

Prayer Focus 22nd March 2020

**For 'as a mother comforts her child,' says the Lord,
'so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted.' Isaiah 66:13**

We pray for mothers to know love and joy
And for orphans, comfort
For not-yet mothers, hope
For single mothers, grace
And for those who are lonely, family

We pray grace for the mothers of prodigals
For those who've lost children
And for those who don't know where their children are.

May the embrace of grace displace shame
For mums in prison,
For those who can't feed a baby
For those who miscarried
And those who had an abortion

May those who never held their own child,
For whom today is sadder than it is happy,
Know the joy of parenting sons and daughters
Within the family of God. Amen

The ground that hatred has gained will be retaken by love;
the losses that we've sustained will be remembered by love;
the tears that we've cried will be wiped away by love;
the pain and grief inside will be healed by love;
a world that seems divided will be remade by love;
this fight is one-sided – the universe was built by love and it was made to bring us together;
love is patient, kind, formidable, invincible and it's the only thing that will last forever.
Not even death can defeat love.

So all of the sorrow and the loneliness, all of the anger and bitterness
and confusion and brokenness will be outflanked, outdone, outmatched and overcome by love.

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for all those with children who will have to be at home. May this actually be a blessed quality time spent together.

Pray for local businesses.

Pray for our local health and emergency services.

Street of the Week :- Purbeck View

Community Prayer Diary:-

National & World Prayer Points:- Pray for comfort for people around the world who have lost loved ones to the Coronavirus, and healing for those who are sick.

Ask God to give strength to those who are caring for people who are ill, and that they will be protected from becoming infected themselves.

Lift up church congregations in prayer and ask God how he's calling you to respond.