

Inshes Prayer Topics for 18th November 2020

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

- 1. Caroline White:** *"Monday (23rd) Govt will make official announcement about what will happen with schools as a second wave of Covid-19 affect the country. Pls pray; & also for some serious & discouraging divisions amongst staff at hospital which have come to a head & are difficult to heal.*
- 2.** Pray for **Burkina Faso** with people going to polls this Sunday(22nd) for presidential & legislative elections, even though many unable to vote in areas impacted by violence perpetrated by Islamic extremists. **BF** has seen a significant increase in persecution of Xians in recent years (see [here](#))
- 3** Pray for **Central America** where so many people have been affected by **Hurricane Eta** (**Nicaragua** 150k; **Honduras** 1.8m; **Guatemala** 311k) Most of harvest destroyed & all this on top of Covid-19 which likely to spread in crowded shelters.
- 4.** Give thanks for new intake of students at **Highland Theological College** which has largest number of C of S candidates of any of training colleges. Pray too for **Phil & Claire Gunn** & family with Phil's induction to **Rosskeen C of S, Alness** taking place on Friday (20th) evening.
- 5.** Pray for office bearers & congregation of **East Church** considering the challenging proposal of a move from the City Centre out to the East of the city & that **Presbytery** may see how best to support them in this process. Pray for God's will to be done in all of this.
- 6.** Pray for our preparations for **Christmas – Card** going out to parish; **Advent Devotional & Tract** going to church family; **Family Christingle Zoom event** & all that is involved in **online gatherings**
- 7. CARE:** *Father, thank You for the many UK charities that provide aid in times of crisis, especially the 14 members of the Disasters Emergency Committee that since 1963 has responded to scores of major humanitarian catastrophes. Please grant continued success in their public appeals. Amen.*

Wednesdays - Praying at 7pm for 7 minutes for 7 people

Here are some possibilities when thinking about who to pray for:

- 1) someone currently working & serving in another country eg Alexander, Anjana & Arnold MacLeod; Caroline White; Kathleen Burns; Mayhews; Patons
- 2) for someone you know working for the NHS or one of the other 'essential' services
- 3) for an older member of your family or friend who might be more vulnerable or needy in the current situation – or someone living or working in a Care Home
- 4) for a neighbour or work colleague
- 5) for a leader, locally or nationally having to make difficult & important decisions
- 6) for someone in another church family that you know- for their encouragement, their witness
- 7) for someone whose job or financial security is threatened by the current situation