

Month of Prayer, November 2017

World peace

Since I have become Overseas Mission Secretary I have initiated a Month of Prayer, each November, when those leading services are asked to include prayer along a particular theme in the intercessions. In 2015 this was for Syria, in 2016 – Reconciliation following Brexit.

This year's Month of Prayer is dedicated to World Peace.

Most of the locations in the World where suffering through drought and famine is worst are places of conflict and are because of conflict.

We are in a privileged position as Ambassadors of Christ to bring God's peace to a troubled world. I believe we can best start this task by praying together.

Prayers

5th November

We pray as a Circuit for a peaceful resolution to the conflict between the USA and North Korea. Christ came to us in innocence and goodwill. We pray that the men of power will listen to Him and keep to-mind the responsibilities they have to protect innocent lives and promote peace.

12th November, Remembrance Sunday

We pray as a Circuit for world leaders, that they put into practice the hard-won lessons that mutual understanding and tolerance are infinitely preferable to conflict. We remember the cost of war to our Country, paid in lives maimed and lost and pray that if possible, such sacrifice is not needed again.

19th November

We pray as a Circuit that the world will be a more equitable place. That leaders and the people recognise and seek to strengthen bonds of common humanity throughout the world. We pray that nations continue to work together to tackle injustice such as tax-avoidance by global companies; bring commerce to account over environmental exploitation and co-operate with measures to reduce climate change.

26th November

We pray as a Circuit that we all recognise that world peace is built on foundations of peace with ourselves, with God and each other and persevering to overcome the obstacles to making peace between communities, our nation and with other nations.

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