
I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/08 13:10

In the wee small hours of this morning a little boy was born, so quickly that we do not even have a name for him yet.

He weighs only one pound. I have never seen a child that size and still alive. He is smaller than my hand. We have been told that we should just expect what happens hour by hour. He does have some fight in him as he was trying to kick his way out of the little bag which looks extremely like a freezer bag to me. His little incubator is full of steam so the nurse needs to clear a wee space when we want to see him.

He is wearing the tiniest little blue hat.

I really do believe in the power of prayer or what ever each person wants to call it.

All I know is he needs as much of this as possible, prayers good wishes or whatever. If we are a community which it strikes me we are, and should be, then give it all you have for him.

Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Clare - 2008/06/08 17:06

Lydia

Of course. I've let some other people know too. Keep us posted.

Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by dws - 2008/06/08 18:50

I'm in. Hope the wee mite's okay...

Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by TLJ - 2008/06/08 20:18

I've passed your message on elsewhere.

Please keep us informed about the wee soul.

Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/08 20:28

9.25 pm and all they will say is he is still with us.

Thank you everybody

Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by scunnert - 2008/06/09 03:42

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it. And may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm. And may the blessing of the rain be

on you, may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star. And may the blessing of the earth be on you, soft under your feet as you pass along the roads, soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day; and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

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Scunnert I don't know what to say that is really lovely

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Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/09 07:43

This morning he is still being given some blood that started yesterday because he is not clotting properly he gets this at less that a five ml teaspoon every hour (mind boggling when you think of it)

He is under a lamp because he is jaundiced.

He is driving them all mad because he keeps kicking his way out of this little plastic bag thing that is meant to mimic the womb. He has peed on his nurse. The very tiniest nappy fits into the inside, that is what he lies on.

I just keep telling him to carry on.

He is perfect apart from his wee face that looks suspiciously like a wee grandad of at least a hundred and ten. I know it is often the way with tiny babies but his feet look huge, a good grip of Scotland.

The prayers are working so far folks.

Every day a bonus

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Jaimekens - 2008/06/09 08:26

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Posted by Meg - 2008/06/09 10:09

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You are such a mum Jaimekins thank you, every time I see him I tell him about all the people who are praying for him and sending all this love so I will. We are not allowed to touch him yet. He does have a tiny wee Rosary in his cot with him that is all he has in with him so all we can do is pray really.

The staff in the unit are amazing they talk to him all the time in just the way that we do. His mum and dad and I just want to be with him all the time but they are so busy doing all the wee things that he needs that we sometimes feel in the way because they have so much to do. Not that they make you feel that way, they are lovely. I do feel at the moment he is living on computers so much is attached to him. Everyone is actually very proud of the way he is kicking all the time they seem to see it as a positive thing but he does give them a lot of extra work as he pulls out all these tubes and things regularly.

The relationship is hard to explain his mum was brought up in care and she adopted me as a mum in her late teens. I would marmalize anyone who tried to tell me these children are not my Grandchildren. I don't feel any less for them than I do for my own. Each one of them very special and precious.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by DoricMan - 2008/06/09 10:23

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Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/09 21:22

Meg wrote:

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Thank you Meg, you are right, he has touched many lives, he has so many people praying for him. Tonight we have been told he is completely off the ventilator. Although that sounds so good every nurse and doctor tells us that we should not get to excited about this as things can change so quickly with these little ones.

We are told simply take what happens hour by hour.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/10 09:12

Not too good a night he is back on his ventilator but that is to be expected. Otherwise no change.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Martin - 2008/06/10 09:44

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by scunnert - 2008/06/10 13:13

Thank you Martin. It's Trad. Irish so feel free to use it.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/10 16:57

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Thank you so much it is lovely how everyone rallies round to send their best to him. Still no name, other than treasure, mum and dad are still debating the issue, (that was a nice way of putting they cannot agree).

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Hi Martin, nice to see you back, you disappeared for a while and I do not think I said welcome back.

