

Prayer Focus 9th December 2018

Hail! the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of Righteousness

God of Unity,

Thank you that you are one, always in unity with one another and with you.
Thank you that you see beyond division, and call us into fellowship with yourself.

We are sorry that we often resist this call,
and instead allow our differences to divide us.

Call us again into transformational encounter with your spirit of unity,
that we might be 'tuned' to your voice, to hear yourself and one another.
Humble us, that we might kneel by the manger and know that in your divine
kingdom, we all serve the same God. Amen.

Father, We know that without justice there can be no peace.

Let peace come when all people are respected, regardless of race and religion.

Let peace come when trading weapons of mass destruction is a crime.

Let peace come when the earth's resources are used wisely for the common good.

Let peace come when money is used to serve and not enslave the world.

Let peace come through the transformation of our lives that we may do justice,
show love and kindness and walk humbly with our God.

Your Son came as the Prince of Peace and brought a message of Peace for all people.
Help us to be peacemakers in our own homes, at our work or wherever we meet people,
so that the peace and goodwill of Christmas can find a place in the hearts of all people.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Please pray for:- Chris & Liz Morton from the Methodist Church, Liz has been diagnosed with oesophageal cancer, they are currently seeking the best route forward.

Pray for all the carol services planned over the next couple of weeks throughout the town that people will really hear the Christmas message.

Street of the Week:- Lesson Close

National & World Prayer Points:- from Lynn Green BUGB - Next Tuesday MPs will be voting on the Brexit proposals after their five days of debate. Whatever our political views, this is undoubtedly a very significant moment for the UK. I am calling all of us across Baptist Together to pray this weekend and in particular on Monday night (10 December) for our MPs and the parliamentary processes at work: that God's love, righteousness and justice would prevail.

The Baptist World Alliance encourages us to observe World Human Rights Day on 10 December. As Baptists, we are committed to the cause of human rights in our communities, countries and around the world through prayer, advocacy and representation. This year the Universal Declaration of

Human Rights is 70 years old. We pray that we would see a world where equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace.