

### Questions for reflection

- ▶ How does this image speak to you of the Christian way of life?
- ▶ How do you respond when life tough?
- ▶ What does losing your life for Jesus' sake mean to you?



### Live your faith

Keep a (private) list of all the things you notice that you are thankful for. By doing so, build up a story that is trustworthy. Don't tell anyone – keep this as a reminder and an inspiration for you when other 'worldly' stories crowd in.

### A prayer for others

Lord God, you reproached Peter because he had only human concerns; but Peter just wanted to protect the one he loved. We pray for people the world over who find themselves in difficult situations. We pray that they would all have someone to care for them and lift them before you. We pray for all who are persecuted for their faith: for all who are misunderstood, for asylum seekers who flee real danger in their homeland. We pray for those who work tirelessly to address wrongs. We pray for people whose lives don't always work out right, through their fault, or through no fault of their own. We pray for the people in our lives who need your protection, Lord, that we will always be faithful in prayer for them. Amen.

### A personal prayer

Lord, when we are faced with bad news, or a tricky situation, it is human nature to make snap judgements, to do the first thing that comes into our head. Lord, help us to lay aside our own judgements, and always be willing to seek your wisdom. Amen.



## Wesley Methodist Church

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### Weekly Feature – Favourite Hymns – From Sunday School Days as we pray for all children returning to School.

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| 1. Jesus, Friend of little children,<br>Be a friend to me;<br>Take my hand and ever keep me<br>Close to Thee.     | 3. Step by step, O, lead me onward,<br>Upward into youth;<br>Wiser, stronger, still becoming<br>In Thy truth   |
| 2. Teach me how to grow in goodness,<br>Daily as I grow;<br>Thou hast been a child, and surely<br>Thou dost know. | 4. Never leave me, nor forsake me;<br>Ever be my friend;<br>For I need Thee from life's dawning<br>To its end. |

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Keep Safe – God Bless

**From Claire Biggs – Circuit Children and Family Worker**

**Parents, teachers, educators  
Join us for an evening of prayer**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
7.30pm – 8.15pm**

**On Zoom, email [cafvos@outlook.com](mailto:cafvos@outlook.com) for invite details**

**We will give thanks for our schools and education  
Staff, pray for a safe return and enjoy fellowship  
as we prepare for a new academic year**

