

Reading and prayer 5th December 2020

Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. Acts 16:26-32

Father God, your desire is for all people to be reconciled to you and that no one should be lost. We pray for opportunities where we can show love, speak Gospel words that have the power to save and show the same mercy and kindness as you have already given us. Give us true compassion, an unselfish heart and words, not our own but yours, that others might see a glimpse of you in us and be drawn into your loving embrace. Amen

