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## Koinonia Prayer Requests

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This week the persecuted countries are Iraq and Syria.

- A small percentage of Iraq's people are Christian (175,000 out of 41.5 million) the main threat of persecution comes from Islamic extremists who remain active in Iraq, attacking and kidnapping Christians. Islamic State are known for their appalling use of women. Also, the government can use the Blasphemy laws against Christians.
- Like Iraq, the main threat to Christians in Syria is from Islamic extremist groups, violent attacks have continued even during Covid and the continuing civil war has made the country a breeding ground for Christian persecution.
- Pray God would show His love to all those who suffer for His name's sake. That He would bring peace and stability to both countries, and pray they would be able to share their faith to others even as they are persecuted.
- As we think and pray for our front-line staff all those in the NHS, our carers, thanking God for them and what they have done for us, particularly during this pandemic. Also please let us not forget the troops involved with the NHS, in the Nightingale Centres, distribution of vaccines, test and trace facilities and logistics.
- Malawi - please continue to pray for Syford and Elizabeth that God would give them wisdom in all they have to do day by day. Also, for Denis and Sheila, as they wait expectantly hoping to be able to go out there once more.
- As a fellowship may we pray that God would lead us in making the correct decision in regards to a new pastor. Pray for Don and Paula as they consider their future, that God would lead them and bless them.
- Clare's cousin Katie was taken into hospital this week for tests as they think she has a infection in her blood. Also, her oxygen levels are low, and she has fluid in her abdomen caused by a cyst on her ovaries so please, please pray for her.  
Clare was saying she had a rough year last year with her Dad dying, her brother having two heart attacks both followed by a double heart bypass, so she really needs our prayers.
- I was gobsmacked by these facts - 73.3 million abortions take place per year yet The World Health Organisation wants to expand abortions worldwide; pray about this please.
- And please prayers for my sister, I was told this morning (Tuesday) that she has between 6 & 9 months to live she has cirrhosis of the liver but she is not a committed Christian and that is my main concern.
- Hilary has asked us to pray for Anna, she has bowel cancer and is waiting for an operation, pray it will go well but also for a spiritual awakening. Anna was part of the youth group Hilary led at the Baptist church (ABC) in the 80's.
- Diana desperately wants to sell her flat so please continue to pray for this.
- Denise has asked us if we could continue to pray for Eileen as well as her cancer treatment. Please ask the Lord that the treatment she is having for the sight in one eye will continue to work. And also, please pray for Barry as he supports her in all her treatments.
- Tony has asked for prayer for Barbara as she is being assessed for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and for Bob Proia as he settles back in the UK.

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- To me there is always loads to pray for: Our leaders Church & political, renewal, revival, Christian values and morality which is being chopped away week by week, folk not so fortunate as we are, the pandemic, our school children, loads and loads.

As always thank you for sending me your prayers. I do feel privileged. Thanks

*Billy*