

Thought for the day – Tuesday 3rd October 2023

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Prayers from You made us to be free.

(To mark the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the slave trade)

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A Prayer from The Rev Eric A Brown Administrative Bishop

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“Lord you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were created, before the earth was formed and the world even from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” Psalm 90

Lord, on this bicentenary of the Abolition of the slave trade, we pause to express our gratitude to you. Thank you that the cruelty and brutality of the demonic institution of slavery did not succeed in destroying your people, neither did it extinguish their faith in you. It was their trust in you that caused them to hope for liberation and that the day would come when neither their descendants nor the people of any other race would be subjected to the barbarism of slavery.

Dear Lord , the wounds of slavery are deep and they have left their mental, emotional and psychological scars. We ask that you would heal and deliver your people and raise them up to fulfil the noble destiny to which you have called them.

Grant that the indomitable spirit with which you have endowed the Black race will spur them on to work for freedom and justice for all, not least those who are still shackled by the chains of prejudice and bigotry.

We ask this in the name of your son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen