

## **Prayer Focus 15th July 2018**

**No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.' - Isaiah 60: 18**

Dear Heavenly Father,

It is in the name of Jesus that we come praying for the peace over our cities and towns.

We pray for Your protection and safety, especially for young people caught up in violence.

We pray for our police that you give them wisdom when dealing with potentially sensitive issues.

We pray for teachers, youth and community workers that they will be able to engage with young people to bring peace.

We pray for churches in our inner cities that they may be able to proclaim Your hope.

We ask for your blessing upon those organisations seeking to make a difference such as the London City Mission, UKyouth and The Prince's Trust.

We pray for all who have been affected by violence and ask that you give them peace and healing.

Lord, we stand boldly to proclaim your peace and not be intimidated by those who terrorize our communities with violence.

We declare your peace, your power and your presence among us. Amen.

**Family Prayer News:** please pray for Sara & Steve Wise as they sort out care for their mothers.

Pray for Joy and her colleagues at the Townsend Centre, a residential centre that enables children from inner cities to experience this area, as it faces an uncertain future. Pray for all those involved in the Connect Family Project being launched on Wednesday 18th July.

### **Street of the Week: Findlay Place**

From Monday 16th July Premier radio is calling the Christian community together to pray for our young people and specifically the epidemic of violence we have seen of late. "Peace on our streets" is a 7 day prayer campaign bringing Christians together to pray for everyone affected by this issue.

Ethiopia's recently elected Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed, and Eritrea's President, Isaias Afewerki, have agreed to re-establish trade and diplomatic ties, and family members divided by the dispute are now able to telephone each other for the first time since the war. Daily flights between the two countries begin next week.

There are hopes that this peace deal could also lead to an improvements in human rights in Eritrea – a change that is desperately needed. More than 300 Christians were arrested in Eritrea last year, and many of our brothers and sisters are held in miserable conditions, some in shipping containers in scorching temperatures. Meanwhile, Ethiopia's new Prime Minister has a Muslim father and Christian mother, and has championed religious and ethnic tolerance.