

Somalia

"We are experiencing horrible things here every day. I am struggling and it appears that I live in hell on Earth, so I need your prayers."

These are the words from a Christian in a country rated on the Open Doors World Watch List as the second least safe country in the World for a Christian to live.

All indigenous Somalis are presumed to be Muslims. There are only a few hundred Somali Christians, who are often considered to be apostates.

2006 saw the rise of Islamists, most notably Al-Shabaab. They have been waging a war ever since, pursuing their aim of creating an Islamic state and exterminating the country's few Christians, extending their activities in to refugee camps in neighbouring Kenya.

Countless cases of attacks on Christians, including shootings and beheadings are reported, but seemingly not very much in the UK media these days.

Please pray for Somali Christians:

- For the bereaved, particularly widows and orphans
- For isolated believers to have hope and strength to persevere
- For the Lord to give protection for those seeking to share the gospel
- That the hearts of those who are killing Christians will be changed and that they will be led to follow the Lord

Prayer chain

Remember to send any prayer requests to: prayer@wbc-ashford.org.uk

If you do send a prayer request, please also update us from time to time.



Ponder on the thought above.....

What would you have and how much would you miss?



Prayer for Prisons

Week beginning 16th November is Prisons Week. Christians all over the country will be praying for prisoners, prison staff, victims of crime, families and the system as a whole.

This year the theme is Building Hope, praying for hope in our prisons, in the Criminal Justice System and in our communities.

For more information about Prisons Week check out the website: <http://www.prisonsw.org/>

WBC Prayer Event

On Wednesday 19th November, our prayer event at WBC will be focusing on Somalia and Prisons. Please join us at 7:45pm as we reach out together in prayer.



Prayer Focus

November & December 2014

Furnace, The Event

This is a youth event that will bring youth groups of Ashford together. The aim is to bless and encourage them as well as for non-Christians to attend and find Jesus here. Our youth are largely running and leading the event.

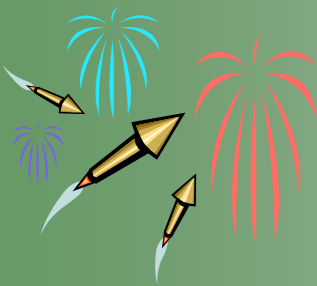
Please Pray:

- For the adult leaders; for protection and good health for them and their families especially leading up to the event
- For the youth leaders that the Holy Spirit will do remarkable things through them
- Lots of youth groups will attend and support the event. That this could be the start of something significant for Ashford.
- For God's favour in leading all involved during preparations and during the whole event; there is a lot to prepare and not much time.
- For people to come to a decision for Christ on that evening.



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Prayer walk to Christmas

Our Thank Offering is an opportunity for us to bless others as God has blessed us and before you know it, we will be approaching advent. For many, advent is a joyous yet busy time where we look to give and receive gifts and hospitality. For the Homeless and imprisoned however, Christmas and the lead up to it can be a frightening and lonely time; a period in the year where their situation feels more desolate than ever. This month and next we are suggesting we take a little time each day to remember those affected and also to thank God what He does for us each day. Let us not forget in the mad rush, just how blessed we are in contrast to many others around the world.

So, take a walk with us through our advent calendar and ponder the subject each day with whatever time you have, to lift up prayers to our Lord. You may set aside time or maybe some arrow prayers throughout the day—however it works for you.

May we all arrive at Christmas Day with hearts filled with joy at what God has done for us and humbled by the luxury in which we live and the lavish generosity of His provision.

November 2014

17 Pray for those who work in Prisons <i>Acts 16:25-40</i>	18 Thank you for blessing me so generously that I can give to others. <i>2 Corinthians 9:6-15</i>	19 For those who are prisoners across the world <i>Isaiah 42:7</i>	20 Thank you for my Church and the part you equip me to play in it <i>Romans 12:10-12</i>	21 For Victims of crime <i>Psalm 34:17</i>
22 Thank you for the seasons in our lives & the beautiful autumn colours & crisp mornings. <i>Psalm 65</i>	23 For families of prisoners <i>Isaiah 41:10</i>	24 Thank you I live in a war free zone <i>Leviticus 26:3-9</i>	25 For those supporting prisoners <i>Mark 2:17</i>	26 Thank you for providing all I need & that I have access to free health care & social services <i>Jeremiah 30:17-18</i>
27 For those suffering for their faith <i>1 Kings 19:3-4</i>	28 Thank you for the roof over my head <i>2 Corinthians 5:1</i>	29 For Families bereaved because of their faith in the Lord Jesus <i>Revelation 21:4</i>	30 Thank you for the safety & security you have provided to me and my family <i>Psalm 91</i>	

December 2014

1 Families displaced by persecution <i>Ezekiel 1:1</i>	2 Thank you for the new day you have provided. <i>Psalms 118:24</i>	3 Christians kidnapped from their families <i>Genesis 37:28</i>	4 Thank you for my family and friends. <i>Psalms 68:3-6</i>
5 Ebola victims ostracised and alone <i>Mark 1:40</i>	6 Thank you for my relationship with You Lord. <i>John 15:15</i>	7 Those having to use food banks <i>Matthew 14:15-20</i>	8 Thank you for the food on my table, especially this time of year. <i>Acts 14:17</i>
9 The homeless in the UK and local Communities <i>Deuteronomy 15:7-8</i>	10 Thank you for the money in my pocket. <i>Psalms 112</i>	11 People just leaving the care system; and all those alone at Christmas <i>Joshua 1:9</i>	12 Thank you for my current work situation. <i>Colossians 3:23-24</i>
13 Bereaved in 2014 facing a first without their loved one. <i>Isaiah 41:10</i>	14 Thank you for the honour of serving You. <i>Ephesians 2:10</i>	15 Homeless due to natural disasters <i>Genesis 7:7</i>	16 Thank you I have somewhere to sleep tonight. <i>Psalms 4:8</i>
17 Refugees across the world <i>Matthew 2:13-14</i>	18 Thank you for loving me in spite of everything. <i>Psalms 40:2-3</i>	19 Volunteers on Christmas Day in community kitchens <i>Matthew 25:35-36</i>	20 Thank you that I have clean water to drink and wash in. <i>John 4:7-14</i>
21 Those facing life threatening illnesses <i>Psalms 73:23-26</i>	22 Thank you for saving me. <i>John 11:25-26</i>	23 Those forced to renounce their Christian faith <i>John 21:15-19</i>	24 Thank you that I can celebrate your birth without fear. <i>John 6:39-40</i>