

Hinckley United Reformed Church.

Weekly Prayers for week beginning Monday February 13th 2023.

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Many people in Turkey and Syria must have wondered if their world had ended as buildings fell down before their very eyes. If they could have heard, the noise must be something like they had never heard before.

As we write these words on Thursday 9th the death toll is over 20,000 children and adults. Perhaps you would rather not look at the TV pictures. It looks as if some of the buildings were made with matchsticks.

We watched a film clip this evening of a small jet aircraft as it took off, it was filled with babies that had been pulled from the buildings still alive. We might say they were the lucky ones. But what does the future hold for them? What sort of questions will they ask about what happened to their families.

You may be asking "Why is God allowing things to happen like earthquakes?" But that question has been asked for hundreds of years. God is still here, He is here with us in Jesus. We praise God for that fact. George read recently a passage from the Old Testament and the writer of the notes said loud and clear. "GOD IS STILL IN CHARGE!"

Some of the buildings that have fallen should have been built to withstand earthquakes. Sadly, it has been found that many of the buildings were not built to the regulations that should have been used, some construction companies have bent the rules. We cannot blame God for their bad work.

No dated prayers this week... just another set from the Prayer Handbook.

Seeking His abiding presence

Gracious and merciful Father,
we come to You by the way of the cross of Jesus
knowing we cannot justify our wrongdoing in word
and deed.

We ask for mercy, knowing You sustain us here on earth
by Your mercies which are new every morning.

We yearn for Your wraparound presence
to strengthen us in times of weakness,
shield us in times of trouble,
protect and preserve us from all evil,
and provide for all our needs.

Lord, You are the Most High God
who rules, reigns and overrules
in human life and in the nations of the earth.
We humbly ask that You have Your way in us,
and through us in our families and nations.

Empower us daily by Your Holy Spirit,
our teacher, friend, guide and helper,
so that our spirits, souls and bodies will be quickened
to obedience to Your Word and service.

Thank You, Father, for the confidence we have in
Christ Jesus
that You hear us when we pray in accordance with
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Thank You, Lord, for the treasures we enjoy
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