

Barnabas Fund week of prayer for the persecuted church.

Wednesday 1st

Lord Jesus, we lift to You our brothers and sisters who love You, trust You and follow You but have to do so secretly for fear of persecution. We pray also for those who are isolated and alone, knowing no other believers with whom they can meet and have fellowship. Please help them to hear the voice of Your Holy Spirit, comforting them with His presence and guiding them into all truth. In their isolation, may they know in a powerful way the joy of abiding in You, as You abide in them.

Thursday 2nd

O God, we lift to You our brothers and sisters who are this moment in prison because of their love for Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank You that You know each one and what they are enduring right now, whether it is heat or cold, hunger or thirst, sickness, beatings or torture. May they be comforted and sustained by Your Holy Spirit and may their words, actions and reactions bring glory to You.

Friday 3rd

Heavenly Father, we remember before You those of Your children who take real risks to meet and worship You in countries where Sunday worship meetings and prayer meetings are targeted in violent attacks. We thank You for the courage of those who are determined to continue gathering week by week, especially those who have already suffered in earlier attacks. Please take away any remaining fear or distress and enable them to worship You whole-heartedly and to learn from Your Word. We ask this in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday 4th

Father in heaven, we pray for the children of persecuted Christian families. Be their Protector in times of violence and their Provider when families have to flee from danger. We lift to You those who have no access to education, we pray that they might break free from the cycle of poverty and illiteracy. For those for whom the classroom is a place of trauma and danger enable them to study in a safe and nurturing environment and may persecuted children grow up to be faithful men and women of God, their faith and love for You strengthened by what they have endured. In the Name of the Lord Jesus, we pray

Sunday 5th

*Lord God Almighty we praise and bless your Holy Name for your saints of every time and place who have served you faithfully. You call all people to be your saints and unite them in fellowship in your church. Help us in our earthly life to follow the example of your saints in heaven and so to share with them in the joy of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

Prayer for All Saints Day

Monday 6th

Pray and give thanks for the work of the Mercy Ships Charity celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the launch of its UK division of the charity. The Africa Mercy, its state-of-the-art floating hospital, is now docked in the Republic of Benin for a ten-month field service to provide over 1,700 life-changing surgeries onboard, treat over 8,000 at a land-based dental clinic, and provide holistic healthcare training to Beninese health professionals.

Tuesday 7th

Pray for the leaders of the world's nations and for the United Nations Organisation, that together they may have some influence in bringing to an end the violence and cruelty that is taking place in many countries. Bring to mind some of the troublespots.

Wednesday 8th

Pray for the work of the Shelter Last year working with the homeless and giving information, support and advice to millions who are facing homelessness or experiencing housing issues. Pray for those desperately seeking to find a home where they can raise a family and be secure.

Thursday 9th

Pray for our local police team in Cannock, preventing crime and keeping citizens safe. Pray for the local Magistrates Court, for the officers of the court, the magistrates, clerks, solicitors and probation officers and for those appearing before the magistrates.

Friday 10th

Pray for all those who are on the rota for the Café, and for those on the Church Opening rota. Give thanks for their ministry in being the friendly face of our church and welcoming visitors.

Saturday 11th

Pray today for the ordained ministers in our parish. Not just Anglican ministers but all ministers and pastors of the Christian churches and places of worship. Pray god's blessing on them in their ministry of leading, teaching and pasturing those who make up their congregations. Pray God will give them the wisdom, compassion and patience to deal with the human situations which come their way.

Sunday 12th

Grant O Lord, for the sake of all who lost their lives in war, and for the sake of generations to come, that all nations of the world may learn the way of peace, and that the peoples of every nation may have a chance to enjoy the life you have given them, free from war, tyranny and oppression. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday.

Monday 13th

In Anti-bullying week Research shows that 1 in 2 young people will, at some point experience bullying resulting in 1 in 3 will self-harm, grades dropping and 14% developing eating disorders. Bullying undermines the self-esteem, health and potential of millions in the UK. Pray for those suffering from the effects of being bullied.

