



Justice & Peace Weekly Bulletin : 14 July 2021

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GOOD NEWS

- **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**
 - The US department of Justice has announced a moratorium on federal executions pending a review of all procedures and policies surrounding capital punishment. This decision came after the Trump administration conducted several executions.
- **FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR GEOTHERMAL POWER**
 - Tens of thousands of new homes could be powered by the country's first geothermal steam. From three miles underground the Redruth project is now producing steam.
- **ENGLAND'S FOOTBALL TEAM**
 - Losing by just one penalty goal. England's team and manager during the last few weeks are to be congratulated by their performance and for the enjoyment they have given to millions worldwide. The team is outstanding, not only by their comradeship and solidarity, by also by the many ways in which individual members have helped those in need and local communities in the Covid pandemic. They are much more than just a football team. We hope they get the honour they deserve. May their goodness and effort be a lasting inspiration to others.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **OIL EXTRACTION AT CAMBO OILFIELD, NORTHWEST SHETLAND**
 - In spite of COP26 and climate change agreements, the government is preparing to approve the extraction of 51,000 barrels of oil a day. The oilfield is owned by Sicca and Shell.
- **A FOUR DAY WORKING WEEK IN ICELAND**
 - This has resulted in a healthier, less stressed workforce, and productivity has remained the same or increased. Has this a message for us, to strive less and achieve more?
- **THE PLIGHT OF SEAFARERS**
 - 90% of the goods we import are brought to us by sea. Many seafarers are from India and the Philippines. During the pandemic they are a forgotten people, and their plight has not received public recognition.
 - They have been unable to leave their ships, some on board in restricted surroundings for more than a year.
 - Their families at home have missed their presence and support, and seafarers have been worried about their health and wellbeing in the pandemic.
 - They have been unable to access their Covid jabs.
 - Often the crew is small and speak different languages. Recreational facilities are minimal.
 - Crews have not been able to visit the Seafarers Missions in ports and chaplains have not been able to go on board ships.
 - Out of sight and out of mind.... It is not very often that we remember to pray for seafarers. So may we remember them this coming week especially.

ACTION of THE WEEK

- **THOSE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**
 - As we enjoy our summer weather and sunshine and appreciate the good things we have, especially the freedom of expression in this country, may we remember this week:
 - those who live in the darkness of concentrations camps and prisons on account of their Faith.

- those who live in constant fear of attack, violence, and death because of their beliefs.
- women who are especially vulnerable to be exploited.
- Priests and pastors who like the first Christians are facing danger as they preach the gospel stand up for justice and peace.

Amen

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