

Prayer Focus 2nd June 2019

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers

Heavenly Father we come to you in the greatness of your love and lift up our hearts in prayer and praise.

We thank you that the way to your presence is always open through Jesus Christ
and that you invite us to draw near in full assurance of faith.

Help us to pray simply and sincerely, remembering the needs of others as well as our own,
giving thanks always for everything in the name of Christ our Lord

O God our Father, we pray for your blessing to rest upon our Church.

We are grateful for its worship and fellowship; for the care and teaching of children and young people;
for its nurture and love of all those in need.

Help us to see the kind of church you need today.

May we not lose sight of the many and varied needs of our neighbourhood.

Hold up before us the vision of your kingdom, a kingdom of justice and mercy, truth and compassion.

Help us to grasp the meaning of the gospel which you have entrusted to us, and give us grace to live by it.

We pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves;

those who live in developing countries and countries where there is very little stability.

Teach us to be ever mindful of those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive;

for those who can never look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed,

and those who barely have the necessities of life, much less its extras.

We pray for people who are frightened because they are ill. Give them a real sense of Your healing presence.

Give them courage, hope and peace in You and confidence in those with medical knowledge to care for the sick. We
pray especially for those who have no one to help them,

that in their loneliness they may know that you are with them.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Please pray for the cafe concert on Friday. Pray for all the prayer meetings being held this week by Churches Together.

Street of the Week :- West Drive

Community Prayer Diary:- Swanage Rotary – Linda Winter (President), Steve Parsons (Vice President and next President)

National & World Prayer Points:- Continue to pray for a way forward for our country. Pray for the Conservative party leadership contest that God will raise up the right person to be our next Prime Minister.

Pray for people in north west Nigeria, where violence has resulted in 20,000 people fleeing over the border to Niger in the last couple of months. Pray for those affected, and for the crucial peace building work of our church partners in Nigeria.

Pray for all those without clean water or adequate sanitation. Bless those organizations such as WaterAid and Tearfund who are working to change this. "We won't give up until we're out of

business. We have one vision and we'll stick to it until clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are a normal part of everyday life for everyone, everywhere." WaterAid mission statement.