

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 21st November 2024



PAUSE

**I weave a silence onto my lips.
I weave a silence into my mind.
I weave a silence within my heart.
I close my ears to distractions.
I close my eyes to attractions.
I close my heart to temptations.**

REJOICE

**Restore our fortunes Lord,
As streams renew the desert,
Those who plant in tears
Will harvest with shouts of joy.
They weep as they go to plant their seed,
But they sing as they return with the harvest. Psalm 126: 4 - 6**

and give thanks

for the ceasefire that is to take place between Israel and Lebanon – the withdrawal of troops, the take over of Lebanon's own security forces and a peace-keeping force from the UN. We pray Lord for the restoration of peoples lives in Lebanon, for peace and normality to return. We pray also for an honourable and good Government in Lebanon. We pray that this possibility of peace for the people of Gaza.

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

Lord we pray for the people of Gaza who are still suffering through war, suffering lack of water, food, medicines and peace in their streets and neighbourhoods. We pray especially for the women and children who are suffering and dying. We pray for hostages who are still alive and for their release.

We also pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to live through war and destruction. We pray for peace in this country. We pray for the Church in Ukraine, that your Holy Spirit will keep it strong and providing comfort and hope for the people of Ukraine. We ask that the Russian people will move towards wanting peace between their country and Ukraine.

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*

We pray for people who have suffered flooding in the last week. We pray for comfort for people who have lost possessions and have damaged homes or businesses. We pray for help for victims and communities.

We pray for Christians who live in countries where they are persecuted and have to meet secretly. We especially remember Christians in Iran, who we prayed with last week. We pray for the growth of your Kingdom in Iran, for courage and strength of their faith to withstand opposition or persecution. We also pray for Christians in Sudan, China, Nigeria and Vietnam. We pray for the movement of the Holy Spirit in the World.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. *Isaiah 55: 12*

OPEN PRAYER

YIELD

Come Holy Spirit, breathe down upon our troubled world.
Shake the tired foundations of our crumbling institutions,
Break the rules that keep you out of all our sacred spaces,
and from the dust and rubble,
Gather up the seedlings of a new creation.

Come Holy Spirit,
Whose justice outwits international conspiracy,
Whose peace can halt our patriarchal hunger
For dominance and control.
...Create new life, now and forever.

BLESSING

May the God of Hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in Him, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15: 13*