

Prayer Focus 28th April 2019

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1Peter 1:3

Dear Lord Jesus, I offer a three-fold “Indeed!” and a three-fold “Hallelujah!”

You HAVE been raised from the dead!

Preaching the gospel is not useless, it’s essential.

Faith in you is not futile, but fertile.

We’re no longer encased in our sins, we’re fully wrapped in your righteousness.

We are LESS to be pitied than anybody, and MORE to be grateful than everybody.

Because you have been raised from the dead, everything changes, Jesus.

You are the firstfruits and guarantee of a whole new order—

the “new creation” dominion of redemption and restoration.

The decay in our earthly bodies will give way to the delights of our resurrection bodies.

The kingdom of this world has already become, and will be fully manifest,

as the kingdom of our God and of you, his Christ.

You are already reigning, and you will reign forever and ever.

All evil dominions, wicked authorities and malevolent powers have already been defeated by you and, one Day, will be completely eradicated by you.

Jesus, your death is the death of death, and your resurrection is the resurrection of all things. In light of this hope... because this gospel is true,

free me and my fellow Christians from the pettiness and emptiness of living for ourselves.

Because of your compelling love, show us how to live for you...

for you died for us and have been raised again!

Again, I shout it... a threefold “Indeed!” and a threefold “Hallelujah!” Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Please pray for the lunchtime concert on Friday. Pray for the town & Dorset Council elections happening on Thursday.

Street of the Week :- Plantation Close

Community Prayer Diary:- The Art workshop - Alan and Suzanne Dominy

National & World Prayer Points:- Another cyclone has hit Mozambique, just a month after the nation was devastated by Cyclone Idai. Cyclone Kenneth made landfall on Thursday, bringing high winds, storm surges and heavy rain. The situation is ongoing, with the level of damage still being assessed. Please pray for safety for all those in the storm's path, and pray for the government and aid organisations as they respond.

Please pray for the nation of Sri Lanka following the horrific bombings that took place there on Easter Sunday. Pray that people mourning the loss of loved ones will receive support. Pray that the church will strengthen, showing grace, love and forgiveness. Pray for those who are injured to heal quickly and wholly. And pray for safety across the country, that no more attacks will happen.