

Baptist Union Prayer Diary December 2018

Weekly prayers for personal or church use



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2 December	<p>This week we pray for the London Baptist Association which supports the mission and ministry of over 300 Baptist churches across Greater London. As one of the thirteen regional associations which make up the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Association exists to encourage and equip their member churches as they pursue their own distinct vision and calling to the local communities in which they based.</p> <p>www.londonbaptist.org.uk</p>
9 December	<p>The Baptist World Alliance encourages us to observe World Human Rights Day on 10 December. As Baptists, we are committed to the cause of human rights in our communities, countries and around the world through prayer, advocacy and representation. This year the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is 70 years old. We pray that we would see a world where equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace.</p> <p>#StandUp4HumanRights</p>
16 December	<p>Please pray for the Faith and Society Team at Baptist House, who seek to resource churches with a diverse range of work including theological reflection, contemporary issues, mission opportunities, justice, prayer and worship, representation in public life and with other denominations, and communications.</p> <p>www.baptist.org.uk/faithandsociety</p>
23 December	<p>Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.</p> <p>Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.</p> <p>May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)</i></p>
30 December	<p>As we come to the end of 2018, take time to reflect on the past year. Pray that we may see where God has blessed us and challenged us, and ask for God's guiding presence for the year ahead.</p>

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