

in the world. We can feel helpless as we see things falling around our ears but this is no surprise, the Bible tells us all about the end times. It is not enough to sit in Church on a Sunday and pray for a few minutes and wait for someone else to do something about it. We are all equal in the Kingdom of God, we are all members of the Priesthood so it is incumbent on us all to act. Before we even think we can't do anything, the problem is too big, we need to think about what we can do to bring the Kingdom of heaven a little closer to someone else. If we stand in the gap where God has placed us and pray as well as recognise that we carry the Kingdom of God with us and the Holy Spirit inside us, we can take Him into situations in our spheres of influence, our work, communities and families, then He can work. God has put us where we are for a reason and if we allow Him to lead us we will find ourselves working in relationship with Jesus and through His Holy Spirit doing what He wants us to do. (Remembering that His ways are not always our ways and He may want to change something different to us)

This isn't it – there is much, much, more the Lord has for us to do, to be, to receive and to share.

Theme and some narrative taken from The Three battlegrounds – Francis Frangipane.



*'We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defence. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all...'*  
Oswald Chambers

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER EVENT

We will be meeting at 7:45pm on Wednesday 19th October; usual place and there may be cake! If you don't come, you'll never know



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## Prayer Focus October 2016



### Prayer Chain

Remember to send any prayer requests to:  
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# Prayer for Our World

## HAITI

On 4 October, Haiti was struck by the most powerful storm to hit the Caribbean in a decade, leaving large parts of the country devastated. High winds, floods and landslides have destroyed tens of thousands of homes.

Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Americas and its poor infrastructure and living conditions means its

inhabitants are particularly vulnerable to natural disasters. Thousands of Haitians are still living in tents following the enormous earthquake in 2010, which makes them especially vulnerable to the effects of Hurricane Matthew. The country is also prone to flash floods and mudslides due to deforestation. Hundreds have died; at least 1.4 million people need assistance at this time. Some towns and villages have been almost wiped off the map; crops and food reserves have been destroyed; at least 300 schools have been damaged. There are growing fears that flooding could cause a cholera outbreak similar to that after the 2010 earthquake.

Compassion UK have started an appeal for aid to Haiti as they have a number of projects out there that have been affected:

[www.compassionuk.org/Haiti-disaster](http://www.compassionuk.org/Haiti-disaster)



## ALEPPO

We have all seen and heard the news about the terrible bombing in Aleppo and the tragic loss of life. Please continue to pray for Syria and particularly the people living in this region.

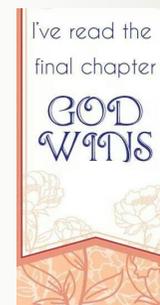
## THE WHITE HELMETS

These are a group of volunteers in Syria who spend their lives digging through ruins in search of survivors. Its men and women are from Syrian communities: decorators, taxi drivers, bakers, tailors, engineers, pharmacists, shopkeepers, painters, carpenters, students, housewives. As Le Mesurier said in an August 2015 interview: “They are all a very diverse and disparate group of individuals, all of whom made individual choices ... They all had the choice whether or not they want to



pick up gun, to become a refugee – but they’ve all made a choice to instead pick up a stretcher.”

White Helmets centres have been regularly attacked over the past year. In April 2016, one set of missile strikes destroyed a centre west of Aleppo city, killing five volunteers and destroying equipment and vehicles. The “double tap” attacks, hoping to kill and maim the rescuers, are now routine.



# Is this it?

We have heard this phrase before and probably all sung a song that says “there must be more than this”. It is not unusual to feel like this occasionally as the world takes its toll on us as we go about our daily lives.

However, as Christians we are called to “Arise and Shine ....” Isaiah 60:1. We are blessed to know how the story ends and we have a hope that we are called to share with others. It is really easy to sit in Church and think of all the things that are wrong with it, to look at our jobs, bosses, partners, friends neighbours and also be critical of them. We know we are not supposed to judge but it is one of the things that we find very easy almost instinctive to do.

I read a book recently where the author relayed the story of being asked to help resolve some problems in a Christian organisation. He prayed about it and wrote a list of things that he had identified were wrong with the people in this organisation. He said to God “Look at the errors of these people. Direct us Lord what should we do?” Immediately the Lord replied, “Have you seen these things?”. The author replied “Yes Lord”. To which the Lord said “So have I but I died for them go and do likewise”. He was being told to be a source of life and prayer for the people in question not a judge. It is the same