

Monday 18th May 2020

Good morning!

As we enter the 9th week of lockdown (does it feel longer?!), let's take inspiration from the **perseverance and focus** of Paul - fuelled by his '**fire of desire**' for more of the Lord (reference to Hils' message yesterday from **Philippians 3**).

A couple of areas for prayer today:

1) Pray for God's Kingdom to come in a particular place in the UK

How about looking at a map and choosing a **town or city**.

Pray confidently for:

- spiritual hunger to grow unstoppably
 - God to visit people in supernatural dreams and visions
 - believers to be newly ignited in passion for Jesus, and compassion for the lost
 - unity in mission among the churches
 - courage and wisdom for the leaders
 - miracles to multiply
 - silencing of the enemy and thwarting of his schemes
 - Christians in key roles locally
 - Etc
- Use your imagination! What do you want to see? What does the Lord want? Let's ask him.

2) Pray for yourself - Philippians 1:9-11

How about putting your hand on your heart and praying this prayer of Paul's three times, using different versions of the Bible:

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God."

(NIV)

"I continue to pray for your love to grow and increase beyond measure, bringing you into the rich revelation of spiritual insight in all things. This will enable you to choose the most excellent way of all—becoming pure and without offence until the unveiling of Christ. And you will be filled completely with the fruits of righteousness that are found in Jesus, the Anointed One—bringing great praise and glory to God!"

(The Passion Translation)

"So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God."

(The Message)