

Christ Church Freemantle

Sunday 2nd August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

The power of prayer for others is quite remarkable, as we know from those times when we have been aware of being held and strengthened by the prayers of both friends and strangers in times of need, or even as part of their regular cycle of praying. I've made my own cycle of praying for people, situations or organisations who I particularly care about, so that I ensure I remember to pray for them either on a particular day each week or date each month.

I also like to respond to requests for prayer from missionary societies such as the United Society Partners in Global Mission, or USPG. Their work really does stretch round the world as they set out to bring hope for the future to global communities. So, I thought it would be good to



share with you what they ask us to pray for this week in their prayer diary. It gives us an insight into the varied work of the Church in many different countries and widens our concerns.

Today USPG asks us to pray for young people awaiting calculated grades for the important exams they have been unable to sit because of the Corona virus. It is a time of great stress for them as their future hangs in the balance.

Monday 3rd Pray for the people of Niger as they celebrate their Independence Day.

Tuesday 4th Pray for the Church of South India's 'Focus 9/99 programme', which mobilises churches and communities to 'assure the future of children', especially girls.

Wednesday 5th Pray for the people of Burkino Faso as they celebrate their country's Independence Day.

Thursday 6th. The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Pray for Jamaica on its Independence Day, especially that the island's tourism industry can bounce back from the effects of Covid 19.

Friday 7th Pray for the people of Cote d'Ivoire as they celebrate their Independence Day today.

Saturday 8th Pray for Mission to Seafarers' teams in Latin America and the Caribbean, who have had many restrictions placed on their work by their respective governments.

Did you notice the number of countries celebrating their independence days this week? There are normally one or two and I find it helps to get out my atlas sometimes and to Google the country we're praying for to find out a little more about its history and geography to inform my praying. If you would like to make use of this prayer diary too do let me know and I can order them for you. They are free though donations are welcome.

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