

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.

Mali



The daily life of believers in Mali is often defined by lack and uncertainty. With ongoing conflict between the government and jihadist groups, civilians are caught in the crossfire and living conditions are worsening steadily. Amidst the warring of the two sides, Christians struggle to meet and many are afraid to leave their homes.

Charles Yabaga Diarra* is a local church leader

in Mali who has, despite the difficulties, seen the hand of God at work. He says, “It still amazes me to see and reflect on God’s faithfulness during this crisis. In my place, we met when possible. God has heard our prayers because churches and believers worldwide stood in the gap for our nation.”

Pray with us:

Dear Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Mali living through this crisis and all the hardships it has brought. Thank You for the faith of Your people – we ask that You continue to grow their dependence on You and their awareness of Your presence with them. Please bring peace to Mali, that citizens would be protected from the conflict and that perpetrators of evil would turn to You in repentance. Please give leaders like Charles wisdom and courage as they direct Your people. In Jesus’ name, amen.

*Names changed for security reasons. For more information go to <https://www.opendoorsk.org>

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Psalm 68.1-10: Praise and Thanksgiving

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the Lord - be exultant before him.**

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
**God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to
prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
**your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

**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**



Readings for this Sunday
Acts 1.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11



Please pray for...

Brian Osborne, Jane Nichols, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, 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 Charles Friend, Tina Bradley, Janet Chubbock, Clifford Hitchens, and 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.

Anniversaries...

Funeral anniversaries: Molly Rogers (1 year); Patricia Woodger, Belinda Newmann, Barbara Robinson (2 years)

The Collect for this Sunday

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Prayer after Communion

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

Additionally needed items - can you help?

Tinned vegetables Squash Soap hand wash Toilet rolls
Shower gel Tinned puddings (rice pudding, custard etc) Tea bags

Services for the next week in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 17th May	9.00am	Holy Communion	*Burton w Bassingthorpe
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Irnham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield
Wednesday 20th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Corby Glen
Sunday 24th May	10.15am	Café Church	Swayfield Village Hall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Kirkby Underwood
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Bitchfield
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
Wednesday 27th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
Sunday 31st May	9.00am	Holy Communion (Group)	Burton le Coggles
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Group)	Rippingale

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you...."

Reflection:

What can be so "glorious" about the death of this good man Jesus? What is there to stand up and cheer about? Maybe, because in his death, people will see how much he trusted God. He remained faithful, even through his pain and death. That's something to cheer about. Glory to God!

So we ask ourselves:

- ✠ How would you describe the "glory of God?"
- ✠ Does that glory show itself frequently in our world? Can you give a few examples?

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