

1-Jun	Isaiah 2:3 <i>'Come let us go to the ... house of Jacob's God. There he <u>will</u> teach us his ways and we <u>will</u> walk in his paths.'</i> As we begin our Isaiah journey, give thanks that there's no maybe or might – God delights to teach us the way of God's path.	8-Jun	Isaiah 17:7-8 <i>'They will no longer look to idols for help or worship what their hands have made.'</i> It's easy to think we don't worship idols. Ask God's Spirit to show you what holds you back from true worship ... and pray that God will help you to loosen your grip and let it go.	15-Jun	Isaiah 33:5 <i>'Though the Lord is very great and lives in heaven, he will make [his people] his home of justice and righteousness'</i> We pray for Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) in holding issues of justice and righteousness before the Church and the Government.
2-Jun	Isaiah 3:12 <i>'Childish leaders oppress my people. O my people, your leaders mislead you.'</i> Whatever our political view, let us give thanks today for the guidance and integrity of Her Majesty as the country celebrates her Platinum jubilee.	9-Jun	Isaiah 19:20 <i>'It will be a sign and a witness that the Lord of heaven's armies is worshipped in the land ...'</i> In what ways is your life a sign and witness of the Lord? Ask God to strengthen you as a witness.	16-Jun	Isaiah 36:4 <i>'what are you trusting in that makes you so confident?'</i> Pray for your local church and its leadership. As you discern God's vision, pray for confidence to trust God, whatever the way forward might be for such a time as this.
3-Jun	A MWoL <b>WORSHIP</b> : Isaiah 6:9 <i>'Here I am, send me.'</i> How will you look for and listen for God in the world on this special weekend? Wherever you see love in action, give thanks that God is there.	10-Jun	A MWoL <b>LEARNING &amp; CARING</b> : Isaiah 21:6 <i>'...the Lord said to me, "Put a watchman on the City wall."</i> We live in very different times, but let us pray for our city of Leeds, for its councils, its leaders and the people of the city, including the many students.	17-Jun	A MWoL <b>SERVICE</b> : Isaiah 38:1-5 <i>'This is what the Lord says ... I have heard your prayer and seen your tears.'</i> Who are the people where God might 'see their tears'? What one thing can you do today to show God's love and be an answer to prayer?
4-Jun	Isaiah 9:1-2 <i>'The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.'</i> Even as celebrations continue, we are aware of the consequences of greed across the world. Pray for your local church today – that God will use you as a beacon of light.	11-Jun	Isaiah 25:4 <i>'You are a tower of refuge to the poor, O Lord... to the needy in distress.'</i> Think of a time when you have been in distress. How were you aware of God? Pray for yourself, or someone you know in distress to be aware of God's presence.	18-Jun	Isaiah 40:25 <i>"To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One.</i> Prayerfully ponder this verse? How does it make you feel? Ask God to be you that you need, so you might rightly revere God even as you draw close to Christ.
5-Jun	Isaiah 11:1-5 <i>'The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him'</i> Read these verses slowly. As you prepare for/reflect on worship, where have you seen the Spirit of the Lord at work? What might God be saying to you?	12-Jun	Isaiah 26:2-7 <i>'Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.'</i> Read STF 492, 'Christ be my leader' What might God be saying to you today about trusting in the Lord? Pray the hymn!	19-Jun	Isaiah 42:10 <i>'Sing a new song to the Lord.'</i> How have you been aware of God working in your life recently? How might you turn this into a song of praise? Could you share it at church so others can 'sing a new song of praise' too?
6-Jun	Isaiah 13:3 <i>'I have called mighty warriors to express my anger, and they will rejoice when I am exalted.'</i> What one thing might you do today to be a 'warrior' against injustice and so express God's anger?	13-Jun	Isaiah 29:13 <i>'The Lord says, "These people say they are mine ... but their hearts are far from me."</i> These are hard words for to hear ... then and now. Pray for this Circuit, that as we continue to discern the way forward, our hearts will be close to God.	20-Jun	Isaiah 46:9-10 <i>'Remember the things I have done in the past ... Only I can tell you the future.'</i> Pray that we will remember what God has done for this circuit in the past, that as the circuit & local church we might continue to trust what God will do.
7-Jun	Isaiah 16:5b <i>'God will rule with mercy and truth. He will always do what is just.'</i> We might find this verse hard in the light of Ukraine and other wars. Let us pray for wisdom and courage for peacemakers in war torn places and in our own contexts.	14-Jun	Isaiah 30:18 <i>'For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.'</i> Today we pray for the Circuit Leadership Team; may they 'wait' on the Lord.		

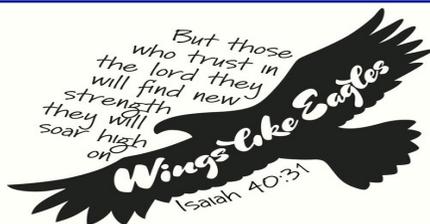
21-Jun Isaiah 48:17 *'I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along paths you should follow.'* Isaiah also called the people obstinate. Ask God to show you any parts of your life where being obstinate (48:4) might hinder God's ministry and mission through you.

22-Jun Isaiah 49:16 *See I have written your name on the palm of my hands.* Pray for someone you are finding difficult at the moment. If God also has their name written on the palm of his hands, how might that change how you prayer?

23-Jun Isaiah 50:7 *'I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will not be put to shame.'* When might you find it hard to say you are a follower of Jesus or to speak up for what is right? Pray for strength, remembering when you follow Christ, you will not be put to shame

24-Jun A MWoL **EVANGELISM**: Isaiah 52:7 *'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news.'* We are each commissioned to be messengers of good news. Dare to ask God to create an opportunity today for you to speak the Good News to someone.

25-Jun Isaiah 55:1-3 *'I will make an everlasting covenant with you.'* Take time to be still ... hear God's Spirit say these words to you. This covenant is everlasting ... nothing can break it. May God's never ending love pervade every part of your being today.



26-Jun Isaiah 56:2 *'Blessed are those who honour my Sabbath day of rest.'* Pray for those who have to work today, especially those in the emergency services and those who are caring for others. If you are working today, where will find your Sabbath rest?

27-Jun Isaiah 60:20 *'Your days of mourning will come to an end.'* We pray for churches in LSW Circuit who are facing significant changes and whose witness and ministry are vulnerable. If this is your local church, what might you learn from Isaiah and the message of hope he brings?

28-Jun Isaiah 62:1 *'Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem... I cannot stop praying for her.'* As we draw towards the end of Bible month, what have you learnt about God's faithfulness? Ask God to keep growing a yearning in you for the Church, that you won't stop praying for God's work to be done in your local church and this circuit

29-Jun Isaiah 64:4 *'For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him.'* Repeat these words as many times as you need to today. Pray that you (and LSW) will discern God, even in the waiting.

30-Jun Isaiah 65:17 *'Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no-one will think about the old ones anymore.'* Of what are you finding it hard to let go? Pray for the courage of faith to know that what God creates in us will be more than we might dare to dream or imagine.



# Prayer Diary

June 2022

Praying for the Methodist Churches and communities of Leeds South & West Circuit – based on the Book of Isaiah –

