

Lockdown Prayer

Prayer Points

Prayer points which you might find helpful are listed below (you may well think of more):

- **Lent** – pray for self-renewal and a deeper relationship with God through prayer and bible reading; lamenting for and fasting from those things that hold us back in our own relationship with God; giving of ourselves to others and to God's service; praise and thanksgiving that God loves us so much that He died in order that we might be born anew.
- **Covid** - NHS staff; emergency services; the sick, vulnerable and those in hospital; nursing home patients and carers; the bereaved unable to say goodbye to a loved one or to receive support when they need it most; those whose planned hospital treatment has been delayed because of Covid; the effective roll-out of the vaccination programme; wisdom for the government as it seeks to ease lockdown restrictions safely across the nation; praise and thanksgiving that our God is sovereign over all things, is with us throughout this time of crisis, and holds each one of us in the palm of his hand.
- **Local community** - health centres; Nailsea town council; local businesses facing deep economic uncertainty; school pupils and parents worried about exam results; teaching staff as they try to minimise the effects of Covid on children's education; the mental well-being of all who have lost family members, jobs, income, or who are struggling with home schooling, weariness, isolation or depression; pray in particular for the residents of your own road; the foodbank and its users; Nailsea Community Group and other voluntary organisations providing practical support; welfare services and the work of Wellspring Counselling; praise and thanksgiving that so many good and positive things have come out of this terrible situation.
- **Church** - the HT staff team, wardens, PCC, online service production team, office; children and youth workers; all who contribute behind the scenes; how HT prepares for and moves forward during the easing of lockdown restrictions; what opportunities will there be and what challenges lie ahead; how can we provide help to the wider community as recovery begins; how can we best support our own members and our leadership team; church finances and our considered giving response; other churches in Nailsea; the spiritual well-being and healing of the entire nation; the church overseas especially in Uganda; the persecuted church across the world; praise and thanksgiving for the freedoms and everyday social and economic blessings we take for granted.