

## **Prayer Focus 5th August 2018**

**Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35**

God, our hope,

Fill us with anticipation and equip us by your Spirit.

Be the first thought in our hearts and help us to be conscious of your direction.

Strengthen us for service, nourish us with the bread of life, transform us for mission.

Jesus is the Bread of Heaven for eternal life.

May we find his sustenance and strength, and by the leading of the Holy Spirit,

may we come ready to receive from Father God.

Let our hearts and minds resolve to offer him thanks and praise.

Let us come honestly before Almighty God and acknowledge our shortcomings.

Let us return to the Source of All Being, that we might draw strength and encouragement.

May the springs of living water well up within us to cleanse and renew us.

May the rivers of righteousness flow out from us to bring healing to the whole creation.

Forgive us that we have kept what we have to ourselves, rather than offering it up to you.

May you bless everything we have been given, enabling others to be fed and sustained.

Be for us here the Bread of Heaven, and feed and renew us,

so that we might share in your purpose in giving life to the world.

Amen.

Pray for all those visiting the town and surrounding area over the next few weeks.

Pray for the holiday club being held at EBC this week.

Please pray for Zimbabwe. Pray that the violence will be contained and a credible Government formed. Pray for peace and reconciliation.

More than 38,000 people have been displaced by violence in Plateau State, Nigeria. Many of these people's homes were destroyed, and they now live in crowded camps with inadequate shelter and little access to food and safe water. Please pray for an end to the violence; for God's protection over the vulnerable; and that people's needs will be met.

Pray for protection and provision for secret believers and church leaders in the Horn of Africa, and encouragement for those who are struggling

That isolated believers would be able to find fellowship in secret churches.

That God would change the hearts of extremists who are targeting Christians in the Horn of Africa, and call them to repentance.