

Prayer Focus 9th February 2020

A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another. Romans 12:4

Heavenly Father, we thank you for each member of this worshipping fellowship,
For the diversity of gifts and talents expressed within it. For those whose gifts have yet to be discovered.
For those who consider themselves of little worth in this world but in your eyes are of immeasurable value.

For all who seek to serve you in this place and in this world,
that your love peace and grace might be seen in the simple actions of living.

Father, it is our will to know you more, through the study of your word;
through worship and through prayer; through listening in the quieter moments of our lives.

Forgive those times when our minds are distracted,
when thoughts wander from you to the mundane aspects of our lives.

When tensions and fears occupy our prayer time.

Draw near to us in the difficult moments of our lives; enfold us with the warmth and security of your love,
so that we might know the peace and serenity of your fellowship

In moments of quietness, help us to centre our thoughts on the Godhead;
on God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, united Three in One.

Help us to reflect on our own worth in God's eyes,
and the value of each member of this fellowship to the life of the body.

We pray for the building up of this body.

For each member to understand his or her own gifting and talent,
and for no one to think themselves more or less worthy than another. In Jesus name we ask. Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for the Holy Spirit workshops that they will be well attended. Pray that people will be able to enjoy exploring the work of the Holy Spirit.

Street of the Week :- St Mark's School and Little Birds Nursery

Community Prayer Diary:- Swanage Hospital Donna Kiss (Matron)

National & World Prayer Points:- 9th February is the BMS Day of Prayer, they have six prayer themes they would really love us to use:

1. Pray for wisdom, safety and resilience for our mission workers serving around the world.
2. Pray for encouragement for our partners around the world. Pray that lives would be transformed through their work.
3. Pray for those affected by disaster and conflict today. Pray that God will bring peace and stability to their lives.
4. Pray for those who offer and receive training at BMS' training facility. Pray that the growth of the kingdom is served through our work there.
5. Give thanks for the prayers and generosity of our faithful supporters. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless them.
6. Pray for opportunities to share faith and for disciples to be made in places where Jesus is not yet known.

Give God thanks for lives transformed by his grace throughout the previous four years of the current BMS strategy. Please pray with us as we draw together wisdom and insight for the new strategy currently in discussion development for the years ahead.

Pray for all those effected by the coronavirus.

Pray for those UK citizens who have been evacuated from China and are now in quarantine.

Pray for medical staff especially in Wuhan as they struggle to cope.

Pray for those who are struggling with travel plans and traumatic family separations due to health and immigration regulations.