healing among some of our leaders and their families*

Heb 13:3 Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

"The first thing persecuted Christians ask me for is prayer."

- Brother Andrew

Prayer transcends culture, race and gender. It is where heaven touches earth and is the means by which we can have a profound effect on the lives of our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters.

www.opendoorsuk.org/pray/index.php

Please pray: for Maryam and Marzieh who have been imprisoned in Tehran. Their only crime is that they have converted to Christianity. while in prison, they have suffering ill health, solitary confinement and interrogations for many hours while blindfolded.

Please pray: for these women and for others in similar positions throughout the world; those who have been wrongly imprisoned and especially those who have been imprisoned because of their faith.

Please pray: that new converts may be protected and provided for should their family turn against them.



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5th December '09

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**SHEFFIELD PRAYER LINK
1ST ANNUAL INTER-CHURCH
PRAYER MORNING
FROM 9 TILL NOON on 5th DEC '09
at
WESLEY HALL, CROOKES
SHEFFIELD S10**

You are invited to join us for the *1st Annual Prayer Morning*, 'Prayer for Sheffield'. For booking details T: 2493956 or E: prayer@sheffieldcrosslinks.co.uk.

RISE IN SHEFFIELD UNEMPLOYED

There has been a big rise in the number of people registered unemployed in Sheffield. The number of people claiming benefits was up by 585 to 16,027, an increase of 7,102 compared with the same month last year.

Joblessness increased in Doncaster by 29 to 10,239, a rise of 4,873 on last year, and in Rotherham by 23 to 8,561, an increase of 4,265 on last year.

Please continue to pray for those affected by loss of jobs, redundancy etc. In this time of recession.

Please pray that God would bless Sheffield businesses and commerce, opening possibilities for fresh employment

Bathing our Leaders in Prayer For a Month

Each month we focus on leaders and ministers in a particular area of the city. This month we have listed the surname of *minister from SS20/21/25/26 & S31 irrespective of their denomination or stream. 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.

DAVIS. GARFITT. HEALEY. STEWART. GRAYSON. MCGUIRE.
LITTLEWOOD. PURDY. CHAMBERS. JENNINGS. ADAIR.
BIDWELL. COOLING. CAUNT. MACKKEY. GREEN. HEAP. OAK-
LEY. HARVEY. SCHOFIELD. MONTGOMERIE. TUPLING.
BARTLESON. BLACK. ENSOR. HUDSON. PRITT.

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

What is an Intercessor? (18).

An Intercessor is one whose life is in **'Imitation of Christ'**.

There are three Psalms that wonderfully and prophetically cover the Life of JESUS and, surely by Divine design, they follow one another in the Book of the Psalms, they are 22, 23, and 24, Here is a summary:

Psalm 22 begins, *"My God! My God! Look upon me; why have you forsaken me, and are so far from my health, and the words of my complaint?"* Words which were written in JESUS' heart throughout His life -even in eternity before He was born with us. Words that are echoed in the hearts of His disciples when trouble grows at life's door, for we are no more immune from trouble than He was. But see how the Psalm keeps flooding the scene with JESUS' trust, verses 4-5; 9-10; and 19. Then in verse 22 comes the LORD'S 'creed' which continues to the end of this great Psalm. I urge you to pray it through, aware of these revelations of Faith and Hope...

Psalm 23 requires little comment. If Psalm 22 is His 'Good Friday' then this is the day after when He lies in the grave. I wonder. Did any of His disciples read this Psalm on that dreadful Saturday? Psalm 23 rests on the Faith foundation of the first verse. Verse 5 is set in the midst of His life and ours, *"Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full!"* Then the promise of this is confirmed in verse six to be -not a one-off or a rare thing, but every day and for ever. Again I hope you will pray this psalm through after Psalm 22.

Psalm 24 moves us on into the new life that we and each generation can embrace as we live in the good of this Faith and Hope, and the Love which is its fruit -to the praise of His Glory! Note in verses 4 & 5 His gifts to us...

- ¹ The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in Creation, the world and all who live in it;
² for He founded it upon the seas and prepared it upon the floods. ³ Who may ascend the hill of the LORD and stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has **clean hands and a pure heart**, who does not lift up his soul to idolatry, or swear by what is false. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and **righteousness from God his SAVIOUR**
⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is He, this King of glory? The Sovereign ONE, the LORD GOD of hosts, the Almighty- He is the King of glory!*

When the gates of Heaven swing open JESUS enters and those who believe and trust in Him are there -part of the "hosts"!!! Hallelujah!