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We pray for all in the Whitchurch Deanery and Mityana Diocese who follow the Way of Christ; As we break down that which separates us from those around us and from you, help us receive your forgiveness so that we may share your love with others.

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We pray for those who hold positions of responsibility and power in church and community in Mityana Diocese and Whitchurch Deanery: may your Holy Spirit guide them in their decision-making, so that paths of truth and justice may be open to everyone.

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Pray for Jesus to be known and for the Gospel to reach young people across our link diocese and Deanery.

We pray for:

- ❖ churches working with young people and organisations who support young people.
- ❖ that Jesus would be known and for God's love to be understood by young people across our nation.
- ❖ And specifically for young people we know in our community.

Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.

Send your Holy Spirit that we may share with our young people (named) the life of your Son and your love for all.

Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.



Pray that the Bible will be shared engaging young people with your word. We know this is a challenge that many churches struggle with.

We pray that

- ❖ churches will be equipped to reach young people, and
- ❖ that God would bless the work of vicars, youth and school workers.
- ❖ that each church in your area will see sharing the message of the Bible with the next generation as an essential part of their work.

Lord God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Strengthen us as witnesses to your love as we pledge to pray for our young, for your name's sake. Amen.



Matthew 19: 26

With people, this is impossible
But with God all things are possible

From the Archbishop of Canterbury:

We often say to people: I'll pray for you or when there's a big disaster people end by saying. Our thoughts and prayers are with (you or the one in need)

As often as not it means: I hope things go well for you. But in this time between Ascension to Pentecost

We are seeking to turn those good wishes – that expression of concern into a reality. When we pray we meet with God.

And as often as not we become the answer to our prayers and that's one of the most exciting things. God in some extraordinary way acts with us and says come, come alongside, share with me, take part and when we do, the world changes. In 2017 between Ascension and Pentecost In our own

calendar we are seeking to pray for people to know who Jesus is.

We will pray for the Holy Spirit to empower every Christian, all of us, to give us a passion for sharing and witnessing the good news of Jesus Christ. It's about that sense of what He has done for us, how amazing He is.

To know

- *that we are loved by Jesus,*
- *That there is salvation*
- *That when we turn to him in repentance we find forgiveness*
- *And when we turn to him in despair we find hope*

It's just the most extraordinary miracle.

So what's going to happen?

There will be prayer in Mityana Diocese and Whitchurch Deanery, in homes, offices, churches, under mango trees, all kinds of places.

The aims of these 9 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost are:

To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father

To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit

That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son, Jesus Christ.



Here are two shared initiatives in our link Diocese and Deanery.

In Whitchurch Deanery

Who Cares? We are asking one simple question '*What hurts you the most?*' This question gently and anonymously asked, respecting the dignity and value of every respondent will highlight the challenges being faced by people today.

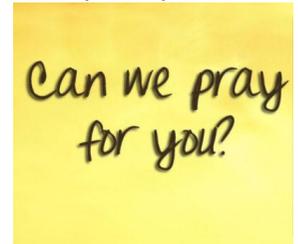
The aim of Who Cares? is to understand ourselves and our community and, in understanding, be able to respond more fully and more sensitively, demonstrating that we do indeed care for those around us.

In Mityana Diocese

Rooted in Jesus is a group course in Christian discipleship written for use in Africa. It is the only material of its kind written especially for the use of ordinary African Christians, rather than translated from material developed for the West - where people face different problems and challenges in their Christian lives.

The aims are to equip leaders and potential leaders with teaching,

inspiration and a living encounter with the Holy Spirit and help build a local programme of support so communities and churches will see and experience changed lives and Christian discipleship.



Lord, we pray now for Whitchurch Deanery: for the 'Who Cares?' Initiative as people seek out very real ways to help those who are lonely, isolated, in pain, bereaved or hurting.

Heavenly Father we pray for the Rooted in Jesus program, that groups across the diocese are strengthened by your Word and lives, churches and communities are changed.

We pray for all involved these two very real ways of helping those in our communities

Help us to take up the Archbishop of Canterbury's call to help others to know

- that we are all loved by your Son,
- that there is salvation
- that when we turn to you in repentance we find forgiveness
- and when we call out in despair we find hope

Thank you Lord God, Amen

Ascension

Day 1: As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2.8b-10

Reflections

Day 2: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38,39

Prayer

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever.

Reflections

Day 3 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive. **John 7.37-39a**

Day 4

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40.28-end**

Prayer

Almighty God who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Day 5

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **I Corinthians 12.4-7**

Day 6

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Joel 2.28,29

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Day 7: Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Luke 11.9-13

Day 8 In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment. **2 Corinthians 1.20-22**

Day 9: The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3.17,18**

Pentecost

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