Tuesday 14th

Pray for the World Diabetes Day 2017 campaign to promote the importance of affordable and equitable access for all women, at risk for or living with diabetes, to the essential diabetes medicines and technologies, education and information they require to achieve optimal diabetes outcomes and strengthen their capacity to prevent type 2 diabetes.

Wednesday 15th

Pray for Katharine House Hospice providing free hospice care services in Mid Staffordshire for people faced with an illness that cannot be cured enabling patients and those close to them to live as fully as possible and make the most of the time that's left.

Thursday 16th

Pray for the work of Amnesty International, for their work throughout the world securing basic human rights for all. Pray for their efforts to free those illegally imprisoned for their opposition to governments and people in power.

Friday 17th

World Peace Day encourages us to be kind to others, and teach others to be peaceful. We are encouraged as individuals, to play a role in making the world a better place by starting with ourselves. Pray that we may be peacemakers where we find discord and in our dealings with other people.

Saturday 18th

Pray today for the BBC Children in Need appeal. Pray for all those people and organisations raising money for the event. Pray for the children that will benefit from the money raised both in the UK and abroad.

Sunday 19th

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is to remember the millions killed and injured on the world's road and to pray for their families and many others affected. Pray for the emergency services and remember the cost of this daily continuing disaster to families, communities and countries,

Monday 20th

Pray for anyone you know who is ill or housebound or in hospital at this time. Pray for those highlighted in the Pew News. Pray that, where possible, all will recover from their illness, return to their families and resume normal lives.

Tuesday 21st

Pray for the Mission Aviation Fellowship taking Christ's love into the most remote places on earth through collaboration with other organizations to meet spiritual and physical needs in 37 different countries. Collectively its fleet of 135 airplanes serves some 1,500 non-profit, churches, and humanitarian organizations

Prayers for local groups helping people with various problems Wednesday 22nd

Pray for the foodbanks operating in and around the Cannock area. for the people who run them. Pray for the Pye Green Fellowship which operates and organises the food warehouse and organises the distribution of food to the foodbanks.

Thursday 23rd

Pray for the British Lung Foundation and its continuing research into lung conditions. BLF supports 230 Breathe Easy groups around the country. Pray for the group that meets in the Church Centre every other Wednesday offering friendship, support advice and guidance to anyone suffering from a lung condition.

Friday 24th

Pray for the Cannock Chase Dementia Action Alliance which is made up of organisations across the district of Cannock Chase, working together to radically improve the lives of people living with dementia and their carers. Pray for the group that meets in the Church Centre.

Saturday 25th

Pray for the Multiple Sclerosis support group meeting on the third Monday in the Church Centre. Pray for the leaders who organise the meetings and the activities and pray for those suffering from MS for whom the meetings are a lifeline in managing the condition.

Sunday 26th

*Lord Jesus,
You are the King of Glory,
You are the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings.
And we pray that your Kingdom will reign forever in our hearts and in this world.*

*Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come here now,
bringing a kingdom of justice, righteousness, hope, love,
peace, mercy and grace for all.*

*Lord, we ask that you rule in our hearts,
lead in this world and govern over your kingdom. Amen
Prayer for Christ the King Sunday*

Monday 27th

Pray today for the Friendship Group which meets on Mondays. Pray for those who organise the meetings. Pray for those who attend the meetings looking for friendship and fellowship. A time in the company of other people sharing conversation and laughter.

Tuesday 28th

Pray for the work of the Levy Body Society raising funds for research into, and treatment of, Dementia. Pray for all dementia sufferers, for their families and carers, at home and in hospitals and nursing homes.

Wednesday 29th

Pray for the Christmas Tree Festival which begins tomorrow. Give thanks for the hard work and dedication of the organising team. Pray for all the people and organisations that have a tree at the festival. Pray for all the people who over the next few days will be drawn into the church by the event.

Thursday 30th

*Heavenly Father by whose grace we have been called into the fellowship and service of your Church. Help us to follow the example of the apostle Andrew who brought his own brother to Jesus, that we may share the good news of his salvation with those near to us in our family and neighbourhood. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen
Prayer for St. Andrew's Day*

Parish of
St. Luke Cannock and
St. Thomas Huntington

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God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.

Amen.