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As the General Election draws closer the various political parties make increasingly outlandish and often rash promises as to what they would do if they came to power. Since the outcome of the election is so uncertain it is hard for us to know whom to believe! On one hand it seems likely that we will enter a time of major change and political uncertainty, while on the other hand we can see a real need for a change of another kind, a change to godly government and righteous law-making!



Proverbs 12:21-22 (NIV)

*No harm overtakes the righteous, but the wicked have their fill of trouble.
The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.*

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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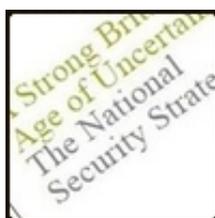
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National Security

The threat from Islamic extremism continues to preoccupy our security forces - they need supernatural help and revelation! As we watch the activities of ISIS, the continuing war in Syria, the violence in Northern Nigeria, and the uncertainties about Russia's intentions, to name but a few of the hotspots in our troubled world, we could well wonder what lies ahead of us. Thankfully the Bible tells us a good deal about what to expect, but our prayers are still vital!

Remember our leaders, and our security forces; human wisdom is of little value in this matter!

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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.

Acts 4:25b-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.

A starting point for prayer:

Lord God, King of the universe we cry out to You for the nations where violence rages and hatred burns in the hearts of evil people. We pray for wisdom for our leaders as they consider what actions to take. We ask that we and they will learn to trust You, our Rock

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.

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

and our Fortress. Lord, Your Word says, in Psalm 12, verses 7 to 8, "You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us for ever from the wicked, who freely strut about when what is vile is honoured by the human race." Lord, we are needy! Protect us Lord in Your mercy! Amen.



Matters of Life and Health

It sometimes seems that some in power have a kind of death wish or blood lust, as they push for assisted suicide to be available, and appear to be carefree about abortion. Now they have decided to permit what amounts to a scientific experiment with unknown implications in allowing three-parent children. Many other matters concerning the health of the nation are constantly concerning us and our leaders. The state of the NHS, whether the financial uncertainties or matters of mismanagement and lack of care, lead us to fear for our elderly, and for the mentally ill among others. Loneliness, too, is fast becoming a major issue: perhaps this indicates a problem in terms of how we care for our older folk or neighbours.

Psalm 82:3-4 (NKJV)

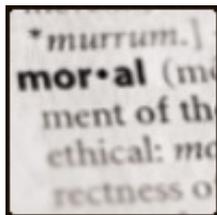
Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked.

Proverbs 21:13 (NIV)

Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

A starting point for prayer:

Lord, life is a gift from You and is precious to You. Grant that our leaders will act justly in providing care for those in need of all kinds. Where finances are stretched, grant them wisdom in dispensing it. Help us too, Lord, to be aware of the lonely around us and to offer comfort, company and encouragement as we can. And grant that we may all value life! In Jesus' name, Amen.



Immorality and Corruption

In the past few years there has been a stream of revelations and accusations relating to child abuse and sexual exploitation. Sometimes there has been a suggestion of the involvement of prominent figures in society, and suspicions when relevant files go missing. Human trafficking and slavery has also become a hot issue, with legislation already being prepared. It is hard sometimes to believe that we are living in the 21st Century!

Our first concern should, of course, be for the victims. Let us pray for speedy yet wise efforts to combat such things.

Psalm 11:3 (NIV)

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Psalm 119:126 (NIV)

It is time for you to act, O Lord; your law is being broken.

Luke 17:2 (NIV)

It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied round their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.

A starting point for prayer:

Lord, Jesus showed us many times Your care and concern for children. Lord, we owe it to them to protect them from evil. Please, in Your mercy, confound those who would harm and mislead them, that the precious children of our nation may enjoy innocent childhoods and grow without painful memories. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Northern Ireland

There was a widespread welcome for the Stormont House Agreement reached just before Christmas on issues such as dealing with the legacy of the troubled past in Northern Ireland and on welfare reform. Now Sinn Fein have blocked the passage of the welfare reform bill in the Assembly and this has thrown the political institutions into crisis once again. There is a risk that the Assembly could collapse, thus precipitating an election. The Police also

report an increase in terrorist activity on the part of the 'dissident' republican groups. With the General Election fast approaching, it is vital that the political situation is stabilised.

Psalm 37:1-2 (NIV)

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV)

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

A starting point for prayer:

Heavenly Father, we pray that the current impasse in Northern Ireland will quickly be resolved and that all parties will honour the terms of the Agreement that has been reached. We pray too for the Police and others involved in protecting the entire community from terrorism that they will be kept safe and the actions of evil men will be thwarted.

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