

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 27th February 2023**

### **Mon. 27th**

On Wednesday 22nd February the 'new IRA' shot Detective Chief Inspector John Caldwell, in Northern Ireland, multiple times.

This is yet another example of terrorist violence within the UK. We pray that all people will condemn such atrocities, and assist the forces of law and order in order to apprehend these terrorists. We ask for God's intervention to cleanse the evil minds of such individuals in order to create a safe and harmonious society for all people within the UK. Most importantly, at this stage, we sincerely pray for John's recovery from his critical injuries.

### **Tues. 28th**

The East Midland Synod's opening reflection of the 23rd February commenced as follows :- " Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." These words belong to Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom and were quoted by the Rev. Nigel Adkinson. Corrie helped save many Jewish lives during the holocaust and was imprisoned for her actions.

We ask for God's guidance and support in following such an example of Christian stewardship and dedication. At times we all fear the unknown future and thank God, for the reassurance we receive from the divine realm, in order to face our future with the 'armour' of our Christian faith.

### **Wed. 1st**

A recent newsletter from Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant of the Salvation Army detailed the achievements of his organisation over the last year. For example, the Salvation Army's 12 residential care homes provided over 400 beds for older people needing care.

We thank God for the community work of the Salvation Army, Hope into Action and the many other like-minded organisations which 'talk the talk' and ' walk the walk' of the Christian Gospel. We pray for the health and welfare of all those who commit their lives to such good work.

### **Thurs. 2nd**

We thank God for the many achievements of the human race which have ensured an improved quality of life. We realise that many of the echnological advances of recent years have also had a correspondingly

negative impact, as a result of the actions of unscrupulous people. We think particularly of the scammers who prey on society in order 'to make a fast buck'. We ask for God's help in order to safeguard all people from falling prey to such evil actions and we give thanks for all of the organisations which support the vulnerable in their hour of need.

### **Frid. 3rd**

We ask for God's help for our political leaders, who are currently engaged in detailed negotiations with the EU, with regard to the Northern Ireland Protocol. This part of the Brexit Deal, as it currently stands, has created many problems for those living in Northern Ireland. As a consequence, political relations and processes have been fractured and a solution is desperately needed by all parties.

Many intelligent people have so far failed to solve this problem and we desperately need the intervention of our creator. We earnestly ask for God's guidance and support in order to ensure an agreement which will be accepted by all.

### **Sat. 4th**

We pray for the salvation of the human race which seems determined to press the self-destruct button. We thank God for the peacemakers, but realise they alone cannot guarantee a peaceful world order. Conventional wars and conflicts are rife and we are currently in the maelstrom of a nuclear threat to human existence on planet Earth. We desperately need and implore God to intervene in order to avoid this catastrophe.

### **Sun 5th**

A Fairtrade Breakfast buffet will take place at our Church today from 9.30am - 10.30am. We give thanks for all those involved in this most worthy cause and ask for God's support in creating a generosity of spirit when donations are requested for the Fairtrade Foundation Charity.