

argument. Paul tells us to pour ourselves out in acts of love. These can be small but can make such a difference to someone else's day; let someone else go first in the supermarket queue, cultivate a patient heart when you have popped in quickly to get something and others are meandering or blocking the aisles, let someone out of a side street when driving. Smile and say Good Morning as often as you can. When you notice someone just doesn't look right, take time to stop and chat. Don't worry that you won't have the right words—you will never have the right words but Jesus does and He will give them to you if you ask. It is ok to admit that you have no answers or don't know what to say, just being there is all that is needed. Mend fences—be the first to apologise even and especially if you don't want to, don't feel it or it wasn't your fault. When you start intentionally thinking like this every day, you are walking the road God called us to travel. If we all walk together along that road, our lives will soon be filled with God's love. Where there is love there is worship and it is in worship that we truly see His face. Worship with your whole life in this way and your pathway of service will soon be clear to you and it will be something that fills your heart with joy. We then can all run with the fire of Christ in our hearts and revival will come because it always has to 'begin with me'. Have a most wonderfully love filled Christmas and may 2016 be full of joy.



Wednesday Prayer Event

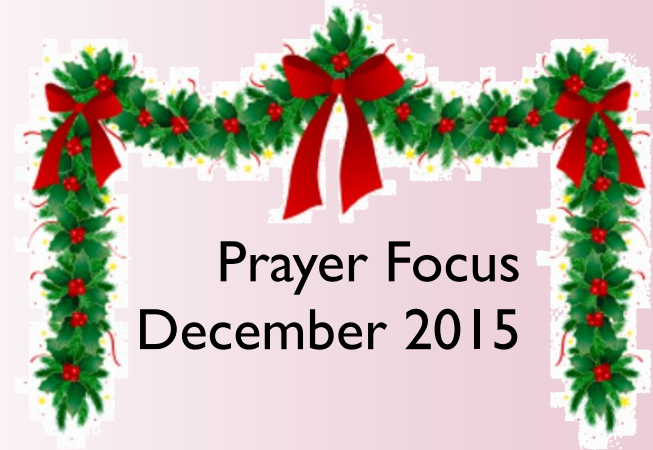
We will be meeting at 7:45pm on Wednesday 16th December to pray together. This time, we will pray for those affected by terrorism across the globe, facing a Christmas without friends and family or away from home. We will also be focusing on the transformed life and the prayer from Ephesians 2:14-21:

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



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Prayer for Our World



Myanmar (Burma)

remains among the ten most violent states for Christians to live. Clashes on the Chinese border have taken place



between the army and Christian-majority ethnic groups. Though the government is still nominally Communist, Buddhism is the main instrument it uses to keep the nation united and under control. Around two-thirds of Myanmar's people are of Burmese ethnicity, which is equated with being Buddhist. Anyone deviating from this heritage is labelled a potential threat. Most Christians come from an ethnic minority background and are targeted because of this. The Rohingya people coming from a Muslim background are ostracised by their own people, as well as the Buddhist majority. All Christians are closely monitored in Myanmar - even Christians coming from a Burmese (Bama) background are watched, pressured and labelled as traitors. The government's policy of placing pressure on Christians is unlikely to cease in the near future.



Myanmar ranks 25th on Open Doors World Watch List due to pressing persecution, especially in poverty stricken Chin State where crosses continue to be demolished and churches prohibited from being built.

PLEASE PRAY:

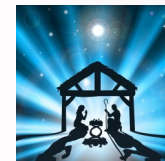
- For Christians marginalised by ethnicity and poverty, as well as by belief, to shine the light of Christ into their communities
- That the government will pay attention to meeting basic human rights, especially for women, children and marginalised peoples such as the Rohingyas

Extract from Open Doors International

PLEASE REMEMBER:

All those affected by disasters in 2015 where Christmas could be a difficult time. People who have lost loved ones and/or are now without homes and struggling with significant life changes as a result.

- ⇒ Air Asia flight 8501
- ⇒ Earthquakes, Nepal, Mexico
- ⇒ German Airliner crash in French Alps
- ⇒ Refugee crisis
- ⇒ Terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut, Syria
- ⇒ Russian Plane crash
- ⇒ Floods in Cumbria, Lancashire and Scottish borders



Church Family



DARKNESS TO LIGHT

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (msg)

We are told to walk (run with a burning passion for Christ) on the road God called us to travel. What if we are unsure where that road is? What if you don't know where your spiritual gifts lie or in what area to work for God? Paul tells us to stop sitting on our hands and start walking. How? A good place to start is by asking God to work on our own inner character. Paul tells us to be humble and disciplined. We can all work at being more humble—give in to others; you don't have to always win the debate or