

Get Involved: Pray



EMBRACE Prayer Group
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Three words which change everything

We have just celebrated Easter, at the heart of which are three words which change everything – ‘He is risen.’

I often wonder, as Christians, if we truly appreciate the implications of what we say we believe? I personally find it far too easy to disconnect what I say I believe from the way I live.

In the midst of global wars, displacement and darkness, violence and oppression, it is easy to lose perspective, or be overwhelmed. But as Christians, when we look at the world around us we see things differently, through eyes of faith and the lens of the resurrection. Yes we see hurt and pain, death and despair, displacement and panic – but we also see a day when all wars and displacement, marginalisation and persecution will end. Because of the resurrection, death, sickness, evil and injustice are ultimately defeated. We see the offer of life and relationship with God for every human being made in His image with purpose, dignity and worth.

Because He is risen we have this good news to tell everyone. Because He is risen we take His word seriously and the commands from the risen King to love our God, our neighbours and even our enemies. We see a day when everyone who believes the good news of the resurrected Jesus will receive a welcome and a home in the new creation dwelling-place of God. Because of the resurrection there is hope for this world that God so loves.

Three words which change everything. ‘He is risen.’ How has your life changed because of these words?

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Prayer

Lord help us to live in the new light and life and love of the resurrection.

Help us to speak of this good news often.

Helps us to practically love and embrace

The stranger, marginalised, orphan and widow

As your Kingdom-ambassadors of welcome and community.

Amen