

## Prayer Focus 15th December 2019

**Pray with gratitude to God. Pray for all men with all forms of prayers and requests as you intercede with intense passion. And pray for every political leader and representative, so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed lives, as we worship the awe-inspiring God with pure hearts. It is pleasing to our Saviour to pray for them (1Tim 2:1-3 TPT).**

Father God, We pray for our new Government, for all MPs who have been elected.

We pray for healing and reconciliation between all parties and groups.

May all involved in government of our nation seek to work together for the common good.

Help us to love and respect our Prime Minister and his cabinet as we are called to do.

Forgive us and help us we pray.

Help us remember that when you look at our Prime Minister you see an individual

– dearly loved

And that you sing songs of delight over every member of Parliament.

You see through clever policies, and slick words,

To the hearts of men and women.

You see their faults, but also their dreams, their fears and their desire to do good.

Help us to see them as you do – and to pray for them out of a heavenly perspective

That remembers the influential – as well as the weak

– are unique individuals made in your image. Amen

**EBC & Local Focus:-** Please pray for the carol singing at Costcutters that it will be well supported.

Pray for next Sunday's services. Pray that many non church goers will come to the candlelight service and grasp the Christmas message.

Pray for Richard Drax as he resumes his seat at Westminster. Pray that he will be blessed as he works for his constituents in South Dorset.

**Street of the Week :- Anvil Close**

**Community Prayer Diary:- St George's School - Helen Wemyss - headteacher**

**National & World Prayer Points:-**

Sri Lanka hit the headlines at Easter this year as bomb attacks targeting churches and hotels killed around 250 people; a further 500 people were injured. Sri Lanka is a majority Buddhist nation, and so while Christians from more historical churches enjoy a little more freedom in expressing their faith, believers from Buddhist and Hindu backgrounds are treated as second-class citizens and can face slander and attacks, as well as harassment and discrimination from their families and communities.

A prayer for Sri Lanka :- Lord Jesus, thank You that Your light shines most brightly in the darkest places. Continue to shine Your light in Sri Lanka, especially for our persecuted church family from Buddhist or Hindu backgrounds. Breathe Your hope, Your peace and Your Spirit into Your church and strengthen them to continue to shine as lights for Your name's sake. Amen.

Please continue to pray for the Rohingya people, many of whom still live in terrible conditions. It has been over two years since nearly 800,000 people fled from Myanmar into Bangladesh. Pray for safety, provision and hope for the refugees.