

## Prayer Focus 13th May 2018

**Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. John 14:12**

Almighty God, We come to you reminded of your greatness and glory,  
your sovereign power and eternal purpose,  
all expressed so wonderfully in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We thank you for the wonder of Ascension, that marvellous yet mysterious moment  
in the life of the Apostles which left them gazing heavenwards in confusion  
yet departing in joy.

We thank you for the way that it brought the earthly ministry of Jesus to a fitting conclusion;  
signifying his oneness with you, and demonstrating your final seal of approval  
on all that he had done.

We thank you that through his Ascension Jesus is now set free to be Lord of all:  
no longer bound to a particular place or time, but with us always -  
able to reach even to the ends of the earth.

We thank you that through his departing Jesus prepared for his coming again:  
through his Spirit, his Church, and his coming again in glory.

Forgive us for so often failing to grasp the wonder of Ascension,  
for living each day as though it had never been.

Forgive the smallness of our vision, the narrowness of our outlook,  
the weakness of our love, the nervousness of our witness,  
our repeated failure to recognize the fullness of your revelation in Christ.

Give us a deeper sense of wonder, a stronger faith,  
and a greater understanding of all you have done. Amen

**Family Prayer News:** please pray for Shelia Taylor as she prepares to come home. Please continue to pray for Margaret White whose health issue still need to be resolved and Peter as he supports her. Pray for the Royal Wedding party to be held at the church.

**Street of the Week: Newton Rise**

**Please pray for peace in the Middle East in the light of increased conflict and tension. Pray particularly for Israel, Gaza, Syria & Iran. Ask God's blessing upon & encouragement for all those seeking peace.**

**Pray that the global wave of prayer ( ten days of prayer as part of Thy Kingdom Come) will attract even more people than last year. May there be a new spirit of unity in the Church as Christians around the world pray for more people to come to know Jesus.**