

## **Prayer Focus 14th October 2018**

**Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32**

Gracious and merciful God, the problems facing our human family are very grave.

We are confronted daily with our violence, our hatred and our greed.

We are heartbroken.

The media are relentless and we all long for some good news.

It is so easy to forget that your Son, Jesus, is always the good news and that he has given us the remedy for our brokenness.

“Father, forgive them, they don’t know what they are doing.” He spoke so clearly.

We ask your Holy Spirit to remind us of this again and again.

We ask you for the gift of hope in our lives and know that we need to turn to one another for the confidence and assurance that we will emerge from situations, that, in the short term seem hopeless.

Banish fear and anxiety from our hearts.

Help us to affirm one another and to remove the barriers that seem to sour our relationships and keep us at a distance.

Prompt us to be beacons in the present darkness, and especially beacons to one another. We are all guilty of some selfishness.

We need your help to stop contributing to the larger greed that tears at our world.

We believe in the power of your grace to change our lives and we promise to be open to that grace.

Bless us with a peaceful spirit and a desire to be reconciled with one another.

Amen.

**EBC Focus:-** Please pray for all the Life Groups:-

Pray for good relationships, honesty & respect for each other.

Pray for a willingness to learn & to be challenged.

**Street of the Week:- Bell Street**

**World Prayer Points:-** The threat of famine continues in Yemen, as the embattled nation remains in the grip of civil war. Pray for this nation which is on its knees. Pray that peace will come and the people of Yemen will be able to rebuild their lives. Ask God to help food, medicines and other provisions to get through the Hodeidah port and be distributed to those people in most need. Thank God for the courage and commitment of those working in appalling situations.

This week is Prisons Week. Pray for prisoners and their families, for prison staff and those who work in the criminal justice system, and for victims of crime and all those wounded by the actions of others. [www.prisonweek.org](http://www.prisonweek.org)