

Prayer Focus 27th May 2018

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the LORD's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Dear God help us to be aware of You at all times.

Forgive us when we become formal,
compartmentalizing You into the "holy" part of our lives.

We do desire to spend time with You in the quiet where we can wait on You.

We do need to take time to deepen our relationship with You, listening to Your voice.

But, you want to be with us always, in everything we do.

May You become so near to us that we do talk to You when shopping, walking or gardening.

May we learn to have real conversations with You as we go about our everyday activities.

Holy Spirit help us to show Your presence to all those we meet

Help us to learn to see you at work.

Jesus you gave us a picture of perfect unity with the Father, working where he was moving.

May the whole of our lives be in communion with You Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Family Prayer News: Please pray for Margaret White who is still waiting for her operation & also Peter. Pray for Margaret's son Mark & the family. Give thanks that Shelia Taylor is at home. Pray for Shirley Spreadborough who has had a nasty fall & Toni Forster. Please continue to lift Mark, his partner Rebecca, Margaret & the rest of the family.

Street of the Week: South Road

Please pray for the swift containment of an Ebola outbreak in north-west Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray for the recovery of those who are ill and for the safety of those working among them. Give thanks for the 50th Anniversary of Tearfund. Famine was declared in the Indian state of Bihar on 20 April 1967, followed by catastrophic floods. An emergency call to the Evangelical Alliance from Dr Ben Wati of the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI) was one of the triggers that led to the formation of Tearfund. On Sunday 27 May, Christians and churches around the world are uniting to lift their voices in prayer to end extreme poverty, and pray a prayer written especially by Justin Welby.

Gracious and generous God, you became poor so that we might be enriched by your love, and you gave the world's wealth and resources as a common inheritance of all human beings.

We pray you would strengthen your church to be a beacon of hospitality for the poor.

We pray that, seeing the light of Christ's love, the nations and peoples of the world may fight not to kill, but to outdo one another in care for the poor, and in actions of gracious generosity.

Through him who for our sakes did not grasp the wealth of heaven, but instead gave all to live for us as a slave, and die for us in pain, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen