

Knaphill Methodist Church

“Let us pray”

A Prayer Diary for

August 2021

*“Everyone who competes in*

***the games***

*goes into strict training.”*

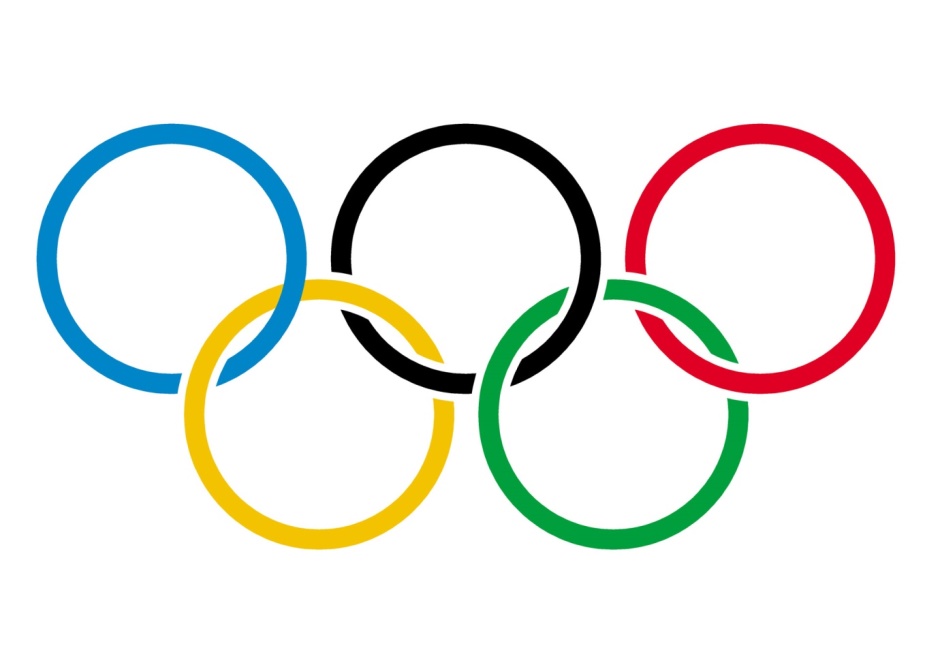
1 Corinthians 9:25a NIV























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| **Day/**  **Date** | **Theme/**  **Event** | **Pray for …** | **✔** | **Notes**  **Thoughts**  **Action** |
| **1st**  **Sunday** | ‘Opening Ceremony’ | *“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”*  Genesis 1:31a&b NIV  Spend today noticing, praising & thanking God for all that He has made that is ‘very good’. |  |  |
| 2nd  Monday | ‘Archery’ | *“Keep your eyes open for God, watch for His works; be alert for signs of His presence.”* Psalm 105:4 TM   * … your focus – literally & spiritually - to be on God, at all times & in all places. ‘Aim’ for His will. |  |  |
| 3rd  Tuesday | ‘Weight-lifting’ | *“(God) says, "I removed the* *burden from their shoulders;”* Psalms 81:6a NIV   * … anyone you know of ‘weighed down’ at the moment: for God to meet them & free them from their burdens. How can YOU help with the lifting? |  |  |
| 4th  Wednesday | ‘Sport climbing’ | *“Then you will go on your way in* *safety, and your foot will not stumble;”* Proverbs 3:23 NIV   * … any that you know of who are ‘out & about’; for safe journeys; for ‘wise’ behaviours; for common sense; for good companionship & encounters. |  |  |
| 5th  Thursday | ‘Fencing’ | *“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. “* 2 Corinthians 10:4a NIV  Give thanks for the gift of prayer – the opportunity to speak, & listen, to God. Commit to exercise it:  *“Pray continually.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV |  |  |
| 6th  Friday | ‘Wrestling’ | ***“****Fight the good fight of the faith.”* 1 Timothy 6:12a NIV  Spend some time doing a ‘health check’ of your faith. Where are you being asked to defend God’s Truth? Take heart & courage to do so, in His strength. |  |  |
| 7th  Saturday | ‘Triathlon’ | *“… all who would enter the temple of the Lord to perform the daily duties of their various tasks, according to their responsibilities …”* 2 Chronicles 31:16part NIV   * … all those fulfilling ‘roles’ at KMC: for strength, wisdom, discernment, persistence & faith. Remember to thank them, & give thanks for them. How can YOU help? |  |  |
| **8th**  **Sunday** | ‘Olympic Flame’ | Pray these song words for KMC, & for yourself:  ‘*Consuming fire, fan into a flame, a passion for your name. Spirit of God would you fall in this place; Lord have your way, Lord have your way with us.’*  Refrain *Consuming Fire* by Hillsong UNITED |  |  |
| 9th  Monday | ‘Wind-surfing’ | *“The* *wind blows wherever it pleases. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."* John 3:8a&e NIV   * … an open heart & mind, to allow the wind of the Spirit to fill you & direct you where He wants you to go. |  |  |
| 10th  Tuesday | Gymnastics: ‘Balance Beam’ -  KMC Leader -ship Team | * … our church leadership, & members:   *“Take a new grip with your tired hands & strengthen your weak knees.’ ‘Make level paths for your feet’, ‘so that those who are weak & lame will not fall but become strong.”* Hebrews 12: 12 & 13 NIV & NLT |  |  |
| 11th  Wednesday | ‘Sailing’ | *“…they…untied the ropes that held the rudders, then…hoisted the foresail to the* *wind…”* Acts 27:40c&d NIV   * … a ‘freeing’ from the past that binds KMC, & a lifting of the whole church into the Spirit’s guidance. |  |  |
| 12th  Thursday | ‘Canoe Slalom’ | *“…no longer be … tossed back and forth by the waves…”* Ephesians 4:14a&b part NIV   * … & commit to, becoming a mature Christian- with a strong, stable faith & informed knowledge of God. Read your Bible more often & with greater depth, & let God really speak to YOU through His word. |  |  |
| 13th  Friday | ‘Diving’ | *“To Him who is able to keep you from falling …”*  Jude 1:24a NIV   * … those who are ‘falling’, for any reason – literally, emotionally or spiritually: for timely rescue; for help to ‘stand’; for strength & hope; for God’s hand ‘lifting’ their lives. |  |  |
| 14th  Saturday | ‘Down Time’:  Our Minister | *“… find* *rest for your soul.”* Matthew 11:29c NIV   * … for Dave, & his family, on holiday: for rest & restoration; for refreshment & renewal; for quality time spent together; for new revelation. |  |  |
| **15th**  **Sunday** | ‘Olympic Village’ 1: Circuit Partners: Cranleigh | * … future use of the redeveloped building as a ‘Community Hub’: for ecumenical links & local groups to have a clear vision of what they can achieve together; for God’s love to be shared there. |  |  |
