

DAY 8



Psalm 27:1-4 John 8:12-20

Starting Point

Over the past eight days the churches of Indonesia have helped us consider difficult situations facing the world. Many of these have raised questions of justice. The Church has been complicit in many instances of injustice and, through that complicity, we have damaged our unity and diminished the effectiveness of our witness to the world. Christians gather for common prayer, professing common faith and to listen for God's voice. Although the many injustices wound us, we do not lose hope, but are called to action. The Lord is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives. We do not fear.

Reflection

Hope

Forgive us how we've devalued your 'We live in hope' and yet don't hope to live, 'Hope so', when we have none in our hearts.

Show us who you really are: disturb the deathly ease of our despair and give us the courage to embrace your pain: impudent in the face of hate, unrelenting under oppression, daring to resist the entropy of division.

God us to take up that felon's cross whose agony laid empty the grave.

The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27:1)



Prayer

God our hope,
we praise you for your
loving kindness.

Uphold us when we are about to
give up,
show us your light when all around
seems dark.

Transform our lives that we may
bring hope to others.
Help us to live united in our diversity
as a witness to your communion,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen.

Questions

- How has Jesus empowered you to witness to what is right?
- Where in the life of your church or group of churches do you most need the gift of hope?
- What is your best hope for your community?

Go and Do (see www.ctbi.org.uk/goanddo)

Generate hope by sharing your actions and prayers for justice on the CTBI prayer wall using the #wpcuwall hashtag on Twitter and visit www.weekofprayer.org to see the actions others have taken.

The Christian Aid Week 2019 packs for organizers will be landing on doormats across the UK and Ireland this week. Plan to get involved in this other week of the year that witnesses Christian unity across the UK and Ireland. Visit Go and Do to find out more.