

VPBC WEEK OF PRAYER 2021

DAY 5

Philippians 4:19

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus”

VPBC Week of Prayer 2021 – Key Points

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song - [I Shall Not Want Audrey Assad Lyrics - YouTube](#)
- Praying For The Hungry
- Praying For The Homeless
- Praying For People Out of Work
- Praying For People Anxious For Their Jobs
- Prayer For The Self Employed
- Prayer Requests
- Closing Song (time permitting) - [Moses Bliss - Too Faithful || @iam_mosesbliss \[Lyric Video\] - YouTube](#)
- Closing Prayer

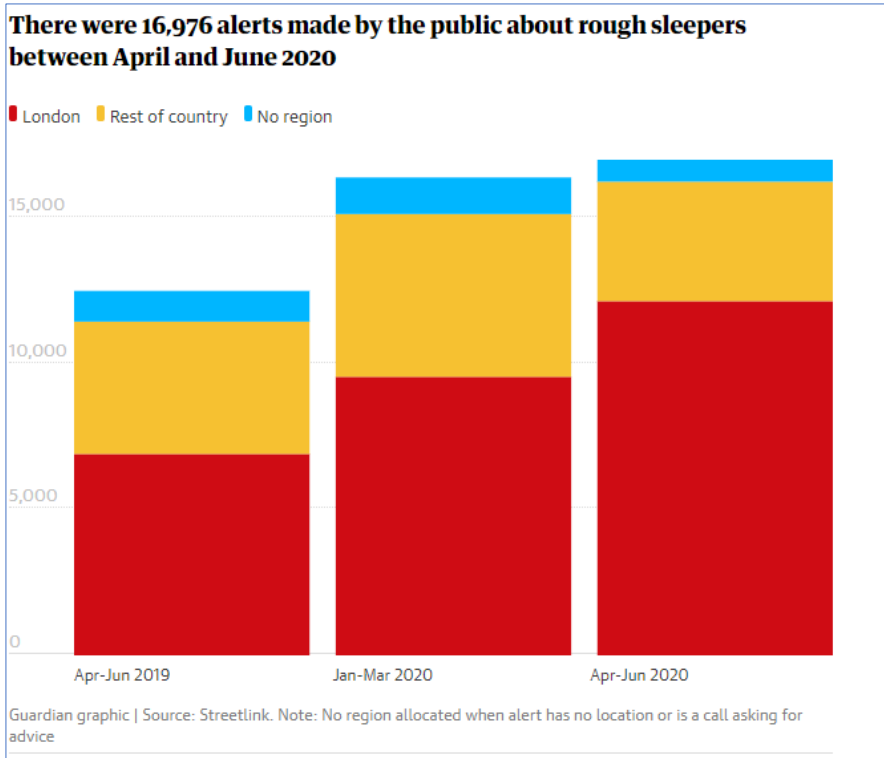
Praying For The Hungry - Context

- The world has changed since 2020 Week Of Prayer dramatically
- The pandemic's shock to the UK's economic health has been abrupt and lengthy following multiple lockdowns
- The Trussell Trust operates 1200 of the 2000+ food banks in the UK.
 - The TT estimated a 61% increase in food parcels required for Oct-Dec 2020 in comparison to same period in 2019.
 - This increase works out to six parcels being given out a minute!
- Families with children have been hit quite hard, as has been publicised with Marcus Rashford's school meal initiatives
- At the start of the pandemic, half of the foodbank users had never needed a foodbank before

Praying For The Hungry – Some Points

- Families dependent on school meals. Food insecurity
- Those whose incomes have decreased drastically
- Corporations/Wealthy to continue to give generously. UK food waste is still high and as of 2018, only 70% of food waste was edible.
- Pray for those living in the grip of debt. UK's high level of personal debt has direct impact on disposable family income
-amongst other prayer points for the hungry

Praying For The Homeless - Context



Praying For The Homeless – Some Points

- The Government, doing a difficult job in comparison to most other governments around the world (e.g. “Everybody In Initiative”)
- People living on the streets or couch-surfing
- People in difficult family situations. Young children/adults are especially at risk here.
- People suffering from mental illness
- Those suffering from substance addiction

Praying For People Out Of Work- Context

- Almost 3 million UK house-holds are one pay slip from losing their homes.
- People out of work since lockdown/pandemic kicked in
- Many people will be coming off the UK furlough scheme in March/April of this year.
- Brexit has meant many companies shrinking their UK presence

Praying For People Out Of Work – Some Points

- People in the Food, hospitality and retail industry
- People taken off the UK furlough scheme early last November.
- People impacted by businesses either shutting or relocating to the EU
- People who were reliant on zero hours contracts
-other prayer points as you feel led

Praying For People Anxious of Losing Work-Context



Commuters wait for the train at rush hour at Canning Town underground station in London, January 18, 2021

(Image: REUTERS/Hannah McKay)

Praying For People Anxious of Losing Jobs – Some Points

- Pray for those taking risks to keep on earning. (e.g. building industry).
- Pray for those experiencing anxiety. ONS Stats in June 2020 stated one in 5 adults were experiencing some form of depression; up from 1 in 10 just before the lockdowns started in March 2020.
- ...other related prayer points as you feel led

Praying For Self-Employed

- I want to especially call out the self-employed who have not had adequate support from the government
- About 1.5 million tradesmen, cleaners and nannies do not have access to the government's furlough scheme or to business "bounce back" loans.
- Lots of shop owners have had their shops shuttered for almost a year without income.
- ...other related prayer points as you feel led

Prayer Requests

Closing Song & Prayer