

***I will***

***answer***

***you.”***

*“****Call to me …***

***… and …***

Knaphill Methodist Church

“Let us pray”

A Prayer Diary for July 2020

**The Royal Telephone**

**(chorus)**

**“Telephone to glory,**

**O what joy divine!**

**I can feel the current**

**moving on the line.**

**Built by God the Father**

**for His loved and own,**

**we may talk to Jesus**

**thru this Royal Telephone.”**

**Jeremiah 33:3 NIV**

We used to sing *“****Prayer*** *is like a* ***telephone*** *…”* and it’s true! Old-fashioned telephones had a handle with two ends – one for **speaking** into, and one for **listening** from. If we want to ‘have a handle’ on our prayer life, we need to both **speak**, and **listen**, in balance. This month’s Prayer Diary encourages us to try to get that balance right!

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| **Day/Date** | **Theme/Event** | **Pray for …** | **✔** | **Notes**  **Thoughts**  **Action** |
| 1st  Wednesday | **Speak:**  for the Earth | * … the harmony of the natural world; for environments & all the creatures within them; for all of God’s ‘very good’ creation. |  |  |
| 2nd  Thursday | **Listen:** in creation | *“Are you* ***listening****? Have you noticed all this? Stop in your tracks! Take in God’s miracle-wonders!”* Job 37:14 TM  Listen to creation’s sounds. What is God saying to you through them? |  |  |
| 3rd  Friday | **Speak:** for stew-ardship | * … human responsibility & good stewardship of all the earth; the right use of resources; care of creation as God’s handiwork. |  |  |
| 4th  Saturday | **Listen:** outside | *“… the whole* *creation has been groaning …”*  Romans 8:22a&b NIV  What can you do to hasten creation’s renewal by transformation with the glory of God? |  |  |
| **5th**  **Sunday** | **The Lord’s Day:**  Worship | *🎜 “Faithful God, faithful God, all sufficient One, I worship you.”* StF 47 L1-2  Read, sing, dance or write, a hymn, poem, or Bible passage through which you can express your worship of God & his faithfulness to you. |  |  |
| 6th  Monday | **Speak:** for world leaders | * … wisdom & justice to be employed for the benefit of all; for compassion & equality to shape law & rules; for the valuing of life. |  |  |
| 7th  Tuesday | **Listen:**  to God’s way | *“****Hear*** *this, all you peoples;* ***listen****, all who live in this world”* Psalm 49:1 NIV  What is God saying to you about how you should live in His world? What must you change? |  |  |
| 8th  Wednesday | **Speak:**  for KMC leaders | * … leadership team, meeting remotely: for God’s will & way to be sought & followed; for honesty, integrity & courage. |  |  |
| 9th  Thursday | **Listen:** for KMC’s future | *“let the wise* ***listen*** *& add to their learning, & let the discerning get guidance – “* Proverbs 1:5 NIV  Open your heart & mind to receive God’s vision for the next stage of KMC’s faith journey. |  |  |
| 10th  Friday | **Speak:** for Circuit Partners:  Byfleet | * … the work of the Food Bank, & those who need it; for vision & understanding within the church; for new ways of doing mission to reach out to the local community. |  |  |
| 11th  Saturday | **Listen:** for  servant hood | *“… if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is* ***listening.****’”* 1 Samuel 3:9c&d NIV  Listen carefully: what is God calling you to be for Him? Have the courage to pursue revelation. |  |  |
| **12th**  **Sunday** | **The Lord’s Day:** Praise | *🎜 “I will give you all my worship, I will give you all my praise.”* StF 54 Ch L1-2  Find your way to give praise to God today! |  |  |
| 13th  Monday | **Speak:**  for Our Minister | * … Dave: to grasp that as Christ’s body, the church, we have “many parts” (1 Corinthians 12:12b NIV), “different kinds of gifts” (12:4a) & have to “work together for the truth.” (3 John 1:8c NIV) |  |  |
| 14th  Tuesday | **Listen:** to prea-chers & teachers | *“Pay attention &* ***listen*** *to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach.”* Proverbs 22:17  Find some good Christian teaching (written, online etc.): concentrate; listen hard; and apply it to yourself! |  |  |
| 15th  Wednesday | **Speak:**  for WVM Circuit | * … the remote Circuit Meeting tomorrow: for good ‘connections’; for participation; for boldness; for wisdom; for unity of mission. |  |  |
