

Pray for Christians in sub-Saharan Africa

Millions of Christians across sub-Saharan Africa face persecution, violence, conflict and displacement. The African church is rising up boldly in prayer against this violence – and they are calling on their global church family to stand with them. Please join with your church family in sub-Saharan Africa, asking God to stop the violence and start the healing.

Nigeria (No. 7 on the World Watch List) – Rifkatu

When [Rifkatu](#)* was kidnapped by Islamist extremists just weeks after her wedding, the course of her newly married life changed dramatically. By God's grace, she and her sister were eventually able to escape the clutches of their captors, but the trauma they took with them was unimaginable.

That was when Open Doors stepped in with trauma care offered by local partners. Since then, Rifkatu has started her journey of healing, slowly being restored by the love and grace of God.

Pray with us:

Dear Lord, we lift our dear sister Rifkatu to You. Thank You for rescuing her from her captors and thank You that You know the pain and trauma that she carries. Strengthen her, loving Father, and help her to know Your constant, comforting presence. We ask that You help her to live her life in confidence and safety as she continues to heal from her experiences. Please protect women like her in Nigeria who are at risk of abduction and abuse and bring about justice for them, we pray. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sudan (No. 4 on the World Watch List) – Rafat

Rafat* is one of many Christians in Sudan enduring hardship and devastation brought about by the civil war that began in April 2023. Though many have been made victims of the conflict – being displaced, conscripted or subjected to poverty – Christians are especially vulnerable, looked down upon by authorities and neighbours.

“Pray for Christians to receive emotional and spiritual healing from what they have seen in the war,” he asks. “The church can play a role by being a light and salt in the community, and to start the healing of reconciliation in our country.”

Pray with us:

Dear God, we pray for believers in Sudan who are suffering because of the war shaking the nation. In Your mercy, please bring an end to the conflict and establish Your peace. We ask that You uphold Your people like Rafat and help them to shine with the light of the gospel, even in such darkness. Please provide for their needs and help them to keep trusting in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Psalms 19: God's Glory in Creation and the Law

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen

Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 4th October	9.00am	Eucharist	Swayfield
	11.00am	Eucharist	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Irnham
Wednesday 7th October	10.00am	Eucharist	Morton
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Corby Glen
Friday 9th October	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Swayfield
Sunday 11th October	9.00am	Harvest Eucharist	Haconby
	11.00am	Eucharist	Irnham
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	Dunsby
	4.00pm	Eucharist	Corby Glen
Wednesday 15th October	10.00am	Eucharist	Corby Glen
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton

Additional Services

Friday 9 th October	10.30am	Funeral of Ellen Burnett-Coles	Haconby
Saturday 10 th October	2pm	Baptism of Freya Cambell	Morton



Readings for this Sunday
Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20; Philippians 3.4b-14
Matthew 21.33-46



Collect for this Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**



Please pray for...

Julie Shortland, Linda Hall, Brian Osborne, Jane Nichols, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Judy Watson, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.
 We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.
 We remember the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

Change in Service time on Sunday 18th October

The service at Morton will start half an hour earlier at **10.30am**, NOT 11am

Harvest Feast at St. John the Baptist

Sunday 18th October at 12, noon

A Bring and Share Meal

Tickets are £5 per person

or free for those who bring something for the shared meal.

To find out more and book your place, speak to Dianne Newton after the service, or call her on 01778 571890 / 07971380034



Did you know?.....

If you find it difficult (or forget) to bring things to leave in the drop off bin at the back of Morton church, you can go to the Foodbank website, and purchase items which will then be available in the foodbank.

Go to <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/how-to-help>

Urgently needed items – can you help?

Pasta Sauce

UHT Milk

Washing Powder



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