

## Prayer Focus 4th November 2018

O Lord, you have said to us "Peace I leave with you."

This peace that you give is not that of this world:

it is not the peace of order, when order oppresses;

it is not the peace of silence, when silence is born of suppression;

it is not the peace of resignation, when such resignation is unworthy.

Your peace is love for all people, is justice for all people, is truth for all people,  
the truth that liberates and stimulates growth.

Lord, it is this peace we believe in because of your promise.

Grant us peace, and we will give this peace to others.

Grant us peace that will

BREAK our silence in the midst of violence then prophetic voices shall resonate

Grant us peace that will

PULL US DOWN from the steeple of our pride then we'll learn to wash each other's feet

Grant us peace that will

EMPTY us of hate and intolerance then we'll turn guns into guitars and sing

Grant us peace that will

SHUT our mouths up when we speak too much then we'll learn to listen and  
understand what others are saying

Grant us peace that will

DISTURB us in our apathy then we'll dance together under the sun

Grant us peace that will

BURN our lethargic hearts then we'll endure burning and let love and justice glow

### **EBC Focus Pray for:-**

- ❖ the Wednesday prayer meeting.
- ❖ all those attending the poppy exhibition this week.
- ❖ good conversations about the Prince of peace.
- ❖ the concert/tea on Friday.

### **Street of the Week:- Jubilee Road**

**World Prayer Points:- from Open Doors - The Pakistani government has announced an agreement with the extremists responsible for protests across the country since Asia Bibi was cleared of blasphemy. The government has promised not to oppose the petition for a legal review of Asia's acquittal and that her name shall be added to the Exit Control List, which contains the names of**

**people not allowed to travel outside the country. Asia Bibi is now understood to have been detained again.**

**We – Open Doors and Christians in Pakistan – pray that God will change the hearts of the Pakistani government and the judicial powers, and give them courage to stand up to militancy and to give Asia and Christians a fair chance at a future. We pray that Asia and her family will be able to leave Pakistan and that those involved in her case will be offered protection.**

**We also plead with other governments to engage peacefully but without compromise with Pakistan and to keep the country accountable to fair human rights standards.**

**We also request Christians worldwide continue to pray for Asia, her loved ones, and all of our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. Asia has put her faith in God. We must do the same.**