

Hinckley United Reformed Church

Prayers for week beginning Monday 12 February 2024.

Keith Griffiths invited me to lead Wednesday at One for Wednesday 7th February.

I spoke about the Gifts that God has given us. The reading was from Romans Chapter 5.

Romans 5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this **grace** in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the **hope** of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we [£]also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his **love** into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God **demonstrates** his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, when we were God's enemies, we were **reconciled** to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also **rejoice** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lets pick out 7 gifts from that passage...

Monday 12th Peace

This seems an almost impossible word. If the world needs anything it is PEACE. Think of the people/countries around the world who are at war with each other. Pray for the people who seek peace of mind.

*These are Pauls words, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Is this your Prayer that you may have peace with God.*

Tuesday 13th Grace.

We sing AMAZING GRACE... that saved me.

Pray for those who believe that they are too BAD to be saved. Pray for those who think they are not good enough to be in the presence of God.

*whom we have gained access by faith into this **grace** in which we now stand.*

Standing under God's great big umbrella.

Wednesday 14th Hope

People **hope** for all kinds of things. 'I hope' they say. Perhaps they are hoping too high. Some weeks I heard some say, "I will be glad when this year is over and hope 2024 will be much better." Well is it any better?

*And we rejoice in the **hope** of the glory of God.*

Thursday 15th Love

*God has poured out his **love** into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*

God poured out His Love... How big is the container He uses? A large jug, a bucket full,

We should all be grateful because if God pours His love on me then He will have a never-ending supply. Next time you see a tanker lorry say thank you to God the wonderful supply of LOVE God has

Pray for all those you know who need the Love of God in their lives, families or homes

Friday 16th Demonstrates

What a great word this is. Jesus does not just tell us about God's Love, He shows how we should live and love.

Remember as a child you held out your arms as wide as you could and said, "This is how much I love you mummy".

And that is what Jesus did as He held out His arms as He was nailed to the Cross, "This is how much I love you!!"

Demonstrate God's love to those you meet today.

Saturday 17th Reconciled

This is about putting our relationship with God right. What He intended us to be. Are things in Northern Ireland being reconciled?

Praise God for those who have worked hard to bring this about. And ask and pray for other situations that need reconciling.

Sunday 18th Rejoice

*but we also **rejoice** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Today Is Sunday and we will meet in Church. It is the 3rd Sunday so we will celebrate at the Lords Table.

Rejoice as we break bread and drink wine together.

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