

## **Prayer Focus 12th January 2020**

**God-of-Heaven, the great and awesome God, loyal to his covenant and faithful to those who love him and obey his commands. Nehemiah 1:5**

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love  
you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.  
In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will;  
with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.  
We are no longer our own but yours.

As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone,  
but as God's servants and witnesses, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your Church:  
make us all one, that the world may believe. Amen

**EBC & Local Focus:-** Pray for the senior Alpha meet up that the group will encourage each other in their faith journeys.

Pray for the older members of EBC who are facing increasing health needs. Pray that they will know how valued they are by us all.

**Street of the Week :- Days Road-High Street to Sydenham Road**

**Community Prayer Diary:- Care Homes & sheltered housing – York House, Cliff Top, Wordsworth, The Old Rectory, Gainsborough, Heathcote, Burr Stone Mead**

**National & World Prayer Points:-**

In 2019, efforts to tackle the climate emergency have prompted more headlines and led to more action. But, in the same year, greenhouse gas emissions hit a record high – a main cause of climate change. Across southern Africa the global climate crisis is at its most acute.

The UN estimates that more than 11 million people don't have enough food to survive across nine southern African countries. These include Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique, nations which also faced the brunt of Cyclone Idai in March 2019.

Lord God, You made the world and declared it was 'very good.'

And yet, we have not treated the Earth and our fellow humans with the care and respect they deserve.

We are sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

In 2020, give all of us the courage to keep raising our voices about the climate emergency, which affects people living in poverty the worst.

And may your Spirit of peace be in the hearts of all people, so that conflicts end with peace,  
and relationships are restored. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Rising political tensions between the US and Iran have increased the risk of conflict, and Iraq could become the battleground. Pray for wisdom for political leaders, so that conflict will be avoided. And pray for protection and safety for people in Iraq.

Mudslides and power blackouts in Indonesia have hampered search efforts for missing people following severe flooding last week. Please pray for the emergency services, and for provision for those in need, especially the tens of thousands living in emergency shelters. Please also pray against rains expected this week.

Pray for the work of Open Doors as they launch the 2020 world watch list on Wednesday 15th. Please pray for the launch in Parliament, and for the parliamentarians attending, that their hearts would be touched by the stories of courageous faith of our brothers and sisters around the world, and that they would be moved to enact real change on an international scale.