

Extract from Rev Pauline Warner's letter:

Dear Friends,

Joyce's prayer: **"Father God, I know that I can call you Father because you are so close to me and I know that I can you trust you in everything"**

A little while ago, I was praying with one of the residents in our nursing home. Next to us was another lady, Joyce. In order to include her, I asked her if she would like to pray. I did it to be polite and really did not expect her to say anything because Joyce lives with dementia and often her conversation makes no sense. Joyce readily agreed and began her prayer (above). It was as if she had a direct line to God – which, of course she had. It taught me that we should not just see people with dementia as those who should be prayed for but that sometimes *'what the world counts as foolishness'* may actually be direct channels of the wisdom of God.

This year, at Abbey Park MHA we are going to observe the Week which is taking the theme of 'The Father's Love'. We will be praying in our chapel, 'The Sanctuary' each day. I am writing to those churches who have some connection with the Home for help in two ways. Most importantly, we are looking for subjects for prayer – either individual names or schemes from your churches. Not only can we pray for you but it would help our residents to feel that they still belong to the wider community. Secondly, anyone is invited to join us for those prayer times.

Could you please contact me on Paulinewarn@gmail.com or by letter to the Home.

Finally, do pray for us not only for that special week but at other times.

Yours in Christ,

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