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"So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

(1 Kings 3:9, NIV)



To the world's eyes most matters dealt with by politicians are concerned with human needs and considerations. But for the Christian some of them may have deep spiritual significance. All politicians who own the name of Jesus need discernment to recognise that spiritual element, and grace and wisdom in expressing or addressing it in their work. As the Last Days, spoken of in the New Testament, so clearly draw nearer, much prayer is needed for our politicians, especially for those of the household of God!

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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Weekly Prayer Meeting



Continuing Uncertainty in Europe and Instability in the Middle East

Some would say the western world has gone crazy, with an attitude of "Spend, spend, spend - and never mind the debt!" But the implications for all of us are enormous. The world's financial system could collapse, and someone could come up with a compelling argument for a single currency and for doing away with cash. Shades of Revelation 6:5-6 and 13:15-17! In the same way, with leaders being ousted in the Middle East and no clear leader to take over, a power vacuum could be the situation in which a 'man of peace' (or lawlessness) arises, an antichrist figure, who might be hailed as a 'saviour' able to solve the world's problems. Our leaders need great wisdom in deciding which path to follow and when to back away, especially if there is a spiritual force driving things along.

Haggai 1:6 (NIV)

You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.

Judges 17:6 (NIV)

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

A starting point for prayer: Lord, teach us to pray! Thank you that when "we do not know what we ought to pray for, the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Romans 8:26). Your Word warns us of coming troubles, yet we would cry to you for mercy! Help and guide our leaders, we pray, that "we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1 Timothy 2:2). 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



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics

2012 has the potential to be a turning point in the life of this nation. We have a Queen who is not ashamed of the Gospel, and who has reigned for 60 years. As we celebrate this wonderful fact, the eyes of the world will be on this nation, and our Christian heritage will be visible to all.

The London Olympics also have the potential to allow our Judeo-Christian values to be seen - if indeed we genuinely exhibit them! We pray for the Lord's grace and blessing on this nation and these great events.

Romans 13:1 (NIV)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Proverbs 29:4a (NKJV)

The king establishes the land by justice.

A starting point for prayer: God save our gracious Queen! Long live our noble Queen! God save our Queen! We pray, Lord, that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will long continue to rule over us, and we thank you for her continuing dedication to the service of this nation and of us, her subjects. As people of many nations come to Britain for the Olympics, may they find a welcome that expresses the love of God and may they see a nation that is truly Christian at its very roots! In the name of Jesus, to whom our Queen is so clearly devoted! Amen.



Legislation Under Consideration in Parliament

Matters of concern to many Christians come into the frame time and again, even after we may have thought they had been rejected once and for all. Some are still pressing for change in legislation regarding euthanasia, and reform of the House of Lords is repeatedly raised. The clamouring voices of secularists and atheists call for religious elements to be removed from public life (faith schools, Bishops in the House of Lords, prayers at Council meetings). Pray that not only will our political leaders be watchful but that the Church in the UK will wake up to prayer coupled with action. Pray too for those MPs and Peers who stand up for Christian values on our behalf - that the Lord will bless them with wisdom and grace.

James 1:5 (NKJV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him

Psalms 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: Lord, merciful Father in heaven, in former generations you have shown great love for this nation. Turn again and look with favour upon us, and cause this nation to turn again to you, that we may again convey the Gospel to the world and bring glory to your name! May our leaders learn to truly fear you and be open to your gracious leading. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Northern Ireland

There is much debate in Northern Ireland at present on how to deal with the legacy of over 30 years of conflict. No political consensus has emerged and this remains a major point of division. We must not forget the sacrifice of those who lost their lives or sustained serious injury as a result of the violence and terrorism. Many continue to suffer in silence and are greatly deserving of recognition. Equally, there is a need for truth and justice. Political leaders have a vision to build a shared future but the divisions and the hurt of the past remain. A healing of hearts and a changing of minds is needed to create the basis for the regeneration of this troubled land.

Proverbs 29:18 (AKJV)

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AKJV)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

A starting point for prayer: Lord, thank you for all that you have done and are doing in Northern Ireland to bring your peace to the people. We pray for the political leaders in Northern Ireland that they will continue to know wisdom and display courage as they seek to create a better future and to remove the causes of division. Our prayers are also with the victims who continue to suffer the pain of loss and of physical injury. May they know your healing touch Lord and your blessing in their lives. It is also our prayer that men and women of evil who would try to pull Northern Ireland back to the dark days of the past will not succeed and that you will frustrate their wicked designs. Amen

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