

## **Prayer Focus 19th May 2019**

**He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given. Proverbs 19:17**

Creator God,  
you loved the world into life.  
Forgive us when our dreams of the future  
are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom  
of justice, peace and an end to poverty.

Incarnate God,  
you taught us to speak out for what is right.  
Make us content with nothing less than a world  
that is transformed into the shape of love,  
where poverty shall be no more.

Breath of God,  
let there be abundant life.  
Inspire us with the vision of poverty over,  
and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen.

**EBC & Local Focus:-** Pray for the situation regarding the manse. Give thanks to Lois for her generosity and pray she will be blessed in the next stage of her life.

**Street of the Week :-** South Road

**Community Prayer Diary:-** The hospitality industry – Alan Power

**National & World Prayer Points:-** Pray for the European elections and the ongoing Brexit process.

Tearfund's Rubbish Campaign launched this week. And it could improve tens of thousands of lives in some of the world's poorest countries. Two billion people around the world are living and working among piles of waste, because their rubbish isn't collected. That's one in four people who are drinking polluted water, breathing toxic air and battling sickness. This causes up to 1 million deaths a year – and each day the waste mountains are growing.

Please pray:- Pray for people suffering today as a result of uncollected waste and plastic pollution, especially for those who are most vulnerable to its effects: children, the elderly and people living with disabilities.

Ask God that the Rubbish Campaign will result in change where it's needed most, as people are inspired to speak out for communities affected and God's creation.

To coincide with the campaign, we launched a new report on the impact of waste on people living in poverty, called No time to waste. Praise God that this was publicly backed by Sir David Attenborough, helping spread the word further about the need to tackle this issue.