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Since a politician may need to work long hours when Parliament is in session, a holiday must surely be really welcome and much needed! Consider our leaders as they have had to curtail holidays and as Parliament was recalled amid a crisis situation in the UK! Indeed, they are in the full swing of things already and situations in the world and in the nation are moving fast!



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

We meet on Tuesday nights



Unrest On The Streets

The recent riots have taken many by surprise, especially the criminal aspects of them. It is one thing for people to protest, but quite another for people to loot and steal, to say nothing of the extremes of violence we saw in some quarters.

Many have prophesied that such things were coming to this nation, and now many are trying to understand how this came about, and, perhaps more urgently, how to prevent a repeat. Some point to the breakdown of the family and the lack of male role models for youngsters, and the gang culture that has risen up to take the place of family and father.

Others would also acknowledge the failure of the Church to make clear that God is a Judge - a righteous Judge - and so perhaps there is no fear of judgement.

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: Lord our righteous Judge; we have failed to sound loud and clear the prophetic call to right living and to fulfil our responsibilities. We know that Jesus said that the love of most would grow cold as lawlessness increases. In Your mercy cause our love to burn HOT! May we hear Your calling as people taking the name of Jesus, and humble ourselves and pray and seek your face and turn from the wicked ways of this world; then You will hear from heaven and forgive our sin and heal our land. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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



Continuing Concerns About Corruption

Even now, hardly a week passes without further allegations being made about scandals and corruption among politicians, including relationships with the media and possible complicity in torture (driven perhaps by business interests). Whether it is a matter of truth coming out or organised campaigns against particular politicians and parties, Christians are commanded to pray for our leaders, not to speak ill of them!

Proverbs 11:11 (NKJV)

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

A starting point for prayer: Merciful Father, direct our leaders in ways of truth and righteousness. Free them from the snare of greed and self-interest. Grant them the courage to resist temptation and the integrity of heart to stand firm in their dealings with those who seek to manipulate them. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Financial Uncertainty - The Euro And The U.S. Dollar

"The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil," says Paul in 1 Timothy 6:10. And Ecclesiastes 5:10 says, "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless."

The whole of the Euro zone is in crisis. Many in Europe are urging that the Euro should be abandoned. Many here are urging that we

should leave the EU.

A starting point for prayer: Lord open the eyes of our leaders and grant them wisdom in all their dealings regarding finance. Help us to avoid being caught up in greed and self-interest, so that we may allow our leaders to do what is needed without complaining: but help them to be fair and balanced in their actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Northern Ireland

Continuing terrorist attacks against the Police and serious rioting in parts of Belfast have reminded us this summer of the need to continue praying for God's peace to become firmly rooted in Northern Ireland. There remain a small minority of people on both sides who look to the past and see violence as the most effective way of pursuing their political aspirations. The most effective response is for the Leaders to work together to build a 'shared future' and to tackle the causes of division which the terrorists seek

to exploit for their own ends.

Numbers 6:25-26

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

A starting point for prayer: Lord we pray that You would help the Church and Political Leaders in Northern Ireland to tackle the root causes of division and sectarianism that continue to separate communities. Confound the plans of those who would seek to use violence to destabilise communities and protect the men and women who serve those communities in the Police Service of Northern Ireland. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Instability in Northern Africa And The Middle East

The changing situation in a number of North African countries may well have significant implications in regard to Israel - already unrest in Egypt is causing concern. Also, a serious decision will soon be facing our leaders in connection with the proposed recognition of a Palestinian state by the U.N. Whatever we may feel about the plight of those living in Israel who see themselves as Palestinians, God has warned of dire consequences if anyone divides the land (Joel

3:2, "I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.") Our leaders need heavenly wisdom, as well as the courage to withstand pressure if it should come.

A starting point for prayer: Lord Almighty, God of Israel, in Psalm 83:4 we read, "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel's name is remembered no more." Do not allow the plans of those who would oppose Your will succeed. Show Your mighty hand and let the world see that Your Word stands forever! Amen.



Crisis In Eastern Africa

While thousands starve, the media turns its attention to newer stories. Our Government promises financial aid but we ourselves can all too easily forget to show compassion in action. Bring peace and deliverance to the needy in those places where war and strife enslave the people in poverty and hunger.

A starting point for prayer: Lord, God of compassion, You command us to "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." (Psalm 82:3-4, NKJV). Lord, soften the hearts of the hard-hearted; grant compassion to the uncaring and generosity to the selfish. May we too encourage such qualities by our example! In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

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