



# Monthly Prayer Card – July/August 2021

Each month we will issue a prayer card to help us to be praying together as a Church for each other, for our community and for God's work in the world. Use this to help stimulate your prayers, whether on your own or with someone else. If you would like to know more about praying, or would like some help please either speak to Andrew, or look on the Church Website under "Christianity" then "Resources for the Christian Life" and "Prayer" for some introductory videos.

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Pray for the congregation:** (adapted from *5 Things to pray for your church*, by Rachel Jones)

- Thank God that he has made us to be one people (v.1)
- Ask that we would grow in humility, gentleness and patience and would bear with one another in love (v.2)
- Ask that we would continue to be united, even as some of us meet in the building and others worship via YouTube or phone line (v.3)
- Praise God that we have an essential one-ness that derives from God and his work in making us His church (v.4-6)

**Pray for the community:**

- For rest and recovery for the pupils and staff of the local schools over the holidays
- For help for businesses as they negotiate the changing of regulations
- For those who are serving the most needy and vulnerable in our community through the public, or charity sector.

**Pray for God's wider work: Open Doors**

"The people's food situation is now getting tense," North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un told senior leaders on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. "This desperation for food is leading to an increase in homelessness, with many families now living on the streets or at railway stations," shares Timothy Cho\*, a North Korean escapee. "The UN estimates that ten million people, or 40 per cent of the total population, are in urgent need of food aid."

But the secret church in North Korea knows the living God and His sustaining hope. "Many North Korean believers continue a practice known as 'holy rice', which means sharing what they have, even if it isn't much, with those in need," Timothy says. Please Pray:

- That urgent food aid will reach all those in North Korea.
- That God will use this situation to make North Korea's leaders less self-reliant and more dependent on international cooperation.
- For God to continue to protect, strengthen and encourage believers in North Korea.