

Prayer for February

'Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.' Psalm 105: 1-3

At the end of last year the 200 millionth Bible was printed in China, let us give thanks for all those Christians in China who are standing firm in their faith and continuing to meet together under increasing pressure from the authorities to focus on teaching patriotism and communist party slogans. Let us stand with them in 'fixing our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.' 2 Cor 4: 18

Lift up to the Lord all those suffering for their faith, there are so many countries where Christians lose their lives because of their faith. Pray for those persecuting them that they will have a revelation of the love of Jesus and that their lives will be turned around. Our God is a God of miracles.

We give thanks for the Tuesday Cafe and all those involved in making it possible. We pray that it will be a welcoming and safe space where people can meet together to find friendship and acceptance. Living in times when criticism, intolerance and animosity are prevalent, let it be a powerful witness to the love of Jesus...as written in John 13:34:- 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another. All men will know you are my disciples if you love one another.'

Let's join together in rejoicing over the praise and worship at Encounter, we ask the Lord to protect and bless all those involved. Give thanks for the opportunities we have to praise God together.

Please continue to pray for the United Kingdom, for our leaders, for the Royal Family, for all those involved in decision making. We ask for wisdom, selflessness and integrity as we move into this decade from all those in authority.

Please Lord don't take your hand off our land, we want to see your kingdom come and see our nation turn back to you.

To start this new decade, let's pray for each other, that we will be seen as a body of people living in the light and love of Jesus. Help us to show that immense love, which our Father willingly bestows on us, to all those around us.

Help us Lord to be a joyful people.

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.' Col 3:23-4