Thank you for your prayers and for putting in his Intentions, I find these things a great comfort as do his Mum and Dad. It is a time I would like to spend more time in church but that is not possible time wise just now which is often the way. The people in the Cathedral are very much a family and are praying for him daily too. My family is quite spread out and he is on prayer lists all over the world.

Prayers are not always answered in the way we want, but his best chance is for as many as possible to pray for a positive outcome.

No matter what the future brings, I do not think we will ever be able to say thank you to the people who are looking after him. They are giving him the best possible chance. Words just do not do it do they, no matter how eloquent the speaker.

He did not have such a good night last night he had to go back on the ventilator but they tell us they would have been very surprised if he had not. He is being supported in so many ways with so many drugs because everything is so immature. He seems to be a fighter though and really, only time will tell if he has what it takes. He has had a better day so far today. He looks just a little less like a wee old man but not much. His mum tells me she thinks he has ADHD he is so active.

You are right about the feeling of community on Scotgait and about the rigorous debate. It is how people change their opinion, learn and get close to each other. That is how a family works. You may very well argue a point vigorously during a discussion over dinner but would defend the family member to the death. I do enjoy the site.

I am Granny + Grandma and the 8 1/2 month old the wee chap's older sister would you believe, calls me La La I protest but she ignores me. I am reminded of the old Irish saying "the old Loo La". (Please don't ask what it means and if anyone else knows don't tell).

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/13 10:27

Our brave little Shane Patterson born 8th June 2008 at 5 am gave up his fight for life after a long struggle at 12.15 am this morning 13th June 2008. His Mum and Dad are of course quite devastated, as are the rest of his family. They

asked me to say a big thank you to all who prayed for our cherished little boy.

LOVE IS LOVE'S OWN REWARD

"I'LL LEND YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE A CHILD OF MINE," GOD SAID,
"FOR YOU TO CHERISH WHILE HE LIVES AND MOURN FOR WHEN HE'S DEAD.
IT MAY BE SIX OR SEVEN YEARS OR ONLY TWO OR THREE,
BUT WILL YOU, TILL I CALL HIM HOME LOOK AFTER HIM FOR ME?
HE'LL BRING HIS LOVE TO GLADDEN YOU AND SHOULD HIS STAY BE BRIEF,
YOU'LL HAVE A HOST OF MEMORIES AS SOLACE FOR YOUR GRIEF.

I CANNOT PROMISE HE WILL STAY AS ALL FROM EARTH RETURN,
BUT THERE ARE LESSONS TAUGHT BELOW I WANT THIS CHILD TO LEARN.
I'VE LOOKED THE WIDE WORLD OVER IN MY SEARCH FOR TEACHERS TRUE,
AND FROM THE THRONG THAT CROWDS LIFE'S LAND AT LAST I'VE CHOSEN YOU.
NOW WILL YOU GIVE HIM ALL YOUR LOVE NOR THINK YOUR LABOUR VAIN,
AND TURN AGAINST ME WHEN I COME TO TAKE HIM BACK AGAIN.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by scunnert - 2008/06/13 15:00

I am so very sorry Lydia. Sincere condolences and regrets.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by TLJ - 2008/06/13 17:55

However hard these five days have been, they'll still form precious memories for his parents and for you.

Take care.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Clare - 2008/06/13 18:55

I'm so sorry Lydia. God bless him. I will pray for you and yours.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/14 11:10

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Thanks scunnert, hard days especially for his mum and dad, helped though by the lovely people who put their all into wishing him well.

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You are so right TLJ, he was quite a little character. We will eventually feel the joy of having known him.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/14 11:14

Clare wrote:

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Thank you Claire we believe we had him longer because of all these prayers.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by DoricMan - 2008/06/15 10:44

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Posted by Meg - 2008/06/15 11:48

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Thank you Meg

He was a very special little boy. I am amazed at the people he had praying and caring for him. He has brought a lot of people together bless him.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Martin - 2008/06/16 08:32

I can't think of anything to add to what everyone else has said, other than to pass on my condolences and assurance of prayers for Shane and his family (extended!).
God bless.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/06/16 16:58

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Thanks Martin it is difficult to think of something different to say.

