

## **Our World Prayer Focus for June: Sustainable Development Goals – a call to action**

A blueprint for our planet and its people is the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the UN in 2015. Many of these goals reflect profoundly Christian values. For example, they promote the continuing spread of quality health care and education. In addition, they affirm fair trade and other initiatives that improve economic conditions, which in turn underpin the resources available for sustainable public services and infrastructure development.

They are a reminder of what our society provides for us and for which we should be thankful. They also help us to continue looking beyond ourselves and so, in our engagement with others, can stimulate our observing, praying, giving and, potentially, going and doing.

A list of the goals is given below. Full details are available online, see link below.

Intercessions on Sundays      Please use a selection of the following:

Sustainable Development Goals:

- Pick a current sustainability issue such as single-use plastic or plastic in the oceans
- Pick one SDG and pray for significant progress to be made; if possible, link it to a current event.
- Give thanks for global progress this century on poverty reduction, wider access to clean water, etc. and pray for further improvements in many locations
- Pray for broad international engagement that turns good intentions into positive, constructive actions

Specific Mission Partners:

- Tearfund's toilet twinning programme (SDG 6 applies)
- Mike & Barbara Workman's work, now based in London; Barbara with financial admin that serves many and Mike's role of mentoring (SDG 4 applies) and former work with the farm project in Indonesia (SDG 8 applies)
- The Rock and Youth for Christ's work with disadvantaged youth locally (SDGs 3 & 4 are relevant)

Passionate about Jesus:

- Pray that many seek the truth about Jesus because they see how we live our daily lives
- Likewise, pray that all involved with each of our mission partners will make Jesus accessible to many by how they live their lives and do what they do

Pray for any of the church's Mission Partners you know well.

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In summary, the Sustainable Development Goals are:

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well being
4. Quality education: this includes life-long learning for all
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
10. Reduced inequality
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice and strong institutions
17. Partnerships for the goals

Useful links:

Sustainable Development Goals: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

Bible Society: UK: [www.biblesociety.org.uk/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/)

Egypt: [www.darelketab.org/bs3/en/default.aspx](http://www.darelketab.org/bs3/en/default.aspx)

Open the Book: [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/)

Youth for Christ: UK: <https://yfc.uk/>

Local: [www.yfcgloucestershire.co.uk/](http://www.yfcgloucestershire.co.uk/)

The Rock: [www.therock.uk.com/](http://www.therock.uk.com/)

Street Pastors: <http://streetpastors.org/locations/cheltenham/>

GARAS: <http://www.garas.org.uk/>

SAT-7: [www.sat7.org](http://www.sat7.org) and/or [www.sat7uk.org](http://www.sat7uk.org)

Tearfund: [www.tearfund.org/](http://www.tearfund.org/)