



Praying for our Benefice: Five Minutes at 5 pm on Sundays

We would like to set aside a regular time of prayer every Sunday (5 pm) when we can pray for the four churches in our Benefice.

For further details, please see page 11 in the May edition of 'LIFE.'

Here are a few suggestions for how to effectively use those special five minutes:

- Spend the first minute in his presence. Meditate on the God to whom we are praying (1 minute)
- Read or recall a Psalm or section of scripture. (1 minute)
Maybe the one on the daily reading list in 'Lifeline'? 2
- Give thanks to God for his character and for answered prayer (1 minute)
- Consider the people and things in our Benefice that God puts on our mind and hearts (1 minute)
- Bring those things to God in prayer (1 minute)

If you would like to use a set written prayer, here is one that could be useful...

Dear Heavenly Father,

WE ASK that you bless us as we pray for unity and growth within our Benefice of Street, Walton and Compton Dundon. Unite us, bless us and bless our Church family.

WE ASK that you fill our hearts and minds with the love and light of your Holy Spirit as we continue to encourage and support all those who currently make up our churches.

WE PRAY that, with love and acceptance, we acknowledge the uniqueness and gifts of each of us. And that with humility and grace we minister to one another and are united as we grow in faith.

WE PRAY that you will give us confidence, direction and opportunities to reach out to others with the Gospel – just as your Son reached out to us on the Cross.

WE PRAY that you would draw others into your family.

MAY WE, with arms outstretched, welcome others with expectation and joy.

In your name and glory we pray, AMEN.



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