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UEC WEEK OF PRAYER 17th-24th MAY 2020

The Promotion Committee has compiled a list of topics for prayer so that we can unite in prayer for specific issues affecting us in the world, our communities, the UEC and our local Churches during these difficult times. We trust they will be helpful as we seek to unite in prayer.

Sunday 17 May - today, please pray for...

World: Christians around the world facing the impact of Covid-19.

Community: Wisdom for those seeking to put in place measures to protect lives and provide help to the most vulnerable.

UEC: Fellowship to be maintained even though some plans for 2020 have been cancelled or postponed.

Local Church: Fellowship to remain strong as we adapt to different ways of contact.

Monday 18th May - today, please pray for ...

World: Christians in parts of the world where they are persecuted for their faith. Community: Those who work for the emergency services as they face challenging conditions and unknown circumstances every day.

UEC: The UEC Board as it seeks to guide the work and spiritual direction of the UEC in an ever-changing world.

Local Church: Christians to model discipleship in the local Church and community.

Tuesday 19th May - today, please pray for...

World: Ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, that Christian leaders will rise up and share the peace that comes from knowing the true King.

Community: Those in our communities who are struggling with issues of mental health and depression.

UEC: The Finance Committee as they seek to ensure that UEC finances are secure for the continuation of the important work that God has for the Union.

Local Church: Each Church to be committed to serving God, one another, and those around us.

Wednesday 20th May - today, please pray for....

World: The Church worldwide to stand firm sharing God's love and spreading the message of the Gospel to those in desperate need.

Community: Families facing uncertain employment and financial situations and the impact of home schooling.

UEC: Strength and guidance for the leaders of our UEC Churches supporting those affected by the virus who are fearful in their work situation and those who mourn. Local Church: Those who are unwell, those who live alone, those who are concerned for family, and those who mourn.

Thursday 21st May - today, please pray for

World: Those seeking to find effective treatments and vaccines to overcome Covid-19. Community: Children and young people and their families or carers coping with home schooling and social isolation.

UEC: The Ministerial Committee as it seeks to uphold the spiritual wellbeing of all UEC Churches, for the continuation of the important work that God has for the Union. Local Church: those providing online worship and personal contact with those connected to the fellowship.

Friday 22nd May - today, please pray for:

World: Missionary Aviation Fellowship, which has had many flights cancelled but the needs of remote communities are still crucial.

Community: All Christians key workers that they may know their strength is in the Lord.

UEC: Volunteers to come forward to support the various Committees of the UEC. Local Church: This time will be an opportunity to personally reflect, pray and be equipped for the way ahead.

Saturday 23rd May – today, please pray for:

World: World leaders seeking to ease the lockdown.

Community: The needs of those most severely affected by the present situation to be met.

UEC: Time to reflect on the way ahead, that the Chairman and the Board will be united in making decisions for the future.

Local Church: Confidence and faith to move forward in witness.

<u>Sunday 24th May</u> – today, please:

World: Give thanks for more positive attitudes towards changes in the environment.

Community: Give thanks for the community spirit and generosity shown.

UEC: Give thanks for those leaders seeking to support one another.

Local Church: Give thanks for the support of Church fellowships in practical ways, including technology thus ensuring prayer meetings, services and face-to-face contact continues.