



Borders Mission Circuit

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Ministers Weekly message for 31st January 2021 The Covenant Prayer & The Methodist Way of Life

Dear Friends in the Borders Mission Circuit

Currently the 11Alive congregation at New Cross LEP Church are looking at and exploring (on Zoom) "The Lord's Prayer." It has been interesting to explore it line by line and what these 70 famous words mean to people. The 'model' prayer, as it is often known is one of those 'building blocks' of our worship and faith.

This makes me think about those particular things we cherish in Church. So, to the **Covenant Prayer**. As many of our churches have continued to suspend in person worship because of the worrying figures with Coronavirus, we have been unable to hold the traditional **Covenant Services**. So, via the post you will find enclosed a Covenant Prayer card for you, which you may like to use at home, at any time. Covenant begins with our Creator, and re-Creator. Covenant begins with the 'I AM'. When we say the Covenant prayer, we say it in the first person, for example "*I am no longer my own. I willingly offer all I have.*" And yet we say it together with God the Great I AM. Hold onto that in the days and weeks ahead. We look forward to the time when WE can say the Covenant Prayer together and with God.

You will also find enclosed with this letter, a copy of a booklet explaining the **Methodist Way of Life**. This is a new initiative launched by the Methodist Church. Based on the four aspects of Our Calling – Worship, Learning & Caring, Service and Evangelism – these resources have been produced to encourage us in our discipleship and help us to better live a Christian Way of Life.

A Prayer "The Way":

Lord Jesus, you are the way, you are our way – in what we do, in what we say and who we are. Show us your way in our lives, in the church, in our work, in our communities and in our homes. Guide us in the way of life that is both faithful and honourable to you.

Amen.

Please contact me (or your local minister) anytime if you want to.

With every good wish for this year, God Bless you,

Reverend Peter Taylor

On behalf of Rev Robert, Rev Ann, Rev Nicola, Deacon Sam and Rev Peter