

## Bible Reflection from Psalm 13

How long, Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup>How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

<sup>3</sup>Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

<sup>4</sup>and my enemy will say, 'I have overcome him,'  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

<sup>5</sup>But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup>I will sing the Lord's praise,  
for he has been good to me.

## Praying for our World and Country

- Pray for countries still facing significant cases of coronavirus.
- Pray for an equitable provision of vaccines around the world.
- Give thanks for the reduction in deaths, hospitalisations and cases in the UK since the beginning of the year. Pray for the government as they continue with the roadmap out of lockdown especially with the spread of this new variant.

## Praying for our Town

- Pray for Hastings Borough Council especially the Council Leader Kim Forward and our new Mayor James Bacon. Pray they would make wise decisions about how best to help the town recover from the pandemic. Pray especially for Nigel Sinden and Lucian Fernando our Silverhill ward councillors.
- Pray for the Council officers as they seek to put policies into action and make a difference in the town.
- Pray for businesses as they re-open and for new employers to move to the area to create jobs,

## Praying for St Ethelburga's Church

- Give thanks for an encouraging APCM and launch of their 2021 vision on Sunday 23 May. Give thanks that we have a full complement of church reps on the PCC.
- Give thanks for the re-start of their Thursday toddler group and Messy Church. Both have been really appreciated by local people.
- Pray for their architect as he prepares the plans to remove the remaining pews and create some new storage space,
- Pray for their next Messy Church on Sunday 20 June and the return of their all-age service on the first Sunday of each month. Please pray for new people to come along.
- Pray for a long-term solution for the St Leonard's Church site.

## Praying for St Matthews

- Give thanks for good numbers at Sunday services and for the re-start of Sunday Club.
- Pray for wisdom as we work out when to re-start creche, smarties and whether to run a holiday club.
- Pray for the PCC meeting on Monday 7 June.
- Pray for the ongoing review of our midweek groups and the plans for some to re-start some groups later in the month.
- Pray for open church starting on Wednesday mornings this month. Please pray this would be a chance to get to know some new people locally.
- Please continue to pray for our funding bids for a new Families and Youth Worker/Pastor. Give thanks for an initial funding grant of £5000 from the Gospel Partners Trust and that the John James Charitable Trust and the Joseph Rank Trust have shortlisted our application. Please pray the bids may find favour in the eyes of the trustees. Pray also for the bid to the Sola Trust.

- Please pray for Pauline Blythe and Mike Dunmill as they serve us each week.

### **Praying for Individuals**

- Pray for the members of our church family unable to come to church.
- Pray especially for Diana Aidam, Dorothy Aimes, Peggy Blythe, Celia Bray, Vi Chambers, Thelma Fogarty, Frances Ross and Freda Tuke.