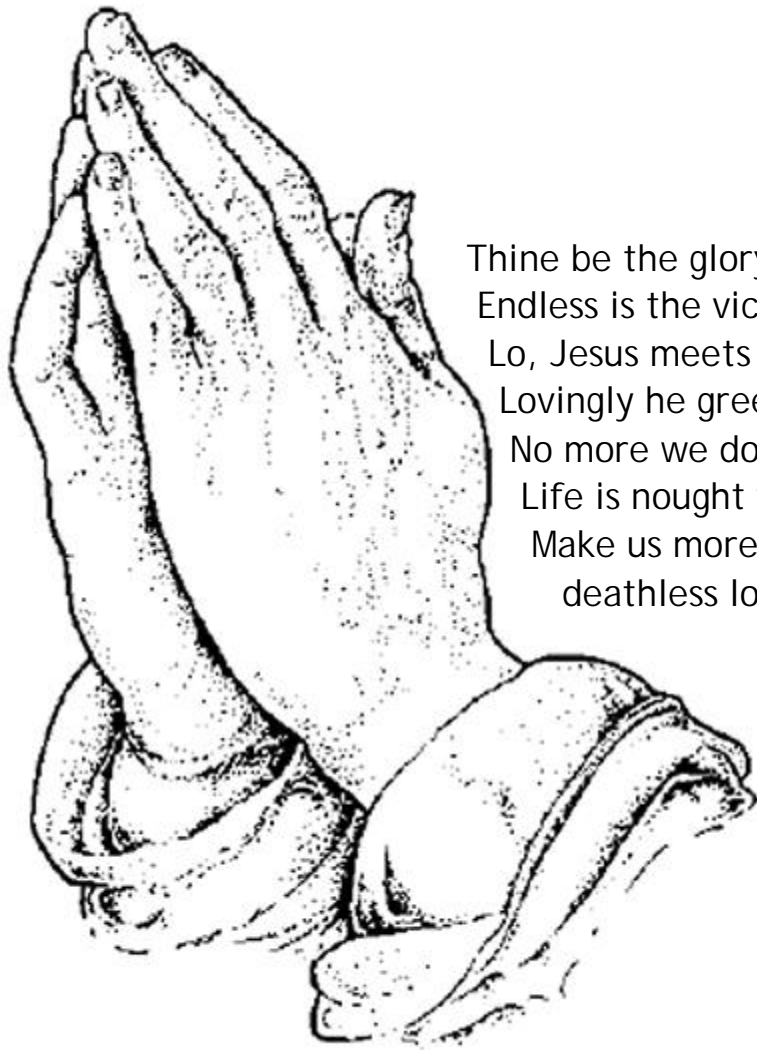




Prayer Leaflet

April 2008



Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!
Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee, aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through thy
deathless love.

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin
Godmanchester

Have an ear to hear

Revelation 2:7

When God is up to something, it is remarkable how the Spirit of God seems to be saying the same thing across the world. It is amazing how many prophetic people are hearing similar things. The prophets' ears are beginning to hear as one in unity of the Spirit. In the letters written by John to the seven churches, the messenger ends his letters with the same words: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." God would again and again speak these words regarding what he was wanting to show the Body of Christ at large.

This is a time to ask the Lord to give us ears to hear. Listening for his Spirit to speak his instructions is vital prior to the whole Church advancing forward. We need to be careful to let the Lord initiate all that we do. Our good ideas and human strength will not hit the mark. In the Old Testament, Zechariah wrote that when God does great things among us, it is "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit."

Kathi Pelton is a modern-day writer based in Canada with a prophetic ministry. When praying for the younger generation, she tells how: "I saw young people with an anointing to lead in their schools, in their youth groups, in their workplaces, and in their spheres of influence as they begin to let their light shine, moving forward as leaders amongst their peers. Then one by one, young other people began to follow."

There are young people in our churches worldwide. Think what could happen if they let their light shine - wherever they are. Young people, do you have ears to hear what his Spirit is saying to you? There are older people in our churches worldwide. Think what could happen if they prayed for ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to them.

God wants to raise up a fearless people by his Spirit - not by our strength or power, not by our human efforts or abilities - but by his Spirit. If we trust him, believe in him, and are willing to commit ourselves to prayer, he will be faithful and tell us what to do.

Our Prayers in April are especially requested for:

In the Church

David, Yoko and family, praying that they enjoy their holiday in Japan and return refreshed on the 12th.

The Baptist's Church 'Walk through the New Testament' day of Bible study on 12th

Our Grassroots services, particularly that on Sunday 13th, hoping for God's blessing on those coming to Christ for the first time.

The Freedom in Christ course which starts at the Huntingdon Community Church on Monday 14th.

St George's Day parade and service on Sunday 20th, thanking God for our young people and all they give us and the community.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting on Sunday 27th, giving thanks that we are able to enjoy a church rich in spiritual leadership, committed stewardship and social participation.

Rectory Gardens' Ecumenical Service on 27th

Hope08 that we may grow closer in our aims and activities and that we may be encouraged to reach out in love to our brothers and sisters.

Our two schools, in the hope that children and staff may return refreshed and rested at the start of the summer term.

In the Community

The charity the Church supports through the collection plate in April:

DISH. As a local charity the Disability Information Service for Huntingdonshire offers information and advice to adults and children with disabilities, their carers, families and other health professionals.

This month, in our Street Prayer Mission, we'll be praying for:

Week commencing Sunday 6 April:

Lancaster Way; Fox Grove; Rectory Gardens; Grove Court.

Week commencing Sunday 13 April:

West Street; Pinfold Lane; Granary Close; The Maltings; Oakleigh Crescent.

Week commencing Sunday 20 April:

Crow Hill; Thickwillow; Bergamont Close.

Week commencing Sunday 27 April:

St Anne's Lane; The Stiles; New Street; St Anne's Court

Please remember the residents of these streets, those known to us, and especially those as yet unknown to us.

Some Prayers for April:

Dear Christ, teach us how to be humble.

Teach us how to live as a you did. respecting others however lowly, however poor.

Teach us to do the humblest tasks the way you did, in unhurried quietness of mind.

O Lord, may we serve you and our brothers and sisters in true humbleness of heart.

Lord of the loving heart, may mine be loving too.

Lord of the gentle hands, may mine be gentle too.

Lord of the willing feet, may mine be willing too.

So may I grow more like thee in all I say and do.

Lord, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters;

Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries from the hungry, the frightened, the oppressed;

Lord, open our hands, that we may reach out to all who are in need;

Lord, open our hearts, that we may love each other as you love us.

Goodness is stronger than evil;

love is stronger than hate;

light is stronger than darkness;

life is stronger than death;

victory is ours through him who loved us.

