

Prayer Focus 23rd February 2020

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. Roman's 15:13

Holy Spirit, bestowing life unto life, moving in All.
You are the root of all creatures, washing away all impurity,
scouring guilt, and anointing wounds.
Thus you are luminous and praiseworthy,
Life, awakening, and re-awakening all that is.

Dear God, we abound in hope by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Fill us with all joy and peace as we believe in You.

Holy Spirit, empower our lives to produce Your fruit of love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Only through Your power can we live in holiness and in victory over sin.

Convict us, fill us, and empower us. Amen.

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for all those preparing for Lent, especially for "The Lent Course" to be well supported.

Pray for services marking the start of Lent in this coming week.

Pray that people will experience a fresh time of deeper communion with God.

Pray for all those effected by the roadworks being carried out in the town.

Pray that everyone is safe.

Pray for the business owners who are concerned about access to their shops.

Street of the Week :- Ancaster Road

Community Prayer Diary:- The Community Centre Kim Gallagher

National & World Prayer Points:- Please pray for Zimbabwe, where people are struggling to feed their families in the midst of a huge drought. Although in some parts of the country it has finally begun to rain, the damage has already been done. Please pray that it's not too late for crops and livestock to recover; for our local partners as they respond to this crisis; and for continued rain.

Please continue to pray for all those effected by the coronavirus.

Pray for health workers and those seeking a vaccine.

Pray that the spread of the virus will be contained.

The mother of Leah Sharibu, the Nigerian schoolgirl kidnapped by Boko Haram on 19 February 2018, has spoken out on the second anniversary of her abduction. Rebecca Sharibu shared her prayer to God - thanking Him for Leah's faith and asking that He would increase that faith and bring her home. Incredibly, she also says that she is praying for Leah's abductors, and would forgive them: "I forgive them, because the Lord has asked me to forgive them and He has told us to forgive."

Please Pray: That God would comfort and strengthen Leah and that He would bring her home soon.

For Leah's parents and younger brother, that they would know God's peace in the midst of their heartache

That God would thwart the plans of Boko Haram throughout Nigeria and that He would turn their hearts to Him. That there would be security and provisions for displaced believers wanting to return home.

Pray for all those Christians throughout the world who have had a relative or loved one abducted because of their faith. Pray that God will strengthen them.