

Prayer Focus 21st January 2018

God's Transforming Power

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

Dear heavenly Father, we praise you for your promises of steadfast love, daily mercies, and doing the impossible, for we need all three.

Because of your steadfast love for us in Jesus, we have incomparable peace.

Because of your daily mercies, we have the freedom to be vulnerable.

Because nothing is impossible to you, we can trust you with our hardest situations and most broken stories.

Father, some of us run to your throne of grace, primed for a miracle;

some of us are making our way very slowly, under the weight of shame and emotional exhaustion;

and some of us are stuck, not sure we can risk the pain of hoping again.

Thank you that you meet us where we are, just as we are; because you are always running towards us in the gospel.

Father, hold all those who ache with the pain of betrayal, loss, and rejection, close to your heart.

For those who have given up and who are inclined to stay away from you, bring healing, justice and mercy.

Help them Lord to rest in your strength, with renewed hope.

For those feel the burdens of guilt, the consequences of failure, and the shame of foolishness,

Help them Lord to come home to you as Abba and to acknowledge their Saviour Jesus.

Father, help us to trust you with failing health, limited finances, unexpected reversals, big and little decisions, spiritual malaise, and any of a number of other situations.

May we praise and surrender to you, the God who does all things well and who makes all things beautiful, in your time.

So Amen we pray, in Jesus' loving and powerful name.

Family Prayer News:- please pray for Jo Garnish & her Aunt Kath who has been bereaved.

Pray for Hannah & James, Kate Potter, John & Toni Forster. Pray that Marjorie, Richard & Lucky will be really blessed whilst they have to be out of their home. Thank God for the safe arrival of Rosa Clutterbuck. Praise God for the legacy from Peggy & Eric.

Street of the Week:- Sydenham Road

Praise God for the work of Tearfund as they celebrate 50 years.

Thank God all those who have served faithfully in many projects over the years, & those who continue to do so.

Pray that those planning strategy will hear clearly from God.

Pray that they will have a fresh God centred vision for the next few years.

Dare to ask God that Christians will help to so transform the World by His loving grace that organisations like Tearfund will become redundant.

**For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness. Isaiah 43:19**