

Prayer Focus 5th April 2020

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. Hebrews 3:1

Almighty God, we're reminded that in the midst of the storm on the lake,
that Jesus said to His disciples, do not be afraid.

We pray now that you may give us your peace,
that we may turn away from the storm and focus on you.

We ask that you may bring peace to our hearts and our homes.

And we pray for all of those who are making decisions,
for those who are caring for us in our national health service, in our care homes.

Those who are supporting us in our supermarkets, the police, the firefighters,
all those who are going out to try and support the job of caring for this nation. Amen

Lord God, I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,

This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,

And I am distracted by many things.

Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name

The one who opens the gates of righteousness, the one who answers when we call.

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,

And for sending your son to us, in human frailty to walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see him coming, and may praise him with a pure heart.

And may walk in the way of his suffering, and share also in his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God for ever and ever. Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Continue to Pray for protection for the town and surrounding areas.

Pray for unity and co-operation between all the churches.

Pray for the food bank, for adequate supplies and for all who need to use it.

Give thanks for all the technology that allows people to keep in touch.

Street of the Week :- Panorama Road

Community Prayer Diary:- Emmanuel Baptist Church - Mark Hatto

National & World Prayer Points:- Thousands of refugees who fled the political and economic crisis in Venezuela are facing weeks with very little food after a national lockdown in Colombia. Pray for Venezuelan refugees in Colombia, that they will be able to access food during the pandemic and be able to feed their families.

Ask God to protect people who are likely to be particularly vulnerable to the virus, especially the elderly.

Also women and children who are at risk of violence and abuse when confined to their homes.

Pray for a quick end to the outbreak, so that people can start to rebuild their lives.

Give thanks for Tap Twinning. This new scheme will teach people how to wash their hands correctly to help communities living in poverty better protect themselves from the spread of the coronavirus. Please keep these people in your prayers during this time; pray for their protection and provision.