Scargill Midday Prayers



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Monday

Looking back over the week and forward to the weekend

Bookings & Guests

Other Christian communities

Gracious God you love us, We come to meet you now.

Thank you for making us your co-workers, as we are and who we are. Take our gifts, bless them and multiply them.

Let us see your kingdom come. In this place, at this time, through us. Amen

Pathway reminder: Obedience

We see Jesus obeying his heavenly Father to the point of crucifixion. We promise to explore what His example means for us. This is scary and demanding.

We pray for other Communities:

- St. Oswald's Community in Whitby
- The Order of the Holy Paraclete (and Sister Jocelyn)
- Mucknell Abbey, near Worcester

- Lee Abbey Devon; Lee Abbey London and Lee Abbey Household Communities in Bristol, Birmingham and London
- Northumbria Community
- Iona Community
- Bose monastery in Italy
- Sisters of the Love of God led by Sr. Clare Louise

For bookings and online ministry:

- Finding the right things to offer online and that the right people will come at the right time
- For overcoming fears of using online resources
- For still being able to see and love people from afar and welcoming them on our journey together

In the wider world we pray for:

- governments throughout the world
- those who work for reconciliation
- all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- prisoners, refugees and homeless people
- those who inflict suffering on others

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace. Amen (Numbers 6.24-26)

Tuesday

Finances and Developments

Programme planning & marketing

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Pathway reminder: Compassion for the stranger

We see Jesus caring for all especially those who suffer. He boldly demands that the hungry should be fed, the sick looked after, the naked clothed and victims of injustice released from their chains.

The need to welcome visitors and strangers as we would welcome Jesus himself is clear but deeply challenging. We are committed to offering compassion to sufferers in other parts of the country and the world.

We pray for:

- programme planning (online and residential)
- the good news about Scargill to be spread
- developing marketing work
- fundraising
- the Project Group as they review and prioritise building work in the light of developing ministry
- the bursary fund and those who benefit from it

In the wider world we pray for:

- all who are sick
- those suffering from famine or disaster
- victims and perpetrators of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- those who are bereaved
- the medical and healing professions

Now to him who is able to do

immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us; to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

(Ephesians 3 :20-21)

Wednesday

Local community in Wharfedale and our environment

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Pathway reminder: Taking care of creation

We see Jesus enjoying and valuing the natural world. God has generously entrusted us with a very beautiful part of creation so we have promised to be involved in carefully looking after this gift.

We pray for:

- our neighbour Robert, other farmers in the dale
- Kettlewell and Upper Wharfedale schools
- local businesses e.g. shops, pubs, garage, Long Ashes, cafes

- local volunteers e.g. fell rescue, bus drivers
- the members and ministers of the local churches and the Parish Council
- fresh expressions of church in the countryside
- our desire to develop links with and resource rural churches and their leaders
- A Rocha and our links with them

In the wider world we pray for:

- responsible care of the whole of creation
- creativity, fair working conditions and sustainability
- farming and fishing, commerce and industry
- people who find their work unfulfilling, stressful or dangerous
- all who are unemployed

Oh High King of Heaven, have mercy on our land. Revive your church; send the Holy Spirit for the sake of our children. May your kingdom come to our nation in Jesus' mighty name. Amen (Blessing from Ffald-y-Brenin)

Thursday

Discipleship – following Jesus

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Pathway reminder: Prayer and reading the Bible

We see Jesus speaking regularly and passionately to his heavenly Father. Praying and worshipping together is at the heart of our Community life.

Jesus used scriptures to teach, illustrate, comfort and discipline. He must have studied them. The Bible can inspire, inform and teach. Reading the Bible and praying can also be difficult but we have agreed to accept the discipline of regular private reflection through Bible reading and daily prayer.

We pray for:

- sharing and welcoming stories of faith at Scargill
- our times of worship, prayer and learning with guests, as a gathered community, as individuals
- the personal, spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of one another and a caring heart
- Jesus Shaped People and ReSource working with local churches

In the wider world we pray for:

- social services
- all who work in the criminal justice system
- victims and those who commit crimes
- the work of aid agencies throughout the world
- those living in poverty or under oppression

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and forever more Amen

Friday

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Friends, Companions and Council of Scargill

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Pathway reminder: Love and laughter

Jesus had no hidden agenda. He never gossiped or betrayed anyone. He supported and encouraged and told the truth even when people didn't want to hear it.

Each of his followers is special and different which means that sometimes we will get very cross with each other. However, Jesus creates community by being consistently and constructively loving. Laughter and generosity are central values in our community which help strengthen the bonds of love between us. We see Jesus taking great pleasure in giving and receiving unexpected treats to people. We will try to do the same!

We pray for:

- our Council
- the Companions who share our Pathway
- Friends of Scargill and Working Friends
- Adrian and Bridget's role as ambassadors

In the wider world we pray for:

- our home churches, families and those we love
- those whose time is spent caring for others
- those who are close to death
- the worldwide church & all those who are persecuted

Gracious Father, thank you for the resurrected Scargill. You know the many challenges we face on this adventure. Help us to keep Jesus right at the centre; let us always hold tightly to his love, forgiveness and joy, especially when the road at times seems so tough. Let your love shine from this place and grant that many who are drawn to Scargill will leave rejoicing and renewed in your love and hope. Amen (*Phil Stone*)

Saturday

Past, present and future community members

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Pathway reminder: Gifts and creativity

We see Jesus helping and encouraging folk to develop individual gifts and talents that can be used to serve God and other people. We can look forward to using, discovering and being surprised by the gifts that God has given to us and to the people around us.

At times, filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus took risks, going off at strange tangents and providing creative unexpected answers to impossible questions. We too are willing to be caught up in the ingenious creativity and adventurous life of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for:

- former Community members
- needs of current Community members
- the leadership team and team leaders
- the right people to join us
- those who are currently applying and those who haven't heard of us yet
- wisdom and discernment during the application process

In the wider world we pray for:

- local government and community leaders
- those who work with children or the elderly
- schools, colleges and universities
- emergency and rescue organisations

Holy Spirit you have a call for every one of us so come prepare our hearts to discover what it is that you expect of each of us. Amen

(Brother Roger of Taizé)

