

All are warmly invited to join this faith community in prayers for healing of this world each week. Our pattern of prayer leads us to pause; to rejoice; to give thanks; to request God's intervention in particular areas of concern; to conclude with acknowledgement of God's promises love and blessing. Through 'Open prayer' we are invited into shared or personal contemplation of those things that speak to our hearts of need of prayer

THURSDAY PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD 19 September 2024



PAUSE

**Lord of Light, life and colour, shine in me and through me today.
As I turn my face towards You, may my eyes blink at Your brilliance,
my heart beat at Your beauty, and
my life reflect Your radiance, I pray. Amen**

Lectio 365. 24/7 Prayer

REJOICE and give thanks

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, faints

for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts,

my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise! Psalm 84: 1-4

We thank you Lord that 27-7 Prayer have visited Ukraine and introduced the concept of 'Prayer Rooms' to their Christian community. We thank you that the people in Ukraine have embraced this concept and are setting up many Prayers Rooms in the country to bring your Holy Spirit to their communities. Bring the joy of prayers answered to the people of that country we pray Lord.

The Lord your God . . . is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love. Zephaniah 3:17

OPEN PRAYER

ASK

Father, at a time when there is conflict and sorrow in many places in the world, would You raise up peacemakers and healers of hurts. We pray, Lord, for Leaders who will speak truth to power and peace to violence. We pray for people who are suffering as a result of war in their country or in neighbouring countries. We name some of these places now – Israel, including the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon and Yemen. We pray especially for the children of Gaza who are suffering from malnutrition, disease, and trauma, but we thank you that the ceasefire has enabled so many to be vaccinated against polio. Above all, we pray that the killing will cease. And we pray this also for Ukraine and Russia, at this dangerous time of the conflict.

Bring peace, Lord, we pray, bring sound negotiations to fruition.

Lord Jesus Christ we also pray for countries where there is civil unrest, and people demonstrating against corruption, injustice, privilege in sections of society, discrimination of minority groups, and exploitation. We pray for Leaders who will listen and bring about change so that people can live with good governance and a sense of hope for equality. We pray for those countries that we know about now – Myanmar, Venezuela, Kenya, Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, and in particular, Bangladesh – for the huge task of Muhammad Yunus the interim president, trying to right some of the wrongs.

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. Daniel 2: 21-22

OPEN PRAYER

We pray for people suffering through different natural disasters with homes and communities destroyed. We pray especially for those caught up in the massive floods throughout Central Europe, ranging from Poland through Slovakia to South Germany and Hungary. And we pray for those trying to deal with the damage of Typhoon Yagi, now flooding Thailand. We ask for those fighting wild fires in all countries in South America. May help come for those suffering, and Agencies be able to bring relief.

I am he, I am he who will sustain you, I have made you and I will carry you. I will sustain you and I will rescue you. *Isaiah 46: 4*

OPEN PRAYER

We pray Lord for the youth of our country Australia who are going down paths of crime and anti-social behaviour. We pray especially for the Indigenous youth whose communities and families are in trouble and where there may be alcohol addiction and violence. We pray for your guidance for the elders in communities, grandparents, aunts and uncles. We pray for wisdom and love for their families to nurture the youth. We pray also for governments to take the time and trouble to look for effective ways of providing programmes and resources for the youth and families. We pray the efforts to develop laws to protect young children from social media are successful.

You knit me together in my mother's womb. I am fearfully and wonderfully made
Psalm 139: 13-14

YIELD

**In the busyness of this day
grant me a stillness of seeing, O God.
In the conflicting voices of my heart**

**grant me a calmness of hearing.
Let my seeing and hearing
my words and my actions
be rooted in a silent certainty of your presence.
Let my passions for life
and the longings for justice that stir within me
be grounded in the experience of your stillness.
Let my life be rooted in the ground of your peace, O God,
let me be rooted in the depths of your peace.**

~ from CELTIC BENEDICTION by J. Philip Newell

BLESSING

**O God keep me safe, for I trust in you, the pathway to life you teach me.
In you in peace and joy in all fullness. Taize**