

Guide for Prayer Sat 8th January 2022

Saturday 8th January

Praying for the nations of the world and global issues such as justice, climate change, the pandemic etc.

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? (Isaiah 58.6-7)

- This is such a huge topic to end our week of prayer it would be easy to get overwhelmed, so it may be helpful to ask God to lead you to one country, or one issue, or one organisation to focus your prayer.
- Perhaps spend your time between praise to our God of justice, repentance for human injustice, and then also intercession.
- You could pray for people you know in other parts of the world and their situations.
- You could use a newspaper or website and focus on current issues.
- Or pray around the eight millennium development goals: 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger 2. Achieve universal primary education 3. Promote gender equality and empower women 4. Reduce child mortality 5. Improve maternal health 6. Combat HIV/Aids and other diseases 7. Ensure environmental sustainability 8. Global partnership for development. See: www.un.org/millenniumgoals for progress towards each goal.

A song to inspire you: *Beauty for Brokenness* (Graham Kendrick)