

Chaplains Monthly Message - August

Well Brethren, here we are nearing the end of another month and all still trying to avoid Covid19. We hope that you are all well and **'Staying Safe'**. As the lockdown is easing, we can't become complacent and we must all think about our own safety as well as others. It's all our responsibility to abide by, and make sure others abide by the scientists and the governments advice regarding the present rules which are designed to keep us all safe. The Coronavirus is still around and can affect us all. Remember, another spike could be just around the corner!

During the last six months maybe like us, your prayers have been for your family and loved ones, and now like us you may have a bit more time to think of others. Hence the following Intercessory Prayer or 'A Prayer for Others'.

Almighty Father, power of eternal light, creator of the world we live in, look favourably upon us as we give a moment of our time to pray for others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves.

Heavenly Father, Great Architect of the Universe we thank you for all that you have given us here on this mortal earth. We are truly blessed.

Please help us to put the gifts that you have bestowed upon us to good use in helping those who need it the most. Give us the health and strength to understand the needs of others. Lord we pray that you keep us all safe during this period of pandemic and that You continue to guide us, lead us, and be present at all times in our lives.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the families who have lost loved ones recently, we ask that You give them comfort in their time of grief and despair.

We remember all those Brethren who have also gone to the Grand Lodge above over the last few months and we thank you that we had the privilege of knowing these Brethren and to have been able to have spent time in their company over the years. To the Brethren overseas and around the world, we pray that you will be kept safe and we, in our prayers remember the dreadful amount of lives that were lost in Beirut.

Loving God, we thank you for giving strength to the Brethren from the Province of Fife & Kinross who have given so much to help those in need, whether through the work with foodbanks, helping the elderly, raising money, giving iPads/computers etc. so the residents of care homes were able to keep in contact with their loved ones.

We pray for the Grand Lodge of Scotland who are working so hard to try and get our meetings up and running again, but only when it is safe to do so. We pray for the Province and the PGM, give us and the Sister Lodges patience until we can all meet up when it is safe do do so.

To the Most Wise God, The Most High, be Glory, Honour, Power and Dominion, world without end.

Amen

Celtic Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
Mat the wind be ever at you back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.