

# CHIPS

*“The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.”*

*– Psalm 145:18 (ESV)*

## **Pause and pray: prayer points for our Peace Partners – October 2020**

Here are seven points that you can structure as a week of prayer if you wish. You can click on any links, if provided, for further information.

### **General**

- **Give thanks** that [Archbishop Justin Welby has agreed to become Patron of CHIPS](#) and **please join us in praying** that, as our Chair of Trustees Elfrida says: *“our co-operation together might encourage more Christians and local churches to consider their calling as peacemakers, and to partner with us as we work among communities affected by serious youth violence here in the UK and conflicts overseas.”*
- **Give thanks** for all who contributed to and joined our Peace Sunday events, including our online service and virtual challenge. **Please pray** that the messages from our service will challenge hearts and minds and encourage Christians to be peacemakers!

### **Brixton**

- **Please pray** for our Voices for Change project, which includes mentoring work with secondary school students at risk of exclusion as well as community organising activity with young people and families on Brixton's main housing estates.
  - Our team has been brainstorming lots of great ideas of how we can make a difference to vulnerable young lives this academic year.
  - The work is more vital than ever, given the complexities and trauma caused by the pandemic, but restrictions do make planning and logistics more difficult.
  - Please pray we make the right decisions and find ways to overcome any obstacles!
- **Please pray** for our Coronavirus emergency support project as our funding for our extended work with families draws to a close at the end of October, as expected.
  - We have been deeply moved by the scale of the continuing need among Brixton families. Please pray that we are able to make strong progress in helping as many as possible during these last weeks and help to make a real difference.
  - Please pray for us as we work out how we can best provide ongoing support to a smaller number of families with the most urgent needs, as well as how we can maintain and build the new relationships we've established in our ongoing work!

## Ghana

- **Please continue to pray** as we enter the campaign season in the run-up to presidential and parliamentary elections in December. We pray that the political parties, police and other authorities and the public will demonstrate a peaceful attitude and that the elections will be free, fair and orderly.
- We have now entered the annual land preparation season as farmers begin to prepare their land for next year. This is often a period of tension, when people argue over who owns the land. Disagreements have already begun to arise this season and have the potential to lead to more serious conflict. **Please join us in praying** for a swift resolution of these disagreements and for wisdom for village leaders as they try to manage these.
- Ghana has recently experienced violence in the Trans Volta Togoland area, where parts of the region have come under attack from secessionist groups over historical issues. One man lost his life on 25 September in a crossfire between insurgents and authorities. **Please join us in praying** for calm heads and peaceful hearts.

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Thank you for praying for CHIPS!