VOICE OF THE CHURCH 5

A recent statistical survey showed that more people pray than believe in God. Intriguing! Most people pray – sometimes when all else has failed. It may be simply ‘God help me’ or ‘Please cure my friend’ or ‘Help me make the right decision / pass the exam / meet the right person…..’ There is something within us that cries out to something or someone outside us. Christians speak to God as a child to their Father, as Jesus taught them and this prayer takes many forms from formal liturgy to arrow prayers as you was the dishes, wait for the bus or watch the TV news.

You may have a need for prayer for yourself or someone else. The churches of our town have set up a prayer line – phone or text 07873444887 or e mail [burnleyprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:burnleyprayerline@gmail.com) to send your prayer request. It can be sent anonymously and will be prayed through by local Christians. You will not receive any follow up contact. This is just your opportunity to plug in to the God who loves you and will hear and answer your prayer. Having other people pray your prayer request too strengthens that prayer.

Cards with this number are scattered all around our town and many churches are involved. Feel encouraged to phone, text or e mail and may the Lord bless you and answer your prayer.

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