

Meeting

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



The Financial Situation

Matthew 6:24b (NIV)

[Jesus said,] *You cannot serve both God and Money.*

Psalm 34:9-10 (NIV)

Fear the Lord, you his saints, For those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

With the Euro crisis still brewing, and continuing uncertainty about where the UK stands in terms of recession, many of us are anxious about our pay, pensions or our savings. The Government has an obligation to tackle the nation's enormous deficit but also to protect the people. Discussions continue about the reform of pensions and benefits, as well as the NHS (including the care of the elderly). In all these matters great wisdom is needed, as well as great understanding and patience among the people.

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.

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

A starting point for prayer:

Lord, we pray on behalf of our leaders that You will graciously grant them access to heavenly wisdom in matters of the nation's finances. May those who are genuinely in need be provided for, and those who are more easily able to contribute to the nation be willing to do so. We pray for those who have feelings of insecurity while systems are under review, especially those with mental health issues, in Jesus Name. Amen.



World Peace - Or Otherwise

Conflicts continue in many places, any of which could quickly erupt - we are still hoping to extricate our forces from Afghanistan and hoping not to become embroiled in France's intervention in Mali; uncertainty continues about Syria's future and the threat to Israel from Iran's nuclear programme remains. The complexion of the whole of the Middle East could change overnight as the so-called 'Arab spring' continues to show its true nature. The safety of many Christians is seriously threatened, and stability in the whole region

is very shaky.

Acts 4:35b-26 (quoting Psalm 2:1 and 2) (NIV)

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.

Matthew 24:6-8 (NIV)

You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

A starting point for prayer: Merciful Father, we thank You that You have revealed yourself and Your plans through Scripture - through the prophets and the writings, as well as the teaching of Jesus Himself. We know that there are further wars to come, especially as the end of the age approaches. Nevertheless we pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders of all nations and that they will not blindly lead their people into danger. Thank You for being merciful to individuals who are put at risk in the world's conflicts, and hastening the return of the Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. Amen.



Northern Ireland

The situation in Northern Ireland has deteriorated in recent weeks with the decision to remove the Union Flag from Belfast City Hall and to fly it on designated days leading to violence in a small number of areas. In truth, the anger of some in the Protestant communities has been bubbling under the surface for sometime as they perceive the peace process to have become increasingly one sided. Their attitudes are influenced by a perception that their British identity is being eroded and that Sinn Fein has endeavoured

to rewrite the narrative of the 'troubles' with the British portrayed as the bad guys and the

IRA as some kind of 'freedom fighters'. Dissident republican terrorists have also tried to murder Police Officers on a number of occasions in recent weeks.

Yet, Northern Ireland still has a higher level of church attendance than other parts of the UK and devolution has enabled local politicians to resist attempts to impose the 1967 Abortion Act or latterly so-called 'gay marriage'. Therefore, the old enemy Satan would dearly love to destroy the peace process and remove this bulwark against the liberalisation of laws on matters of morality and the sanctity of life. The recent violence indicates that he is still at work in the hearts and minds of many and the only answer to this is the prayers and the reaffirming faith of the Christian church. Revival is needed and without God's blessing, the peace process would be a very empty vessel.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Psalm 127:1 (NIV)

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

A starting point for prayer: Heavenly Father, at the root of violence is evil and the root of evil is sin. We acknowledge that Jesus and the cleansing of His redeeming blood is the only answer to sin. We pray for the power of your Holy Spirit to be poured out over Northern Ireland and its people; to bring healing, reconciliation and renewal in faith. Dear Father, imbue the political leaders with wisdom and a spirit of hope that they might have the courage to reach out beyond their own constituency and at the same time open the hearts and minds of the people so that they are not blinded by fear or paralysed by the pain of a dark past. May Northern Ireland become an example to the world of the power of healing that comes through faith in a loving Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

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