

## Friday 24th April 2020

Good morning!

Two suggestions for today:

### 1) Praying for Prisons & Prisoners

*"So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him." (Acts 12:5)*

From our own (less arduous!) confinement, let's pray today for those in prison.

- for God's mercy in sparing crowded prisons from widespread C-virus infection
- for staff managing the extra health issues around C-virus, including challenges of distancing, isolation, vulnerable young offenders, mental health etc

*"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.  
(Acts 16:25)*

- for Prison Chaplains & visitors, Christian prisoners, Alpha courses and all those seeking to minister hope and the love of God
- for God to reveal himself as perfect Father to many who lacked loving fathers
- for a move of the Holy Spirit across all prisons; for dreams, miracles, visions of Jesus
- for many prisoners to call out to God in their distress, find freedom at the Cross and come into relationship with Jesus

### 2) Praying for Courage for all followers of Jesus

Another prayer from the Bible to use as a basis for praying today. In Acts 4: 23-30, when Peter & John are released from prison, the believers name before God all the opposition that they are facing as they seek to share the gospel and advance his Kingdom.

Let's pray in a similar way.....naming the opposition you're aware of.

*"And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."*

Notice the following verse, Acts 4:31! Yes, Lord, let it be!

*"After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness."*