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PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

God of all people, you used a palette of colours to create all things.
We see you in fields of purple and skies of blue.
You made oceans, green horizons and majestic mountains of dazzling hues.

God, you created all people to be different, but we look like you.
We are red, yellow, brown, and colours of every hue.
No more is your word only seen as black or white
because it helps us walk in paths of radiant light.

The death of the innocents affirmed that black lives matter.
We wept to see life stolen by their attackers.
We are no longer doubtful as to whom we belong.,
no chains or bonds can silence your liberating songs.

*P.J. Jackson, presbyter and Racial Justice Advisor, Bristol District, from the
Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021-22*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL STATISTICS

- Mortality falls from warmer winters
- Climate change has led to more than half a million fewer deaths over the last 20 years, an analysis from the Office of National Statistics suggests.
- The reduction in cold related deaths could also reflect better housing and health care, the ONS said

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT IS COMING SOON

- Look out for events in your area.
- Falmouth Fair Trade Town is celebrating with a free Coffee Morning on February 26th in the new Council Atherton Suite on the Moor over the old post office, 11 am to 2pm. The Mayor will be attending this event. Book it in your diary and tell your friends.

AI STETHOSCOPE

- A new stethoscope powered by Artificial Intelligence, capable of extending the lives of up to 50,000 Britons a year by diagnosing heart failure in just 15 seconds, could be rolled out in the UK within 2 years.

CREAM OF THE CROP

- A clotted cream producer has been recognised for its exceptional community initiatives. Rodda's has achieved B-Corp status. The producer works with farms within a 30 mile radius of the creamery to supply milk. Each is required to pass a bespoke farm assurance covering animal welfare to the highest level
- This investment has contributed more than £100 million to Cornwall's economy in the last five years.
- Senior Management has contributed more than 100 hours of voluntary work in projects run by Volunteer Cornwall and Macmillan Cancer Support.

FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCING PERSECUTION

- Latest figures from the World Watch List show 360 million Christians were under persecution last year, that is 1:7 Christians.
- 5898 were killed for their faith
- 5110 churches and church buildings were attacked and destroyed.
- 7000 were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned
- 3829 were abducted
- Hotspots for 2022 are Nigeria where Islamic extremists are gaining ground and the Sahel in Africa

RECENT FLOODS DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- It was reported to me by one of our group members that Ecuador had had floods killing 27 people. With further investigation I found that in the last three weeks there had been severe floods with storm Ana in Madagascar, Malawi and Mozambique. Also in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Uganda and Kurdistan, with lives lost, thousands displaced and vital services disrupted. These have featured little on news and social media.
- Yet we are all connected, and have concern for our sisters and brothers in need across the globe.

THE TRUSSELL TRUST

- Has more than 1300 food bank centres in the UK, which in the year ending March 2021 provided 2.5 million emergency parcels to people in crisis, a 33% rise from the previous year.
- 98,000 of them went to children.

UKRAINE - RUSSIA

- THE CURRENT CRITICAL UNCERTAIN SITUATION. WE PRAY FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF WAR.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Much to reflect on and pray about in the above.
- Small acts of love make big things happen.

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