

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 SEPTEMBER 14TH 2023

PAUSE



Psalm 73: 23

Yet, I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

REJOICE

All things come from you oh God, and to you we return.

All things emerge in Your great river of life, and to you we vanish again.

At the beginning of this day we wake not as separate streams, but as countless currents in a single flow; the flow of this day's dawning.

The flow of this day's dawning, the flow of this day's delight, the flow of this day's sorrows - Your flow.

Oh God in the twisting and turning of this new day, may we give and give again because we are loved. Amen

And give thanks (*'Into the Light', Emmaus Road*)_ 'Ours is the God of the lost and the broken. His is the 'home' with doors flung wide open. Ours is the Saviour who welcomes us in. Come into the Light.' **Thank you Lord!**

ASK - Lord Jesus Christ we ask for those who are suffering through war, poverty, natural or man-made disasters and all manner of affliction -

Prayer, Way of the Cross: Pope Francis

Lord Jesus, help us to see in your Cross all the crosses of the world:

The cross of people hungry for bread and for love;

The cross of people thirsty for justice and for peace;

The cross of people who lack the comfort of faith;

The cross of the elderly who struggle under the weight of years and of loneliness;
The cross of migrants who find doors closed in fear and hearts armoured by political calculations;
The cross of little ones, wounded in their innocence and their purity;
The cross of humanity that wanders in the darkness of uncertainty and in the obscurity of temporary culture;
The cross of consecrated people who tirelessly seek to bring your light into the world and feel rejected, derided and humiliated;
The cross of consecrated people who, along the way, have forgotten their first love;
The cross of our weaknesses, of our hypocrisy, of our betrayals, of our sins and of our many broken promises;
The cross of your Church that, faithful to your Gospel, struggles to spread your love even among the baptized themselves;
The cross of our common home that is gravely withering before our selfish eyes, blinded by greed and by power.
The cross of those who are living disrupted lives in war torn countries, in fear and sadness;

Lord Jesus, revive in us the hope of resurrection and of your definitive victory over all evil **Amen**

We pray for the people of Morocco, especially for those in villages in the High Atlas Mountains. As they confront the damage of the earthquake, and the fragility of life, and grieve their loved ones, we pray for those trying to gain access, for practical help for those still alive in the rubble, and for speedy provision of food and medical supplies. And we pray for those in Turkey and Syria, whose recovery from their disaster is slow and soul-destroying.

Lord Jesus, as you wept over Jerusalem, here too may your lament be our lament.

OPEN PRAYER

At the right time, I, the LORD, will make it happen. Isaiah 60:22b

YIELD ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
 and in his word I put my hope.
⁶ I wait for the Lord
 more than watchmen wait for the morning,
 more than watchmen wait for the morning.
⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
 for with the LORD is unfailing love
 and with him is full redemption.
⁸ He himself will redeem Israel
 from all their sins. Psalm 130: 5-8

BLESSING - *from the Northumbria Community*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen