

January Prayers

Psalm 40

Loving Lord,
We wait patiently for you to act in our world.
We stand with friends, with neighbours, with enemies.
With people who feel themselves forgotten, betrayed, neglected.
And we wait patiently for you to act.
With people who are bruised, battered, abused.
And we wait patiently for you to act.
With people who are anxious, oppressed, aggrieved.
And we wait patiently for you to act.
But how long must we wait?
How long before we see an end to injustice?
We worship you as the God of resurrection.
The God of new life.
So recapture our gaze, our hope, our trust.
Put a new song in our hearts, and a new spirit in our lives.
Open our eyes to your actions here and now,
To signs of hope, signs of you at work.
And make us a sign of your presence.
Be present to us, to those for whom we pray.
Make us a sign of hope,
So that many will see, and fear, and put their trust in the LORD

Revelation:

Lord God, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.
We entrust our lives to you afresh.
Be our beginning.
Be our end.
Be our purpose, our energy, our action.
You who invite us to live in the new Jerusalem,
To take our place there because of your love expressed to us on this earth, in our life, in our time.
So may we be ever more fully your people in here and now,
As we seek to live the life of heaven on earth.
Inspire our prayers,
Use us to answer them,
Be at work to fulfil them.
We pray for those with no view of heaven, without hope, without joy.
For those whose joy has been robbed through broken relationships, through failure, through misplaced trust.
Grant them a glimpse of heaven, and an invitation to joy.
For those whose hope has been robbed by forces beyond their control, by war, and hunger and politics.
Grant them a foretaste of true justice, and a reason to hope in you.
For those with no view of heaven,
May the structures, and relationships that shape this world be challenged and change.
May your people truly live as a sign of hope.
Bring justice and righteousness to this earth,
Lord God, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is this month and there are more prayers, which you may find useful on the CTBI website: <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/414>