

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 – 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.

Somalia (#2) – Aweis: Aweis started his journey of faith in Jesus when he came across a Somali radio station preaching the gospel. It would put his life on a very different path to that which his father, a mosque leader, had planned for him.

Christians are extremely rare in Somalia. Aweis spent much of his first years as a believer totally alone. When he did begin to build a small fellowship of other Christians, they were found and killed, one by one, until only two remained.

Despite the harsh persecution they faced, Aweis clung to Jesus – now he leads a ministry discipling Somali believers from outside the country in the face of very real dangers.

Pray with us:

Dear Lord, thank You that with You, all things are possible! Thank You that You are building a people for Yourself in Somalia against which no power can prevail. Please continue to establish and strengthen secret believers in the country, blessing them with fellowship and protection from those who would seek to extinguish their faith. We ask that You guide and encourage Aweis as he carries out his ministry. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, amen.

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



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Psalm 31: Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Readings for this Sunday
Acts 7.55-60; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14



The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**



Please pray for...

Brian Osborne, Tina Bradley, 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 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)



16th MAY AT 7.00PM

MAGICAL GAMES NIGHT

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

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Tickets £10 per person to include buffet supper (payable in advance please) by 13th MAY
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(bar will be available)



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

Sunday 3rd May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Prayers	Irnham
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
6th May	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Corby Glen
Sunday 10th May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Haconby
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Irnham
	4.00pm	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton

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>

These are a few of the things that are running low. Can you help?

Shampoo
Deodorant (M)
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Meat
UHT Milk
Washing Powder



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