

Prayer Focus 25th November 2018

Gracious, loving God we give thanks for all of the blessings we have
in the knowledge of your presence and your peace,
we give thanks for our nation and the freedom that we enjoy.

After the vote to leave the European Union we come to a critical time in the negotiations.

We pray for the senior members of our government as they meet together,
we ask that in your mercy you would bring harmony and a common sense of purpose.

We pray for all MPs as they study the draft agreement and prepare to vote.

We pray that a mutually beneficial structure will be agreed that will enable
crucial trading and cooperative relationships.

We pray your blessing upon senior staff of companies who are currently
making decisions about their future in the UK.

We are deeply thankful that for many years we have been blessed
by relative peace and freedom from war in Europe.

As a new chapter opens we earnestly pray for continued stability in this geographic area.

Finally we ask that as a nation we would be able to move forward together
after the divisions that the referendum has continued to expose.

May the Christian community provide support to the oppressed and the needy,
and in our struggles encourage us to show the love and compassion
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We bring our petitions to you, our eternal Father, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

EBC Focus:- Give thanks for the vision of those women who started the Refresh ladies breakfasts.
Pray that they will be blessed as they continue with this ministry.

Pray for all those coming to next Saturday's breakfast especially those who don't come regularly to
EBC. Pray blessings on all those involved in preparing & serving.

Street of the Week:- High Street (Bell St to Benlease)

World Prayer Points:- Pray for Christians in Iran who appear to be being monitored by the
Government. Behnam Ersali and Davood Rasooli, both Christians from Muslim backgrounds from
Karaj, north eastern Iran, were arrested recently as they made plans to meet up.

Please pray:- that Behnam and Davood will know God's strengthening power and wisdom to stand up
to interrogation, and that they will be released soon

That God will encourage their families and friends and protect those close to the two men
For God's strength and courage for all Christians imprisoned in Iran, and that God's mercy would
soften the hearts of the Iranian authorities intent on causing harm.