What is a comfort is the people who have said prayers for this little boy. Thank you for yours.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Jaimekens - 2008/06/28 11:34

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Thank you Jamiekens,

We will I am sure at some time find the reason for his birth and death. Maybe not.

His strength and fight to stay will teach us a lesson for all time. We know he at peace with no more pain or struggle and that alone is a comfort.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Levenax - 2008/07/04 11:33

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I suppose Lev we all just have our own belief. Shane's Dad is like me Catholic; his mum is like you and technically has no religion. I discovered during this awful time that she wanted prayers for her son. She would not have a Catholic Baptism or Requiem Mass for him but wanted so many of our little touches for him. He was buried with a rosary and a cross for instance as well as all the little teddies and toys. My way of dealing with all of this was to simply try to get everything she wanted for her child. She is his mum and has the right to choose. Her confusion was obvious and so understandable though.

My heart was breaking to see him go to God with no Baptism or last rights but it is not my decision and I would not suggest it as we had discussed this previously, I knew her views.

Now her memories are just pain, eventually it will improve but not yet, it is too soon. She like me seems to take comfort from the fact that one day she may find a reason for his birth and death.

When my youngest son died many years ago, I felt nothing but anger at everyone. Most of my anger I kept for God who in my view at that time did not exist. My favourite saying for a long time afterwards was something along the lines of, there is no God and anyway I hate him for what he did to my son. I have grown a little since then in all ways thankfully.

Years later Lev because of what happened to my son, I started, and now run the organisation that has and I hope will continue to help many parents and will change many more laws. If my son had not been born and died I probably would be very ignorant of this subject and certainly would not do the work I do. I believe that is why he was born and died. Just the experience I had, I hope, has helped many families. Probably the most important point being that is what comforts me Lev.

When my oldest son died, I do not believe I would have kept my sanity if I did not believe. For those of us who do believe it is a case of not blaming God but knowing that no matter how bad things get he will be beside you.

Have you ever read footsteps lev? It is all about a man complaining that God deserted him in his hour of need; he makes the point that only one set of footsteps can be seen in the sand. God replies but when things are that bad the reason for only one set of footsteps is because I am carrying you during the worst times.

I am thankful for the comfort I can give Shane's Mum I do not believe in pushing my religion down any person's throat but during this time, I felt she gained comfort from the fact that so many people said prayers for him. She loves the fact that I take her nine-month-old girl that I look after so often to mass to light a candle for the baby.

I believe people will find God when it is their time to do so and no matter your belief right now my hope for all including you is that one day you will feel this love, trust, and comfort that I feel and that in your hour of need God will find you. It

is in my view the best comfort and the best life I can wish for any person. Blessings Lev.

The Blessings are so well meant just take them with good grace.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Levenax - 2008/07/04 23:14

As I've said before in another thread (in reply to Robbie I think) I always respect the offer of prayers when they are made by people I know have a deep faith in a god. I'm sure Shane's mother felt uplifted by the support of so many people both known and unknown to her even in the midst of the horrible things she was going through. Thank you for your kind wishes.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by Martin - 2008/07/05 08:36

Hi Lev, I'm quite sad that you felt, to an extent, excluded from this. If I can presume to speak for Lydia, don't underestimate the effect the good wishes of an atheist can have. I think they could be described as non-religious prayers, if there can be such a thing, and always very welcome and helpful.

I hope I'm saying this correctly Lydia.

I too have been moved by this thread.

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Re:I need some prayers please

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/07/05 10:21

Hi Martin I could not have put that any better.

Lev I am so glad that eventually you felt you could contribute. I think if you go back to my first post I said prayers or good wishes or what ever your belief, thank you.

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Posted by Jaimekens - 2008/07/14 12:20

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Thank you Jamiekins

That is probably the greatest compliment a person can pay me.

Hopefully each life that touches us helps us to grow and so true of Scotsgait too. Lives may only touch on a computer

screen but I believe many have a lot to thank TLJ for.

Apart from that he is a Jambo so he must be all right.

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