

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy Prayer Matters, February 2021

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen

We have now heard of many people who have contracted the virus, so let us pray for their healing.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones to the disease.

Ask God's blessing on all who care for the sick, especially paramedics, doctors and nurses in contact with patients and other medical staff, all of whom are hard-pressed now.

Pray for those tasked with helping to keep us safe, including the police and rangers.

Prayer for those we are in contact with:

We are facing an increase in job losses in the town centre. Paperchase is the latest shop going into administration and Debenhams will not re-open. People are under greater pressures at home, financially and mentally. Those we have spoken to are also very worried about becoming ill and of dying; we have the good news to help them!

Others who face different challenges are those we would see at the GP surgery and those working in schools.

Pray for the Chaplaincy:

Give thanks that Eric ran a Suicide Awareness course several times that Chaplains and others from different churches and organisations found very helpful.

That Libby's work keeping in contact with people and maintaining the clerical work will continue smoothly.

For talks with the Rail Community Officer Team to arrange for Chaplains to be Platform Pastors. Pray that discussions will go well and speedily and that we will have Chaplains to train and work at the station.

Give thanks to God that He continues to provide for our needs. Financially we are just covering our costs but we do need more Christians to volunteer to become Chaplains, especially as we look to train and start Platform Pastors.

Thank God that we have trained one new Chaplain and are interviewing a recruit, even though current circumstances are difficult.

Pray for wisdom as we look to engage with people in new ways while the pandemic continues.