



## **Procession and Service of Witness, Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Prayers, in the form of declarations and blessings over our City, were spoken by Sue Gibson, CTiC Committee member and Coordinator of Prayer for Our City.

You can read what Sue brought, and we encourage you to continue to use these words in prayer over Chelmsford

We, THE CHURCH of Jesus Christ in Chelmsford, raise a HALLELUJAH in our city this morning!  
We stand as one declaring our HOPE is in JESUS!

Please join me with agreement in your heart as I declare the words of a song that has become a prayer as I and others have prayed for our city.

We raise a hallelujah, in the presence of our enemies  
We raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief  
We raise a hallelujah, our weapon is a melody  
We raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for us  
We're gonna sing, in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear our praises roar  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise  
Death is defeated, the King is alive!  
We raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of us  
We raise a hallelujah, we will watch the darkness flee  
We raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery  
We raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on us!  
We're gonna sing, in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear our praises roar  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise  
Death is defeated, the King is alive!

Yes, we declare that death is defeated, King Jesus is alive in our city!  
That again this Easter we can celebrate that Jesus because of your death and resurrection that we can find hope and peace in our hearts.

In your name God we want to bless our city and those who live and work in our city  
We proclaim that God is a good and true Father who wants to bless us

We bless each family in our city to be all that God intended  
We pray for those going through hard times that they will have others standing with them to help them.

We thank you God for all those who work in our city for the good of families.

We bless our neighbourhoods and communities with peace and harmony, and with reconciliation and solutions in disputes and disagreements.

We bless our Police and Emergency services and hospital  
We thank you God for their skill and courage

We bless all our local government departments with peace and order as they endeavour to work on behalf of our city.

We bless our MP Vicky Ford and our Mayor Yvonne Spence.

We bless our schools, colleges and university.

We bless every student to reach their full potential

We declare that they will bring something unique and wonderful to society.

We bless our teachers and lecturers and thank you for their dedication.

We bless businesses and workplaces. We bless entrepreneurs with creative ideas, inventions and business strategies.

We bless those seeking employment that doors of access and opportunity will open for them.

We thank you God that you love our city and as we love and pray for our city and seek its peace and prosperity, you promise in your word to give us peace and prosperity.

In your name Jesus we pray these prayers

AMEN

We join together in the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.