| 16th  Thursday | **Listen:**  to God’s voice through others | *“****Listen*** *now to me & I will give you some advice, & may God be with you.”* Exodus 18:19a-c NIV  Be ready & discerning to ‘hear’ God speak to you through the inspired words of faithful friends. |  |  |
| 17th  Friday | **Speak:**  for children with leprosy | * … the Leprosy Mission: for education & awareness to end stigmatism & exclusion; for access to treatment & curing; for future employment opportunities. |  |  |
| 18th  Saturday | **Listen:**  your attitude | *“Therefore, consider carefully how you* ***listen****.”*  Luke 8:18a NIV  Think: ‘Is there a relationship of receptiveness & obedience which unites you to Jesus?’ Michael Wilcock |  |  |
| **19th**  **Sunday** | **The Lord’s Day:**  Trust | *🎜 “I will lift my hand to my Redeemer; my Creator & my Lord. I will put my trust in my Provider; my Saviour & my God.* StF93 Ch L1-4 2nd ½s  Reflect on the names used here for God. Hand over to Him all your concerns. Trust in Him to deal with them, & to carry you close to Him. |  |  |
| 20th  Monday | **Speak:**  the news | Focus on a news or newspaper story or article: pray for each person involved. Ask for God’s intervention in that situation & in those lives. |  |  |
| 21st  Tuesday | **Listen:**  the news | *“****Listen*** *and understand.”* Matthew 15:10b NIV  Consider the news or newspaper stories or articles: where can you ‘hear’/recognise God at work in the world? Give thanks. |  |  |
| 22nd  Wednesday | **Speak:**  for Niger | * … the Bible Society: for the health & safety of staff; for the poor hit severely by Covid-19, balancing work & survival with safety. |  |  |
| 23rd  Thursday | **Listen:**  to God’s word | *“Come here and* ***listen*** *to the words of the Lord your God.”* Joshua 3:9b NIV  How often do you ‘hear’ God’s word?  Find a Bible. Pray for a text. Read aloud. Listen for God speaking to you through His word. |  |  |
| 24th  Friday | **Speak:**  for those in need | * … anyone you know, or know of, who needs to hear God speak into their life today: for clarity; for hope; for comfort. * Are you being asked to speak for Him to them? (see 16th!) Be a faithful friend. |  |  |
| 25th  Saturday | **Listen:**  potential prophet? | *“The Lord … said … “When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I* ***speak*** *to him in dreams.””* Numbers 12:6b-d NIV  Sometimes, through the Holy Spirit, God ‘speaks’ in ‘pictures’ rather than words. Spend some time ‘open’ to God’s imagery: ‘see’ what He ‘shows’. |  |  |
| **26th**  **Sunday** | **The Lord’s Day:** Blessing | *🎜 “Every blessing you pour out I’ll turn back to praise. And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say: Blessèd be the name of the Lord.”*  StF 41 M/S & Ch L1  ‘Count your blessings’ before God. Give Him thanks & praise for all He is & all He does for you |  |  |
| 27th  Monday | **Speak:**  for those you love | * … those with you; those in your family; those in your church family; all those that you know: for God’s protection & blessing. |  |  |
| 28th  Tuesday | **Listen:**  to the Good Shepherd | *“My sheep* ***listen*** *to my voice;”* John 10:27a NIV*…”& his sheep follow Him because they know His voice.”*  John 10 4c NIV  ‘Listening’ takes will, effort & practise. Get good at listening to your Master’s voice – so you really know Jesus. |  |  |
| 29th  Wednesday | **Speak:**  for yourself | * … yourself – about anything & everything: be open & honest before your Heavenly Father, because “He cares for you” 1Peter 5:7b NIV & “(He) loves you” John 16:27a NIV |  |  |
| 30th  Thursday | **Listen:**  … and then … | *“Do not merely* ***listen*** *to the word, & so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*  James 1:22 NIV  A telephone needs speaking **AND** listening to work. Listening **AND** doing *“bring about the righteous life that God desires.”* James 1:20b NIV So, do! |  |  |
| 31st  Friday  **“We can shout out loud, we can whisper softly,**  **we can make no noise at all; but He’ll always hear our call.”**  **(So,) “Pick it up and use it every day.”**  From *Prayer is like a telephone* by Paul Crouch & David Mudie © 1991 Daybreak Music Ltd. CCL Licence No. 3451 | … & finally … | * … that 1 person who God has especially placed on your heart: that they may come to faith in Jesus Christ. |  |  |