## **Local Houses of Prayer - Friday Blessings**

These prayers have been developed by Ffald y Brenin – a Christian ministry and retreat centre in SW Wales, and we feel they are helpful in providing positive prayers of blessing for our surrounding communities. We encourage you to say them – but also add your own prayers on the suggested topics. You will also want to adapt them to the current situation with coronavirus.

"Heavenly Father, we take upon ourselves the mantle of authority that Jesus delegates to His disciples and in His Name we speak to every household in these communities and we say to you:

"We bless you in the Name of the Lord. We bless your marriages that they may be strong and whole. We bless the partners in each marriage that the relationship between them may be loving, forgiving, merciful and strong. We bless every relationship within each household that there may be peace and love and understanding flowing between each one. In Jesus' name we bless every network of wholesome and supportive friendship."

"We bless your health that you may be well and strong. In Jesus' name we resist any sickness or disease which seeks to invade this area, and to every person in these communities we say, be well, be strong, be healthy. To any who are sick right now, we say we bless you in Jesus Name with a speedy recovery."

"We bless your wealth that you may have plenty to replace scarcity. We bless you to have enough to live and enough to give. We bless the work of your hands that whatever you turn your hand to which is wholesome may prosper. We bless each enterprise that it may benefit the whole community."

"We bless the grass of the fields that it may be strong and nutritious throughout the year. We bless the flocks and herds that they may be well and strong and that they may multiply. We bless the cultivated land that it may yield rich harvests."

"We bless our local schools that they may be secure, safe places for teachers and pupils alike. We bless the children's capacity to learn and develop relationships and we bless their simple trust in Jesus, that their trust may grow and become enriched."

"We speak to the churches and all other places of worship and we say we bless you in the Name of the Lord that the Holy Spirit and the word of God may flow out from you in power. We bless the hearts of all who live in these communities that you may be quickened to hear and respond to the voice of the Living God. We bless all who live and work here, that the overspill of the blessings of the presence of the Kingdom of God may fall upon you."

Amen