

# Regional Day of Prayer

As our nation - along with the rest of the world - continues to wrestle with the effects and uncertainties caused by Covid19, we are calling the Region to prayer on Epiphany, **6th January 2022**.

Please join us in setting aside some time on **6th January 2022** - alone or with others - to pray for all those who:

- have been bereaved by the virus
- are suffering lasting effects from the virus (long Covid)
- are working in the health and other services at a time of demand and uncertainty
- have lost their jobs or businesses because of the restrictions
- are anxious about the future
- are elected to serve this and other nations at this time
- are working hard to find new treatments to tackle Covid19
- do not have access to vaccines - particularly remembering our worldwide partners
- lead our churches as we seek to discern our mission
- have had their faith challenged and are uncertain about much

Please will you also use the Day of Prayer to ask what you/we are being called to do and be as God's Church is reshaped in these uncertain days?

What might you do to pray for our world and everyone in it?

The following prayers have been written especially for the Day of Prayer and are offered for your use as we come together in prayer.

## **For the Church**

Holy God, we ask you to reinvigorate your Church.

We confess that we are weary of the pandemic and the effect it is having on us and those we seek to serve. We are doing our best to meet all the requirements placed upon us but are fearful that we will let you - and others - down.

May the refreshing breeze of your Spirit blow through and among us so that our worship celebrates your glory and our mission speaks of your great love.

In Jesus' Name we pray. **Amen.**

***Graham Thompson***

South Devon Circuit

**'Come to us in our time of need'**

Loving Father God, come to us in our time of need.

We have just remembered and celebrated the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We acknowledge your great love for all people.

**We bow before you and praise your holy name.**

We cry to you on behalf of the whole world. Look upon us with your compassion and forgiveness.

**Lord, forgive us.**

Gracious God help us and heal us as the world struggles with Covid-19

**Father God, we look to you for help and healing.**

Sadly many people have died. We give thanks for their lives and pray for the bereaved.

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

We lay before you those who are anxious for the future because of uncertainties of employment, lack of money, homelessness and loneliness.

**Loving God, may they experience the comfort of your presence.**

We give thanks for our National Health Service in the United Kingdom and Medical Services around the world. They are struggling, but we rejoice in the vaccines and treatments given.

**Please God, help, encourage and strengthen them.**

We pray for our Government and World Leaders in their decision making

**Give them wisdom, we pray.**

We pray for the Church as we are being challenged in many ways. There have been times when we haven't been able to meet face to face. We are grateful for technology that has enabled us to keep in contact with each other.

**As Church, may we be bold in our witness for you.**

**Revive your Church, O Lord, begin the work in me.**

**Amen.**

***Brenda Hockridge***

Fairplace Church, Okehampton

**A Prayer for Climate Justice**

Loving God, we think of our children and grandchildren  
and of the millions more throughout the world  
who face the more severe threats of climate change in future years.

Strengthen our resolve to live in such a way  
that their future on this planet is protected.

Be with us in all we do and try to do.

Help us 'to live simply that others may simply live.'

We pray for people in those parts of the world that are already suffering the effects of climate change and rising sea levels: those made homeless on the coasts of Bangladesh, in India, on the delta of the river Ganges and also on some of the islands in the South Pacific and the Caribbean.

We pray for all who live in low lying areas near the coast, who fear what may soon happen to their homes; for the peoples of Africa, whose land is fast becoming desert. You created us to live as one worldwide family, to act with compassion and to seek justice for one another. Help us to care more deeply, and to live more responsibly: 'to live simply that others may simply live.'

We pray for the earth itself, for the many forms of life you created: that its variety, wonder and intricacy are protected.

We pray for the survival of magnificent trees, spreading their branches to give shelter to all who come within its shade, and absorbing the impurities that our modern inventions have emitted. Help us to care for them and the rest of nature: to remember that we are merely 'strands in the web of life' and that 'what we do to the web, we do to ourselves.' **Amen**

**Maureen Edwards**

Truro Circuit

### **Leadership and Mission as One Body of Christ**

God of Grace and Love, we pray for Your powerful blessing on the efforts of every Church Leader whenever they are in alignment with Your will.

Help us all to feel the privilege and responsibility to act on the amazing truth that Your Holy Spirit is alive within each genuine Christian. (1 Corinthians 6:19). Awaken us to appreciate and to use this precious Gift from You.

Stir us to be truly united in a zeal for bringing Glory to You with a lightness of tender, loving interaction with all, without exception.

Stir us to be united with intent for respectful caring for our planet in every aspect of our daily lives.

We ask these things in the Name of our Jesus, our Redeemer and our Friend. **Amen.**

**Joy Geake**

Camborne Wesley Methodist Church

## **For Food Producers in Uncertain Times**

Father, we pray for all those who serve us in producing food that we may eat and, quite often, a little more than we need!.

Thank you for the aptitude you have given them,  
the skills they have acquired,  
the care they provide for animals and crops and  
the huge amounts of time they devote to their task.

May we appreciate and encourage them.

Pour out your blessings upon them in their labours that we may continue to be fed but, also, that we may remember to return our thanks to you and to them.

In the particularly uncertain times that lie ahead, with so many changes to rules, regulations and support systems, provide wisdom for those who decide and guide, and discernment to those who advise and implement these things.

We ask this of you the Creator and Sustainer of the world. **Amen.**

***Andy Jerrard***

Plymouth & Exeter District Rural Support Worker

## **A Prayer for Change** (before things get worse)

Creator God, there is indisputable evidence of Global Warming and its life-threatening effects. Our nationality, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, education and wealth all count for nothing when faced with the disasters that await every living being unless we are prepared to change the way we live so that our climate doesn't change.

Covid-19 has also put everyone in the world equally at risk, yet not everyone has access to vaccines and good healthcare.

We remember that Jesus prayed that we might all be one; both Global Warming and Covid should be making us one, but it's easier to carry on living with our heads in the sand because we refuse to see the bigger picture and move on to what you need us to do to help this become a reality.

Forgive us and make everyone praying this prayer aware of something specific you need them to do, or stop doing, in Jesus' Name. Amen

***Brenda Tregenza***

St Austell Circuit