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**Weekly Prayer** *(contributed by Heather)*

**New Beginnings Prayer**

Lord, you made the world and everything in it,  
you created one human race, of just one stock,  
and in your loving purpose, you gave us the earth for our possession.  
Forgive us for breaking what you created as one whole,  
and dividing it when you intended it as a unity.

**Response (R)**

Father in heaven: Show us the unity of your earth again.

Forgive us our secret delight that the oceans divide the nations, knowing that love could rebuild the bridges.

**R**

Forgive us when we take part in patriotic nationalism, as though you had not made us to be one race and one people.

**R**

Forgive us when we speak of the rainbow colours of the human face and then live monochrome lives.

**R**

Forgive us when we use the variety of languages as an excuse for silence, as though we could not learn another language than our own mother tongue.

**R**

Forgive us that we see a divided world all needing to heal from this rampant virus, and do not act with a united front to confront it.

**R**

Forgive us when we allow ourselves to be shocked by warring nations abroad, but allow ourselves to ignore sharp divisions in our own land.

**R**

Make us glad to be challenged  
by new ideas and new ways of working,  
by different cultures as we hear from friends abroad,  
by new insights into your purposes as we meet remotely with our ecumenical churches,  
by social media as we see the joy and sadness of other nations entering our homes,  
And let us renew our conviction as we listen, learn and read you showing us the unity of your earth, once again.

In Jesus name we pray

**Amen**

## Christian Aid Week May 10th to 16th – What Now?

With the Covid-19 outbreak all the usual Christian Aid Week activities have stopped. We do hope to re-schedule the local Quiz to September and the collections at Farnborough Railway Station.

Christian Aid and its partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and will build on this experience to continue to stand together with communities living in poverty. If infection rates start to develop as they are in Europe, then people in poorer countries will be hit even harder. Many are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps and in countries which do not have the healthcare infrastructures needed to combat widespread disease. Christian Aid will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19. Please pray for Christian Aid in this vital work. We are praying for all those affected by this virus, both in Britain and overseas and for all those working on the frontline.

The focus this year for Christian Aid was meant to be on Kenya, in particular due to droughts being more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. As a result, millions of people in Kenya, are struggling to get enough food and water. You could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. They need every last drop to survive the drought. Each dam is roughly the size of 2 football pitches and costs on average £1,560 to build.

Please offer your support to this work, where you can, by making an online donation. The link to the Christian Aid website is:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Or call **020 7523 2493** to donate by telephone. Whilst to pay direct into the Christian Aid bank account call **020 7523 2226** Given current events, your donation is much needed

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**Prayer and Worship on our Church Website and Church YouTube Channel** Please remember that our website is continually being updated with services and other material - look under 'Worship' for '**Services**' - and also with material provided by Deryn - look under '**About Us**' for 'Lay Worker'.  
**[www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk)**

**The Crowthorne and Sandhurst Food bank** There are two places where people can donate: Tesco at the Meadows, with a box near the exit and in Crowthorne at the Coop Store, obviously during opening hours.

At present they need: Tinned sponge puddings, tinned potatoes and tinned vegetables. Also Kitchen rolls, kitchen sponges, bleach, anti-bacterial spray, Nappies size 5 and 6, soap and laundry tablets. They have plenty of Baked beans, soup, Breakfast cereal, Peanut Butter and pasta. So please do NOT provide these.

**Monthly Newsletter** items for **June Newsletter** should be with Sue T by 20th May  
[newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk)

### **Praying during the Current Situation.**

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, now during the pandemic, or indeed once it is over -

- and they are a church member, please let Barbara know on [notices@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk) and she will add them to the regular list and send them out to everyone.

- if they are not a church member but would be happy to be prayed for (please check first) then please let Sue know on [newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk) and she will add them to the website with no identifying information.

Please don't forget to let us know when we can take people off the prayer list too: -