

## **Prayer Focus 24th June 2018**

### **26th June International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**

Lord you became the suffering servant, despised and rejected;  
You were beaten and flogged and crushed with suffering for our sins.  
Your body was broken for us and your blood poured out for us on the cross.  
Grant that your love will shine even in the worst of the torture chambers.  
Look with pity on those who suffer now the barbarity of the torturer;  
those who endure physical and mental suffering to break their will.

Loving Lord, you know the names of each one,  
bring them peace and comfort in the midst of their fear and suffering  
and give them healing of mind, body and spirit.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

We remember before you the anguish and pain of those whose loved ones have  
disappeared or who have been taken away to be tortured.

Lord Jesus be with them in their suffering.

We give thanks for all who minister to those who have been tortured, raped,  
ill treated and imprisoned and who provide these victims with love and care.

We pray for all human rights defenders and activists,  
who in spite of harassment, persecution and death threats uphold justice,  
truth and human rights in countries where there is oppression and tyranny.

Strengthen them, Lord, and give them courage.

Help us to support them as far as we can.

Loving Lord, we ask your comfort and help for our brothers and sisters  
who are harassed, imprisoned, ill-treated, tortured and killed because of their faith in you  
and because they preach the gospel of your good news.

We pray for all those who inflict suffering and torture, may you draw them to have  
the courage to change their way of life and seek repentance. Amen

**Family Prayer News:** Please continue to pray for Margaret & David Dalton & Rebecca following Mark's death. Pray for Kate Potter, especially next Saturday which is John's Thanksgiving service. Pray for Sara Wise's on going health issues to be resolved.

### **Street of the Week: Manor Gardens**

Please pray for the Gender Justice Hub, working to ensure gender equality within the life and structures of BUGB and to encourage and connect women in Baptist ministry. 2018 marks the first of several centenaries of the recognition of women in Baptist ministry, and a conference is being held this week to encourage progress towards full recognition of the gifts of women and men to lead in the church.

BMS World Mission: are praying for Europe this week. Pray for BMS workers and European believers as they make Jesus known. That BMS workers will respond effectively to the questions raised by the economic, political and social upheaval in Europe.