

Prayer Focus 14th April 2019

For this is how much God loved the world—he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life.

John 3:16

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives,
thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.
Thank you that you are Able to bring hope through even the toughest of times,
strengthening us for your purposes.
Thank you for your great love and care.
Thank you for your mercy and grace.
Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us.
Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.
Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are,
for all that you do, for all that you've given.
Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.
Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.
We love you and we need you, this day and every day.
We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for all the events around the town this week, that people will hear & respond to the Easter message. Pray especially for the cafe service at EBC on Easter Sunday.

Street of the Week :- Panorama Road

Community Prayer Diary:- Swanage Surgery - the doctors and practice staff.

National & World Prayer Points:- Many families who were forced to flee their homes in Iraq by self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS) have been able to return to the Nineveh Plain and begin to rebuild their lives and communities, thanks to the support and prayers of their global church family and the help of Open Doors local church partners. However, violence against Christians continues – attacks, abductions and even murders are still taking place. Some of the houses of those who fled to escape IS have been illegally occupied.

Lord Jesus, thank You that Christians are returning to Iraq. Protect our brothers and sisters as they rebuild and restore their homes and communities, and help them to be salt and light for Your kingdom. Please help believers from a Muslim background to find fellowship with others, and make them bold in proclaiming the gospel. Amen

Pray for the upcoming general and presidential elections in Indonesia on 17 April. It's the first time that the country has had both elections on the same day. Ask for a peaceful process, and for compassionate leaders to be elected.

Pray for the World Bank as they meet this week. Tearfund staff will be attending the meeting to hand in the Light up the darkness petition, which calls for greater investment in local, renewable energy.