

Prayer Focus 21st October 2018

Be careful. Don't think these little children are worth nothing. I tell you that they have angels in heaven who are always with my Father in heaven. Matthew 18:10

Jesus we ask your forgiveness that as a society we often do not treat our children and young people as you would wish.

Good parenting is not valued and supported as it should be.

We do not show children and young people the respect they deserve.

We have not valued them or listened to them.

So many are struggling to find meaning to their lives.

They are confused and open to abuse through making wrong choices.

O Lord, our hearts are breaking for the young men and women who are social outcasts.

The news tells the same story every single night, someone is being bullied or injured.

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

Some youths are so emotionally traumatized that they have attempted to take their own lives
...some have succeeded.

Father, we pray that You would place men and women of faith in the paths of these precious ones to show them that they are special and they are loved.

Until they see love they will only continue in the spiral of endless chaos.

We pray for the young men and women who are struggling with their faith and those who seem to have turned away from you completely.

Help them to overcome the pressure to conform to the world.

Father, we pray that You would open their eyes to see the decay that is around them.

Please, Father, draw them back to You.

Forgive us as a church family if we have not truly welcomed and valued every child.

All things are possible through You! Amen

EBC Focus:- Please pray for the Coffee Shop:- Pray particularly that it will be a safe and welcoming space. Thank God for all the volunteers who serve in it. Pray for the parents and children using the Seaside room.

Street of the Week:- Globe Close

World Prayer Points:- From Care - Ask God to provide for the emotional and practical needs of vulnerable women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy with no real support. Give thanks for Christian individuals, groups and centres offering a listening ear, information and help to consider alternatives to abortion and to counsel those with post-abortion concerns.

Pray for Christian groups working in prisons among women who face unplanned pregnancies or are suffering mentally, spiritually and physically as a result of their abortion. Ask God to continue to open doors for this important ministry and to speak peace and forgiveness into their broken lives.

Please remember parents who have been offered a termination because their unborn baby has a disability. Pray about the ongoing investigation into the increase in abortions on disability grounds in 2011: 2,307 abortions in England and Wales, including 146 after the normal 24-week limit, and 500 babies with Down's syndrome.

Pray about the evidence that babies in Britain are being aborted because of their gender, as some people prefer to have boys for cultural, religious and economic reasons.

Pray for those MPs, Peers and others who are determined to reduce the number of abortions in Britain and to reduce the 24 weeks legal limit.