

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.

Sudan – 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.

Eritrea – Hiwot*

“During our stay in prison, the Lord was everything we had,” says Hiwot, an Eritrean believer who was imprisoned for ten years because of her faith. She and other children were arrested after some members of the Eritrean Orthodox Church – one of very few permitted denominations in the country – informed the police about their ‘unsanctioned’ faith. If they wanted their liberty, they had to deny Jesus. But they refused.

Eventually, after a decade, Hiwot was freed. She commits her freedom to continually praying for imprisoned believers.

Pray with us:

Our Father in heaven, thank You that You hear the cry of Your persecuted children in Eritrea. We pray for those who are in prison and facing torture or unjust trial. Please protect them and make a way for them to be set free. Please strengthen the church in Eritrea so that believers like Hiwot will be able to grow in faith and be disciplined. Would they know Your perfect peace as they trust in You (Isaiah 26:3). In Jesus’ name, amen.

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

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Psalm 66.7-18: Praise for God’s Goodness to Israel

who rules by his might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows,
those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I
will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**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**

The Collect for this Sunday

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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**

The Prayer after Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**



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)



Readings for this Sunday
Acts 17.22-31; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21



16th MAY AT 7.00PM
MAGICAL GAMES NIGHT

LOTS OF GAMES TO PLAY - JENGA, SNAKES AND LADDERS, DOMINOES ETC

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT A MAGICAL PERFORMANCE
 BY LEE OUR VERY OWN LOCAL MAGICIAN

Tickets £10 per person to include buffet supper (payable in advance please) by 13th MAY
 from Dianne Newton on 01778 571890 or 07971 380034
 (bar will be available)



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

Sunday 10th May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Haconby
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Irnham
	4.00pm	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
Wednesday 13th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
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

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