



*Could I have details of anything relevant to the January issue by **24th December** to allow for publication in time for the start of the New Year. Events, Prayer requests, Prayers Comment*

### **What is this ?**

*This is a letter prayer which if kept will build up into a resource for praying for people and churches in our circuit . My intention is to produce an A4 folded sheet format so that each issue can be added to the previous ones to build up into an A5 booklet . I will gradually do a round -up of each church and any circuit activities .*

***I would hope also to use it to publicise prayer events within the circuit if you can feed the information to me***

*I would love to know more about who, if anyone, will use this and how it will be used.*

**Advent / December 2016**

*Greetings and God's blessings to you all.*

*Margaret*

### **Focus on those in Need**

***We think of those in all kinds of need .***

***The sick***

***The lonely***

***The poor***

***The homeless***

***The hungry***

***The bereaved***

***Those with problems of addictions***

***Those who are neglected or abuse***

***Those in caring roles who make great sacrifices for the sake of others.***

*These may be people who live next door or people who live on the other side of the world or anywhere in between. We may be able to find ways of helping directly , in which case we may thank God for active opportunity to do something. We may be able to contribute financially to agencies who can help . Or we may simply pray for them.*

***Whichever we are able to do is equally valuable.***

*But advent is the time when we prepare for the Season of Nativity ,the recognition of Christ coming to Earth for us.*

## **A PRAYER OF THANKS**

Max Lucado

*Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to earth as a baby so many years ago. Thank you that He paid the punishment for my sins by dying on the cross. And thank you that He rose again to prove that death was truly defeated. I place my trust in You to be my Saviour. Guide me through the dark times of my life and give me courage to live for You .*

## **Amen**

*A prayer for Vision*

*Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.*

*Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.*

*Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.*

*And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.*

*(Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission, 1968*

**Your Word**

**Which spoke this world into being**

**Your Word**

**Which thunders from the skies**

**Your Word**

**From the very beginning was**

**Your Word**

**Which flows like mountain streams**

**Your Word**

**Which whispers in morning breeze**

**Your Word**

**Revealed through kings and prophets**

**Your Word**

**Revealed through Angels' praise**

**Your Word**

**Revealed in humble service**

**Your Word**

**Revealed through a tiny child**

**Your Word**

**Alive from the beginning of all things**

**And to eternity.**