

Bible Reflection from Psalm 8

LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

in the heavens.

²Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your enemies,

to silence the foe and the avenger.

³When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,

which you have set in place,

⁴what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you care for them?

⁵You have made them a little lower than the angels

and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶You made them rulers over the works of your hands;

you put everything under their feet:

⁷all flocks and herds,

and the animals of the wild,

⁸the birds in the sky,

and the fish in the sea,

all that swim the paths of the seas.

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Praying for our World

- Pray for all those suffering with Coronavirus and the medical staff treating them. Pray especially for all the staff at Eastbourne and the Conquest Hospitals.
- Pray for the NHS's vaccination programme being rolled out across the country and especially the GP led centre which opened at the King's Centre today.
- Pray for politicians who are making decisions about how best to control the virus.
- Pray for businesses that are struggling at this time – please pray they would get the support they need and that jobs would be protected.

Praying for our Town

- Pray for all those unwell with the virus or grieving the loss of a loved one.
- Pray for those unemployed and those facing redundancy in our town. Pray that new employers would want to come to the area.
- Pray for parents as they come to terms with home schooling. Pray for families where both parents are working and/or where they have limited IT access.
- Pray for Hastings Foodbank and for the people who need to access that support. Pray for sufficient donations and perseverance for the foodbank team.

Praying for St Ethelburga's Church and the Diocese

- Pray for Bishop Martin and Bishop Will as they lead us at this time. Pray also for the visit of Archdeacon Edward on Sunday 24 January.
- Pray for the St Ethelburga's church family during this lockdown especially for their PCC meeting next week.
- Give thanks for the appointment of Faith Rew as the new Head of School at St Leonards CE Academy. Please pray for Faith with the challenging start this week.

Praying for our Church

- Give thanks for the 12 families that came to the Christmas Eve Zoom Christingle service. Please pray we may be able to connect with them again later in the year.

- Give thanks for the generosity of the church family which has meant that our finances are now more stable.
- Give thanks that the recent roof inspection has not identified any urgent works.
- Give thanks for the new signage that was installed today.
- Pray for our new sermon series in Matthew's Gospel.
- Pray for the lockdown service arrangements that everyone would find something they can engage with.
- Pray for Sunday Club live this Sunday at 4pm.
- Pray for our forthcoming listed building consent application to Hastings BC for consent to replace the windows in the church centre.
- Pray for our upcoming bids for funding for a new Families and Youth Worker/Pastor.

Praying for Individuals

- Pray for the members of our church family in nursing and residential care homes.
- Pray especially for, Peggy Blythe, Celia Bray, Vic Chalcraft, Vi Chambers, Thelma Fogarty, Ailsa King, Frances Ross, Pat Burr and Freda Tuke.
- Pray for two people we would like to come to know Jesus.