

Prayer Focus 20th October 2019

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Father, you are my God and Lord over all, today I seek Your face and Yours alone.

You are not the God of despair, nor the God of darkness, but the God of Hope.

I long for the hope that only You can give.

I do not ask for a small portion of what You can give me, or even just a glimpse of it.

But I want You to fill me completely, to the brim of my soul.

I ask specifically for Your joy to fill me completely. May I not look to others for joy.

May my joy not waiver because of the trials that I go through, but may it always be full.

Along with Your joy, I ask that You grant me peace. Peace that calms my soul when I am afraid.

Peace that overwhelms the problems that I experience.

A peace that passes all understanding, made possible by the blood of Christ.

Father, my requests mean nothing without faith. I know You are able to provide me with joy and peace.

I believe that You are good and that You love me deeply. I believe, but help my unbelief.

Lord, I am weak and frail. I need you desperately.

I have no strength on my own and apart from Christ I can do nothing.

Your Holy Spirit dwells within me, and He is the source of what I ask for today.

Your Spirit brings power, confidence and boldness.

Father, when you graciously give me good things, You do so with abundance.

You are the God of all riches and glory and You freely give above all that I can ask for or even comprehend.

Finally, I ask for supernatural hope from the God of Hope Himself.

Sometimes my faith fails me, but You never do. I need Your steadfast hope to sustain me.

God of Hope, I ask that Your Spirit fill me with joy, peace, faith, power and hope from on high.

In Jesus' name, amen.

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for the opening of the bandstand next Saturday. Praise God for all those who have contributed so much. Pray that the bandstand will be used to bring much pleasure to residents & visitors over the coming years.

Street of the Week :- Priests Road

Community Prayer Diary:- Coastguard - Ian Brown - Coastguard station officer

National & World Prayer Points:- Pray for MPs & especially the Prime Minister as they decide where to go next on the Brexit deal.

Protests and violence across Iraq have led to more than 100 deaths and 6,000 people being injured in the month of October. Pray for the safety of civilians, and that a peaceful solution to the unrest can be found. Pray for Iraq as the country seeks to rebuild after years of conflict.

Pray for Syria:-

For a swift resolution and effective intervention by the international community

For protection for all those caught up in the fighting, particularly courageous pastors and church workers providing immediate assistance and pastoral care

For the future of the church in Syria: that it will not just survive but be a light in these dark times.