

Prayer Focus 27th October 2019

Dear Lord, just as You helped Moses and Aaron as they spoke boldly to Pharaoh on behalf of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt, help us speak up for modern-day slaves around the world. Most of us will never experience the kind of extreme poverty that millions of people live with every day.

Help us to be understanding and compassionate toward their needs.

Help us to love them in the way that You love them. Give us the will to make things better.

You are a strong tower and a mighty fortress.

Help Your rescued children feel safe and begin to heal. Protect them from those who seek to harm them. Lord, Your Word shows that You bring new joy and hope where previously there was only shame and fear.

We ask this for our brothers and sisters, who desperately need to accept that they can be made new.

Lord, You demand justice for those who have been wronged.

Give strength to those who investigate and prosecute traffickers.

Encourage them when they are weary.

Give courage to survivors when they are asked to testify against their former captors. Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Give thanks for the "Nutty Knitters" who work hard all year for many causes. Pray for their exhibition next Saturday. Pray that those who attend the group regularly but who don't know Jesus will see God's love in action and begin to ask questions.

Street of the Week :- Sambourne Close

Community Prayer Diary:- Chamber of Trade - Caroline Finch

National & World Prayer Points:-

Please keep the people of Syria in your prayers as violence and conflict continues.

Pray especially for those who've had to leave their homes.

Pray that the suspension of hostilities will bring lasting peace to the region.

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

Pray for the future of the church in Syria: that it will not just survive but be a light in these dark times and hope for the Middle East.

In the last few weeks, the humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso has escalated dramatically.

According to the UN, nearly half a million people have been affected. Hundreds of thousands of people have fled their homes. Much of the country has become engulfed in fighting between armed groups. Churches have also been targeted in the attacks. In an interview with Catholic agency ACN last August, Bishop Laurent Dabire of Dori said: 'If the world continues to do nothing, the result will be the elimination of the Christian presence.' The situation in Burkina Faso is growing worse. Many farmers have fled their homes, meaning land has not been planted and crucial harvests will be low. Teachers don't feel safe enough to continue their work, and so schools are closing.

Ask God to be with those people who have been forced from their homes, and pray they will be protected and provided for.

Lift up the political situation in Burkina Faso as the nation prepares for next year's presidential election