

Prayer Focus 12th August 2018

The theme for International Youth Day 2018 (12th August) is Safe Spaces for Youth.

Youth need safe spaces where they can come together, engage in activities related to their diverse needs and interests, participate in decision making processes and freely express themselves.

O God, we pray and ask you to guide and protect young people from the dangers that are ever present in our world today.

Be with them, as they experience both sickness and health, sorrow and joy, loneliness and friendship, success and failure.

Gracious Lord, give to them the courage and strength to make the right decisions as they journey through life.

We pray for the young men and women who are social outcasts.

We ask that you especially bless those who are experiencing bullying, violence and mental health issues.

Please, Lord, protect the ones who cannot protect themselves.

We pray that You would place men and women of faith in the paths of these young people, to show them that they are special and they are loved.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may they come to know and experience your loving care.

And Lord, use us to help in any way! In the name of Jesus, Amen

Pray for The Wave project in Swanage:-

- ❖ Pray for guidance and wisdom the trustees.
- ❖ Bless those who are involved in the work wave does both paid and volunteers.
- ❖ Pray for a renewed vision and sense of purpose in the coming year.
- ❖ Pray for all the activities that will recommence in September.
- ❖ Pray for good relationships with all the local schools.

Pray for all the children and young people of Purbeck.

Pray for all school staff and Governors.

Pray for all church activities and other clubs/associations seeking to engage with youth.

Pray for the integrity of all adults working with youth that safe and healthy relationships will be formed.

Pray for the statutory workers who are trying to provide care and support in what may be very difficult circumstances.

Last week the Indonesian island of Lombok was devastated by two earthquakes. More than 150 people were killed, and thousands of homes and businesses were destroyed. Pray for comfort for all

those who are mourning, healing for those who have been injured, and wisdom and provision for the local authorities as they respond.