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PLEASE PRAY FOR



Week 1: on a bed of straw

Us to be taken to the Christ-child in the manger so that we can lift into His powerful arms those with such need of your surrounding presence -

- cracked relationships
- needy elderly
- unloved souls
- the struggles through the windows of homes in our communities
- the poor
- children studying for exams
- the child or parent who needs a hug
- hard working parents
- the unemployed
- the desperate
- separated families

Our Hope for the world, our light in darkness, create a way from the warmth of the manger to permeate the seemingly impossible in the world. Sing into and through every conflict the song of salvation, reconciliation, peace and hope. Amen

Please consider starting a regular meet-up with friends for a coffee and pray together for the families in your community! See website

Week 3 – Health

She said to herself, “If I only touch His cloak, I will be healed.” Matthew 9.21

1. the management teams, organisation and all staff of our National Health Service.
2. Christ to be at the centre of every ward, surgery and boardroom ministering love, peace and excellence.
3. for opportunities to form prayer groups within each hospital and GP surgery across the UK .
4. God's blessings upon every A and E dept., all ambulance crews, and all staff. For strength, perseverance, compassionate hearts and funding.
5. a knowledge of Healing Father God to be poured out upon all who are sick, give them the prayers in their hearts to call on You for peace, joy and healing of body and mind.
6. all suffering with dementia that they will receive loving tender care from family, friends and community support systems.
7. for all community health providers

Jesus got out of the boat, and when he saw the large crowd, his heart was filled with pity for them, and he healed their sick. Matthew 14.14

- Bring before him this week the unwell that you know
 - check the papers to see the concerns that need His healing touch in your community.
- place all needs into the watchful gaze of Christ.

Week 2 – Domestic abuse

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. Psalm 33:5

1. God's protection on all families affected by violent behaviour.
2. Opportunities for the violated to seek help safely without endangering themselves further.
3. God's transforming power of goodness to work in the heart of the abuser.
4. Courage for family and friends to make an abusive situation known to others who can help.
5. All families to be free from violence and oppression
6. For all families to be founded on Godly love, trust and freewill.
7. Blessings upon all organisations/charities seeking to help victims of abuse and their families.
8. God's hand to be on all dealing with addictions of any kind, that He will provide a way to freedom and bring peace to troubled families
9. All social workers as they seek to find the best solutions for families in difficult situations. For wisdom and strength.

Week 4 - Parenting

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6

1. every child will receive Godly love from their parents/carers/children's home parents.
2. guidance for all parents on the journey of learning how to bring up their children and young adults.
3. that all parents may know God's love for them and be able to love their children the same. Matthew 3.17
4. for bridges to be built between church family and single parents so that broken hearts can be mended and opportunities for the church to show loving kindness and practical help to needy parents. Psalm 23.1-2
5. parenting courses to be available in every community across the UK. (<http://www.stpaulsealing.com/family.htm>)
6. that every family will know how to take refuge in the Lord. Psalm 5.11
7. that every parent may know they are made in the image of God and their children are a gift to them. **I have written your name on the palms of my hands.** Isaiah 49.16
8. that God's favour will permeate every family. John 1.9
9. that all families will 'fix their thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable'. Philippians 4.8