

Prayer Focus 22nd April 2018

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!" Mark 10:51

Speak, Lord Jesus; I will listen.

You do not come to my soul without speaking to me in some way.

Please make your presence known in the heart and mind of faith.

I will be quiet, and let my desires and worries rest, in order to hear you.

In silence, I will learn to know your "intimate will" in my regard.

Amen

Jesus, in your grace you come and ask what we want you to do for us.

You wait for us to acknowledge you as our Lord and to talk with you.

Help us to be real, to learn to share our hopes and fears with you.

So often we are too busy trying to do things our own way.

May we seek you, taking time to hear your voice.

Help us to really listen to each other so that we strengthen and encourage one another.

Just as you sought out someone the crowd wanted to silence,

may we seek out the poor, the marginalized, the different.

Help us to bring you into lives that have no hope, no love, no answers.

Help us to have the courage and faith to ask "What do you want God to do"?

In Jesus name, Amen

Prayer News: Give thanks that Margaret White has had better news, pray that she receives the treatment she needs soon. Please continue to pray for Margaret Dalton, her son Mark and the rest of the family. Pray for Kate Potter. Please pray for the Vision Day next Sunday.

Street of the Week: Panorama Road

Pray for wisdom for all Commonwealth leaders meeting together, and that plans to further freedom of religion and belief would be put into action. Also that persecuted Christians and other religious minorities would be given a voice as a result of the Heads of Government Meeting.

Turkey has risen 6 places on the Open Doors World Watch List this year. Islam is the main religion there, and is closely tied to Turkish national identity - nationals who convert to Christianity are considered to have betrayed their country. Religion is recorded on ID cards, and that can be difficult to change. Pray that God will strengthen our brothers and sisters in Turkey as they walk as witnesses

for You. Pray for protection for those who face becoming outcasts in their families and communities for their faith.