

Prayer Focus 29th April 2018

LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them. Psalm 10:17

Dear Lord

As we listen to the world's concerns and hear the cry of the oppressed, teach us to respond with maturity, and give us courage to act with integrity.

As Christians, we acknowledge the Spirit's work in human government, for the welfare of the people, for justice among the poor, for mercy toward the prisoner, against inhuman oppression of humanity and so we pray for all those in government.

But we also know that as You listen to the cries of the poor, the hungry and the lonely,
You expect us to act

We pray for the fruit of the Spirit of Christ who works for peace on earth, commands us to love our enemies, and calls for patience among the nations.

We give thanks for your work among all agencies, seeking to resolve disputes by means other than war, replacing the curse of war with international self-control.

We hear the Spirit's call to love one another, opposing discrimination, inviting us to accept one another, and to share at every level.

Help us to fulfill the love of Christ.

Enable us to accept the call and be agents of renewal and reconciliation in the world, through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Family Prayer News: please pray for Margaret Dalton's son Mark & all the family. Pray also for Christine Panduro & Olive with ongoing health issues. Pray for Margaret White to receive the treatment she needs & to be restored to full health very soon. Pray for the Schilling family, especially Sue's mum Shelia.

Street of the Week: Plantation Close

Pray for the Maldives which is the only country in the world where it is illegal to be anything other than a Muslim. The Maldives government has told the European Union it will not consider amending its constitution to allow for religious freedom in the country. Converting to another religion means losing your citizenship, and being found to own a Bible would result in a prison sentence. While the state does recognise expatriate Christians, church gatherings and buildings are banned, so they are only able to meet in embassies in the capital.

Violence in Colombia has caused at least 1,000 families to flee their homes. Disputes between crime gangs and rebel groups have erupted over drugs trafficking and territorial control along the border with Venezuela. Please pray that the violence will cease, and that the vulnerable will be kept safe.