

Prayer Focus 9th September 2018

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples.
Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost.

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to proclaim your gospel of hope
and salvation here at home and to all nationals and peoples.

Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing.

Show us how to share our gifts with others, and inspire
us always to follow your example of generous self-giving.

Gracious Lord, teach us to give with a joyous and grateful heart
that we may provide hope, consolation, and pastoral care to your
people and thus give glory and honour to your holy name. AMEN

EBC Focus:- Bless the gifts being given to the Swanage Food Bank as part of the harvest celebrations.
Pray for all the volunteers and those who will be using it during the coming year.

Pray for:- all the children and youth activities starting again this week.

the Discipleship Ministry Team, especially Adam that they will find the best
courses/materials to help us all grow in Jesus.

Life groups, that they will be lively and safe places for people to explore their faith.

Blessings upon our Life Group leaders. Pray as they meet for training on Saturday.

Street of the Week:- Ash Close

World Prayer Points:-

Iranians Victor Bet-Tamraz, Amin Afshar-Naderi, Kaviyan Fallah Mohammadi, Hadi Asgari and Shamiranm Issavi have been sentenced to a combined total of 45 years in prison for running and being members of a house church. Amnesty International has set up an urgent action for these Christians, asking you to write to the Head of the Judiciary and the Prosecutor General of Tehran in Iran to plead their case.

Please Pray:

For Victor, Shamiranm, Amin, Hadi, and all Christian prisoners in Iran, that God would strengthen them and that their sentences would be overturned

That God's justice would be done in the Iranian courts, and that both judges and juries would be moved to have compassion and mercy

That the Iranian government would no longer see Christian activities as threats to national security, and would allow for greater religious freedom.