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### The Continuing Need for Prayer

In the increasingly critical situation around us, it is ever more essential that every Christian in the UK should "pray without ceasing" [1 Thessalonians 5:17] - continually and fervently - for the nation and its leaders. Our vision is to build a Prayer Shield across the nation and beyond, with a focus on political leaders - this must now be held aloft and without wavering as we stand firm in God's promises, and resist the forces of evil that would try to bring us down, but for God's grace!



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

Prayer for Parliament and the Nation



### On the Brink of Financial Disaster

As the world watches to see if Europe will allow Greece to 'go under' we are bracing ourselves for the possible impact on our own economy should this happen. The need to make decisions quickly, and even simply to put contingency plans in place, puts enormous pressure on our leaders. They need divine wisdom! The people of Britain will also need grace and patience as we go through these difficult times.

#### 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.*

#### 1 Kings 3:9 (NIV)

*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?*

**A starting point for prayer:** Father God, 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). We pray You give to the people of this nation a spirit of endurance and strength (Isaiah 28:6) and patience, as we go through trying times of uncertainty and possibly austerity. In Jesus' name. Amen.



### Terrorism and Extremism

With the London Olympics fast approaching, the security forces are working to minimise the risks of violence and disruption around the time of the Games. Some would see them as an opportunity to promote their cause or publicise their particular grievances. The only true and comprehensive protection of this nation will come from Almighty God. Pray for our security forces that they will have discernment and success. Pray that plans of evil intent will fail. What the enemy means for harm, may God turn around for good

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

#### Joel 2:17 (NIV)

*Let the priests [believers], who minister before the LORD, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, LORD. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?""*

**A starting point for prayer:** Father God, we release to our security forces protection, safety, wisdom, discernment and success. May they 'see' supernaturally any threat or danger, and prevent any violent and disruptive activity in our land before and during the Olympics. (Matthew 18:18,19) May there be peace on our streets and safety in our public places. For Jesus' sake. Amen.



### Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The one major thing that gives this nation stability at this time of great unrest is the continuing reign of our Queen. Pray that as the nation celebrates this Diamond Jubilee a sense of community and togetherness will grow among the people. Pray too that through the various celebrations many will see the hand of God in our nation and its history.

#### Proverbs 11:11 (NKJV)

*By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.*

#### 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.*

**A starting point for prayer:** Lord God Almighty, King of the Universe, we bless You, and we thank You that You have brought us to this season. We bless our Queen and pray that she may long reign over us, in good health and in safety. May the people of this nation, her subjects, be drawn together in community, and stand in heartfelt unity, (Philippians 1:27, 28) as we celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. In the name of King Jesus. Amen.



### Parliamentary Business Continues

Amid all the special occasions and major developments in Europe and elsewhere, our politicians continue their day-to-day work, both in constituency matters and in national legislation. Many issues continue to cause concern and need prayer - the proposal to redefine marriage, the provision of care for the elderly, alcohol abuse, pornography on the internet - the list goes on, and so must our prayers!

#### 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people-for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

**A starting point for prayer:** We pray Father God, that all Christian MPs and Peers will be sustained and protected, and live in good health, enjoying quality times with their families, and rest at night. (John 10:10, Proverbs 3:24) We pray You grant them boldness and protection, and thank You for guiding them in all their doings through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Proverbs 16:3) May they resist evil and draw ever closer to You. (James 4:7,8). Amen.



### Northern Ireland

Whilst there is continuing political stability in Northern Ireland, there remain a few who would wish to drag the province and its people back to the dark days of the past. A recent bomb discovered near Newry in County Down was planted with the objective of killing Police Officers. The bomb contained more explosives than the Omagh bomb that killed 29 people and two unborn children in 1998. There is strong support for the Police across the entire community but it is only the prayers of Gods people that can bring true safety and security. There also remain in Northern Ireland strong lines of division that run through society and separate communities. The needs for healing and reconciliation and for a building of trust and respect remains great. We need to pray that the Lord will raise up strong leaders, Christian men and women, to bring the people on the next stage of their journey towards true peace and that their human efforts will be underpinned and

blessed by the supernatural presence of the Holy Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 5:18 & 19 (KJV)**

*And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

**A starting appoint for prayer:** Heavenly Father, we thank you the degree of peace that you have brought to Northern Ireland and for the answered prayers of your people who have long knelt before your throne in intercession for this troubled land. We pray for the Police that you will afford them your protection and that you will grant them the insight and knowledge to thwart the efforts of evil men and to apprehend those responsible for planning and executing acts of violence and extremism. It is our fervent prayer that you will anoint Godly leaders who will have the faith and boldness of David to lead the people forward and to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and beyond. May this place become a shining light through which your healing and redemptive powers will be revealed to the wider world. (Luke 21:28) Amen.

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