

Prayer Focus 21st April 2019

...he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. Romans 8:11b

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new.

Thank you for the victory and power in your Name.

Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might,

Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you.

Thank you that you had plan, that you made a way. We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again.

We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead.

We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right,
give us the power to be obedient to your word.

And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way,
we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger,
reminding us we are safe with you and that your purposes and plans will not fail.

We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear,
removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls.

Lord, lead us on your level ground. Shine your light in us, through us, over us.

May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes.

Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed.

We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Thanks be to you God, for your indescribable gift!

To you be glory and honor, on this Resurrection Day, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

EBC & Local Focus:- Please pray for all those members visiting or hosting family, especially as a witness to those who are not Christian's. Pray for the peace & prosperity of Swanage. Pray for all our visitors enjoying God's creation that they may be blessed & come to know Him.

Street of the Week :- Quarry Close

Community Prayer Diary:- Dementia Friendly Community – Natasha Parslow

National & World Prayer Points:- A UN report has shown that roughly half of all health centres in the world's poorest countries do not have basic water services. This puts birthing mothers and newborns in particular danger: more than 1 million deaths a year are associated with births in facilities where the water isn't safe. Please pray that the international community will do more to address this issue.

“Give us peace at this time of Easter.” That’s the prayer of Aisha from Nigeria. It’s a prayer which is echoed by millions of persecuted Christians around the world. Easter is often a time when the focus of the world turns to the persecuted church. Sometimes we see politicians and leaders speak up on behalf of persecuted Christians - something which is always welcome - but sadly, often the focus is because of another attack, another atrocity. As Christians gather together to celebrate, many

persecutors see Easter as the ideal time to attack. In previous years, we have seen bomb blasts in Pakistan and Egypt, gun attacks in Nigeria and Kenya . So please pray for protection.