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4 October	October is Black History Month, and there are a number of events happening to support racial justice and increase awareness of this important issue. Please pray for and support these events, including the annual Sam Sharpe Lecture taking place on 12 October. This year the lecture will be given by Bishop Wilton Powell OBE. www.baptist.org.uk/samsharpelecture
11 October	"This Prisons Week as we pray for all those connected with the criminal justice system in any way, including all prison staff and families of prisoners as well as prisoners themselves, let us not talk of social distancing but rather of physical distancing. Let us pray for social connection and restored relationship and an openness to the generous love of God who longs to draw close to every individual person, treasured and known by name." Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, Church of England Bishop for Women's Prisons www.prisonsweek.org
18 October	Please pray for the Heart of England Baptist Association as they endeavour to stimulate and assist the region's Baptist churches for their God-given task of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ; and nurture values of companionship, generosity, diversity, learning and innovation. www.heart-of-england.org
25 October	This week we pray for the work of the Joint Public Issues Team. As we move into the autumn, we will continue to face new challenges, as well as new chances to make change. The JPIT encourage us to pray that we might be able to speak collectively and distinctively as people of faith, and share a vision of a society where all are able to live life to the full. www.jointpublicissues.org