

'It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants. The question is: what are you busy about?' *Henry David Thoreau*

As Christ-followers, called to a life where change is the new normal, we must remember that our identity in Christ is unchanging. Change can be part of his shaping if we allow God to cut off all that was deadening, or prune to prepare us for a new season. We were created for purposeful activity which Paul describes as 'good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do'. All is fuelled by the knowledge of the breadth, length, height, and depth of God's love for us, demonstrated on the cross, leading us forward, and providing a firm foundation when all else is changing. Sign up for a 40-day prayer journey with LICC at: <https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-journeys/navigating-transition/>

A Confession of Faith

God of love, we believe that you are our hope.

God of love, we believe that you have called us to work for peace.

God of love, we believe that your Holy Spirit is breathing new life into our communities, churches, and nations.

God of love, we believe that you make light to shine upon all who suffer in our world.

God of love, we believe that you speak to the peoples in their differences, turning them into opportunities to build a new world.

God of love, we believe that you speak to the world's peoples in our social, religious, political and economic life, to bring us hope.

God of love, we believe that you are calling all peoples and nations today to work together for change wherever there is pain and suffering in our world.

God of love, we believe that you are our hope. Amen.

(Rev. Adelaida Jiménez, Colombia)

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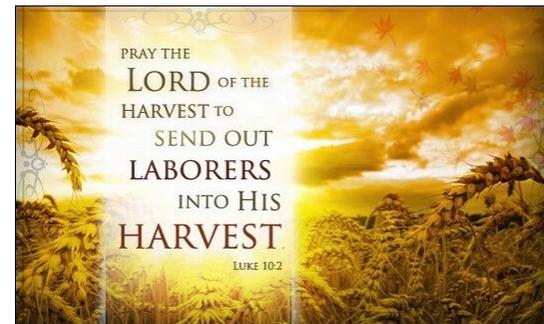
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**4 October 2020
Harvest Sunday**



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What's On

Worship at home with Premier Radio **10 am Sunday**.

BBC1 10.45 am Sunday morning live; Songs of Praise **1.15 pm**
Pam Rhodes on Premier Radio for Sunday Live at 6 pm, followed by Prayer of Hope from Churches Together at 7 pm. Pam Rhodes also leads a lunchtime singalong every weekday at 1 pm on Premier Radio.



Prayer broadcast with BU General Secretary Lynn Green at **7 pm** this Sunday. Prayers at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

All available at https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx

Please contact **Alison** on alison.ridout@btinternet.com/by phone for the link to the Thursday Zoom coffee morning.

Picture a year of forest fires, of Covid-19 lockdowns, of bankruptcies, rising unemployment, of revolution and protests. Decades of unrest, of gunfire in the streets and the fear of war. And then a blast — so unexpected, so devastating, that those who hear it are unsure whether the sound is an earthquake, an assassination attempt, or a bomb. You're beginning to enter into what life has been like in recent times for so many in Lebanon. "Until [the explosion], we thought we'd been through it all..." says Nabil Costa, President of BMS World Mission partner the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD). "...But we are learning to love God more through this crisis".

For more information see <https://www.lsesd.org/> and <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/human-stories-beirut-blast/>

ASK 2020: A call to prayer for the Middle East

Would you join us in praying for the Arab world from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 October? We are asking for God's anointing over the region and a breakthrough for church-planting teams as they share God's love with Arab people. We are focusing on three nations of the Middle East: Lebanon (Friday 9), Egypt (Saturday 10) and Saudi Arabia (Sunday 11), and in particular the cities of Beirut, Cairo and Mecca. Please see <https://www.awm-pioneers.org/ask-2020/> for more info.

Dr Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes for Health (NIH) and largely responsible for developing a Covid-19 vaccine in the United States, has spoken candidly about his journey of faith. Accepting the prestigious Templeton Prize, the world-renowned geneticist commended the Christian faith as being fully compatible with a belief in science and encouraged believers to embrace the virtue of harmony as they contend with opposing viewpoints. Read and see more at: <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/i-realised-my-atheism-was-dangerously-thin-famed-geneticist-francis-collins-recounts-stunning-conversion?>



Sir David Attenborough has called on world leaders to do more to protect nature.

He made his plea as 65 heads of state and government, including the UK's, signed a global pledge to reverse losses in the natural world by 2030. Addressing the virtual UN event, he said world leaders had a chance to make a difference. A recent BBC documentary, presented by Sir David, issued a stark warning about the extinction crisis and its effects.

"If ever we needed a strong signal from world leaders, for people like you, that we are going to solve this, then this is now," he said. Here is an article from 2 years ago that is still truly relevant today following Sir David's plea:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2018/September-2018/The-Tipping-Point-Why-climate-change-is-the-biggest-threat-facing-our-generation?>

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