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At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. (Hebrews 12: 26 & 27)



It's very easy for everyone to believe they know what should be done in the political world, but few people can really claim to know all the facts and see the whole picture. Even having greater access to relevant facts than most people, politicians still need considerable wisdom in perceiving the true nature of situations, particularly when things change as rapidly as they do these days! In addition, of course, they have constituency matters demanding attention. So they really do need our prayer - possibly more than they need our advice!

Some major issues we could usefully pray into are below. Scriptures and model prayers offered may help us to get started.

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Crisis In The Financial World

The world's finances appear to be in free fall and all attempts to stabilise the situation seem to lead to further crises. Human wisdom is pitted against human greed. Major decisions are involved, and they have major implications for all of us, not least because lawlessness and unrest are spreading rapidly!

Matthew 6:24b (NIV)

You cannot serve both God and Money.

2 Timothy 6:9-10a

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

A starting point for prayer: Lord, in Your mercy, grant wisdom to those in positions of authority. Give them grace to trust in You Lord with all their heart. We pray they do not lean on their own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). Grant them the humility to admit that sometimes things are simply beyond them, and then draw them close to yourself so that they will turn to you for help and guidance. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for Parliament and the Nation

We meet on Tuesday nights in the The Chapel at Methodist Central Hall, near parliament square to pray for parliament, and our nation's leaders. Please come join us.

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday
From 6pm
The Chapel, Methodist
Central Hall, Westminster



Instability in Northern Africa And The Middle East

There are growing concerns that the so-called 'Arab spring' is turning sour. Perhaps the west has been unwise in thinking we can introduce our kind of democracy to nations with such a different outlook on life. In particular, we note the growing involvement and activity of groups like the Muslim Brotherhood, and we hear talk of proposals that sharia law should be the foundation of new constitutions. Our leaders need real perception and wisdom.

A starting point for prayer: "*Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One*" (Acts 4:25b-26, quoting Psalm 2:1 & 2). All authorities that resist or reject you are standing against you and cannot but fall. Be merciful to the people caught up in unrest! Protect the innocent! Guide the leaders! Amen.



Broken Families

There are stories of youngsters who find the nearest they come to experiencing anything like family is being in a gang, or in prison. Many trace the breakdown of family life, and lack of male role models to the two world wars, but whatever the ultimate cause of this breakdown, we have a generation many of whom have never known the security and support of real family life. The Father heart of God weeps for them!

Psalm 72:4 (NKJV)

He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.

Psalm 82:3-4 (NKJV)

Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked.

A starting point for prayer: Our Father in heaven, may we, Your people, show Your Father love to those who know no love, or no father. May our leaders be wise in rebuilding the collapsed fabric of society, and encouraging those with the means to help. Awake in us, we pray, a love for the unloved, and a compassion for the suffering and lonely. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Northern Ireland

Progress continues to be made in Northern Ireland and the First Minister Peter Robinson recently outlined his vision for a shared future in which the barriers of division and segregation are removed from local communities. There remains a residual terrorist threat, with some of the terrorist leaders currently on trial for murder. However, there is no room for complacency and the real healing has yet to occur.

Proverbs 29:19 (KJV)

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Matthew 5:9 (NKJV)

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Psalm 37:0-11 (NIV)

For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.

A starting point for prayer: Dear Father, we pray for the people of Northern Ireland that You will teach them to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You our Lord. We pray for a healing in spirit and body for those who continue to carry the pain and hurt of many years in conflict. We pray for wisdom for the political leaders; that they will have the courage and determination to lead their people to a better place, one free from the divisions of the past. Father, may you cause the improving situation in Northern Ireland to become a beacon of hope for the world so that many would see the works of Your hand in blessing the peacemakers. In Jesus' name. Amen

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