| 16th  Monday | ‘Olympic Village’ 2:  Covid-19 vaccinations | *“All share a common destiny …”* Ecclesiastes 9:2a NIV  *“… be generous & willing to share.”* 1 Timothy 6:18c NIV   * … greater international effort to provide   vaccinations to poorer countries & communities; for the breaking of barriers. for true compassion for humanity. |  |  |
| 17th  Tuesday | ‘’Boxing’ | *“…nor do I box as though beating the air;”*  1 Corinthians 9:26b NRSV  What difference are YOU actually making to the coming of God’s Kingdom? Pray for Christian discipline – that your personal ‘likes’ & ‘wants’ will not dictate your thoughts, words & actions. Live ‘purposefully!' |  |  |
| 18th  Wednesday | ‘Equestrian  Jumping’ | *“… we put bits into the mouths of* *horses to make them obey us … but no man can tame the tongue.”*  James 3:3a &8a NIV   * … God to guard the words that you say aloud:   *“It’s your heart, not the dictionary, that gives meaning to your words.”* Matthew 12:34c TM |  |  |
| 19th  Thursday | ‘Football’ or  ‘Hockey’ | *“…harness the team…”* Micah 1:13bi NIV  “…*work* *together for the truth.”* 3 John 1:8b part NIV   * … more participation, by more people, in church life. And YOU? Remember: ‘Success comes in cans. Failure comes in can’ts.’ Anni Gresham-Wakerley |  |  |
| 20th  Friday | ‘BMX Freestyle’ | *“There are different kinds of* *gifts … of service … of working …” “… there are many parts, but one body.”*  1 Corinthians 12:4-6 & 20 parts NIV   * … God to show, & help you exercise, your unique gifts & calling as part of the functioning Body of Christ as the church. Do YOUR God-given thing! |  |  |
| 21st  Saturday | ‘Trampolin-ing’ | *“… faith and love* *… spring from…hope”* Colossians 1:5a NIV  What exactly is it that you hope for? How is this manifested in your faith, & words & acts of love? |  |  |
| **22nd**  **Sunday** | ‘Olympic Medals’ | Reflect on your ‘heavenly reward’ from this verse:  *“… when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the* *crown of glory that will never fade away.”* 1 Peter 5:4 NIV |  |  |
| 23rd  Monday | ‘Crowd Support’ | *“We are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith,” “all these veterans cheering us on.”*  Hebrews 12:1a NLT 1c TM  Remember by name, & give thanks for, all those who started, shared in, taught, encouraged & challenged you in your faith race. To whom should you now be ‘crowd support’?’ |  |  |
| 24th  Tuesday | ‘Running’ 1  ‘Fitness’ | *“We’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running - & never quit!”* Hebrews 12:1d&e TM   * … God to help you ‘strip off’ what is hindering your life ‘race’. Confess; Repent; (Repeat); & … keep running! |  |  |
| 25th  Wednesday | ‘Running’ 2  ‘Distraction’ | *“You were running well:” ”who has held you back from following the truth?”* Galatians 5:7a NRSV & 7b NLT  Keep to God’s Word. Test all teaching against it. When & where it differs, choose God’s way, not man’s. |  |  |
| 26th  Thursday | ‘Running’ 3  ‘Tiredness’ | *“When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over (Jesus’) story again. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!”* Hebrews 12:3ab&e TM  Christian life makes rigorous demands. Keep your focus always, & only, on Jesus: He triumphed, & in His strength, so can we. |  |  |
| 27th  Friday | ‘DNF’-ers? | *“… they will run away …”* John 10:5c NIV   * … all those who have recently ‘left’, or not returned, to KMC: give thanks for their contributions; pray they will be held in God’s hand; ask that they are valued & able to ‘belong’ to another Christian family. |  |  |
| 28th  Saturday | ‘Team Kit’ | Would you go out undressed? And ‘spiritually’? Aim to always wear the Christian ‘team strip’:  *“And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.”*  Colossians 3:14 TM |  |  |
| **29th**  **Sunday** | ‘Closing Ceremony’ | The Holy City: *‘the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light’*  Revelation 21:23b&c 24a NIV   * … the Light of Revelation to shine on, in, & through you, & throughout the world; to bring hope, guidance & knowledge of Jesus Christ to all people. |  |  |
| 30th  Monday | ‘Olympic Ideals’ | These are: ‘Excellence. Respect. Friendship.’  How do these ‘fit’ within a life of (Christian) faith?  How might YOU reflect them through yours? |  |  |
| 31st  Tuesday | … &  finally … | … that 1 person whom God has especially placed on your heart; that they might to come to faith in Jesus Christ. |  |  |