

Weekly Prayer Focus: 19th September 2021 Eastern Baptist Association

This week we focus on the Eastern Baptist Association. On Saturday 25 September it is the EBA Annual Gathering. On Monday 20 September it is the EBA AGM. And during the week we have the EBA Week of Prayer. The theme for the Gathering and the Week of Prayer is "Listening to the Voices". Each day we will bring to you a recorded interview from a voice that sometimes is not heard and reflect on how as church communities we can be a place of welcome and sanctuary for everyone. You can access the recorded interviews on the <u>EBA You Tube channel</u>

On the <u>EBA website</u> you will also find a reflection for each day with Bible references and reflection questions if you wish to discuss these further with your church or in small groups.

We also invite you to join us each day at 9.30am, and Wednesday at 7pm as together we pray into each theme.

Topic: EBA Prayer Zoom Meeting

Time: 9.30am (and Wednesday evening 7pm)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88201290903

Meeting ID: 882 0129 0903 Passcode: 794152

Understandably this isn't always possible so we would encourage you in your prayer times this week to reflect on these five themes:

<u>Monday – Welcoming racial diversity</u> What does it look like, where I live, to reach across the ethnic lines and care for those who are ethnically different from myself?

<u>Tuesday - Creation Care</u> What does it look like to thirst for justice for our earth?

<u>Wednesday- Welcoming women in ministry</u> Pray for women leaders that you know, both ordained and non-ordained. And pray for young women to be raised up as leaders in your church

<u>Thursday</u> – <u>Welcoming disabled people in our churches</u> Pray for the full diversity of humanity to be embraced in our churches

<u>Friday</u> – <u>Welcoming children and young people</u> For our young people and children as they try to live out their faith in a complex world. And that God would help us to see ways that we can let children and young people have a say and provide leadership in our churches.



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