

PRAYING ALWAYS

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We continue to live in turbulent times and the need to pray is more urgent than ever. I believe, God has said that he is shaking the nation to bring us back to a realisation of our need for him. The pandemic continues, our climate is unpredictable, more and more people are living on the bread line and are struggling to make ends meet. Homelessness remains a huge problem. There is more and more despair, causing mental health problems, putting even greater pressure on our NHS.

Only God has the answer. We must keep praying for people to turn to God and repent of their sin, enabling them to find the peace and security they so long for. Pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep through our church, taking us back to the roots of John Wesley, and our nation to our Christian heritage.

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WEEK 1 | THE CHURCH

- 1. Repentance:** Moving away from biblical holiness; not truly seeking God's will; doing things in our own strength, rather than God's; denying the power of the Holy Spirit. (Proverbs 28:13; Acts 3:19).
- 2. Church Leaders:** the President and Vice President of Conference, Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton; Chairs of District, Superintendents, Presbyters, Deacons and lay workers; Local Preachers and leaders of worship. (Proverbs 3: 5-6; Micah 6:8).
- 3. Scriptural Holiness:** A return to Scriptural Holiness; a renewed passion for preaching the gospel; for the centrality of prayer at all levels within the church; for the Holy Spirit to fall, burning up all false teaching and ideologies. (2 Corinthians 7:1; Psalm 139:23-24).
- 4. The work of MET:** For the 3R's: re-kindling of the Wesleyan vision, renewing the Wesleyan mission and raising up of a new generation of Wesleys; moving forward into the future; for David Hull as Chair; Derek Balsdon as Development Worker; the trustees; the executive committee. (1 Chronicles 16:11; Colossians 1:9-11).
- 5. Mission and vision:** renewed vision; a seeking of God's will for the Church connexionally; empowerment of the Holy Spirit; boldness to evangelise our communities in creative ways. (Isaiah 61:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:1-5).
- 6. Cliff College:** Ashley Cooper as Principal, and all the staff; a continuation of the authority of scripture to be upheld; students to grow in biblical faith; good opportunities to put their learning into practice. (Hebrews 4:12; John 8:31-32).
- 7. Young people:** Nathan Veall, seeking to reach out to the Rising Generation; The WHOTWAY initiative; all who work with children and young people; clear biblical teaching; inspiration and guidance through the Holy Spirit. (Psalm 119:9-16; 1 Timothy 4:11).



WEEK 2 | GREAT BRITAIN

- 1. Covid Pandemic:** Give thanks for vaccines; for continuing protection, especially from the Omicron variant; for those suffering from Long Covid; mental health issues, particularly amongst young people; a stop to all misinformation. (Romans 15:13; Psalm 62:5-6).
- 2. NHS and Social Care:** Doctors and nurses battling with Covid on top of trying to reduce the backlog of those waiting for other treatments; adequate funding for Care Home staff; adequate staffing levels in hospital and Care Homes; care packages and help for vulnerable people to allow them to return home. (Isaiah 40:28-31; Matthew 11:28-30)
- 3. The Government:** Wisdom for the Prime Minister and all members of the Cabinet; justice in all policies put forward; an encounter with God and a returning to our Christian heritage. (1 Timothy 2:1-4; Psalm 2:10-12)
- 4. Revival:** A realisation across the country of the need for God, that only he has the answers to the complex issues facing our country; for the Holy Spirit to convict people of corporate selfishness, pride, greed, arrogance, self-righteousness, and egotism. (Matthew 6:33; Jeremiah 29:11-13).
- 5. Charities and foodbanks:** Necessary funding; support in reaching those who are struggling with many and varied needs; those reaching out to the marginalised and vulnerable; the homeless. (Matthew 25:34-40; Deuteronomy 15:11).
- 6. Gangs, Knife Crime and County Lines:** Youngsters caught up in gang culture and the related problems of knife crime and drug abuse; those trapped in County Lines; the police dealing with these issues. (Psalm 140:6-8 & 12; Psalm 9:9).
- 7. Relations with the EU:** Particularly France and the issue of migrants; migrants on the Polish border; fishing rights; the Irish protocol; unity after Brexit. (Proverbs 15:1-2; James 1:19-20).



WEEK 3 | THE NATURAL WORLD AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- 1. Repentance:** Forgiveness for: our abuse of our planet; our ravaging of its resources; destruction of its eco-systems; pollution of the land and sea, causing reduction in biodiversity. (Isaiah 24:4-6; Revelation 4:11)
- 2. COP 26 Agreements:** For nations to commit to the pledges made; reduction in carbon emissions; protection of communities and natural habitats; commitment to release finance to poorer nations; collaboration and the working together to bring meaningful change. (1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 3:8-9).
- 3. Carbon emissions:** An urgency among Governments to act collaboratively; new technologies to reduce these emissions; financial guarantees from wealthier nations to enable poorer nations to make greener and more sustainable choices. (Jeremiah 2:7).
- 4. Rising sea levels:** Those living in low lying coastal regions; sufficient aid for those affected; climate refugees. (Proverbs 31:8-9).
- 5. Illegal logging:** financial help to tackle the problem; perpetrators to be brought to justice; protection of habitats and the extinction of wildlife, adding to the problem of increased carbon emissions and rising sea levels. (Nehemiah 9:5b-6).
- 6. Plastics:** Commitment worldwide to reduce and even eliminate all plastics; for environmentally friendly materials to be found; political will around the world to bring in legislation and funding enabling this to happen; the clearing up of polluted habitats. (Galatians 6:2).
- 7. Changing weather patterns:** Areas where there is hardship owing to natural disasters; new strains of crops to stand extremes of weather; farmers coping with these extremes of weather. Cry out to the Lord for mercy. (2 Chronicles 7:14).



WEEK 4 | WORLD ISSUES

- 1. The Persecuted Church:** Afghanistan and other Islamic controlled countries; basic human rights to be upheld; justice and fair treatment; other countries around the world where Christianity is suppressed; release of those in detention; strength and resilience for those suffering. (Isaiah 41:9-11; Romans 8:35-39).
- 2. World poverty:** People living in abject poverty; finance from governmental bodies to tackle these issues; provision for those facing starvation; adequate sanitation and housing; health care; refugees. (Psalm 9:18; 1 John 3:17-18).
- 3. War torn areas of the world:** Those who have lost everything; refugee camps, especially in Yemen; compassion amongst the richer nations to offer sanctuary; adequate aid where there is famine and disease; justice and relief for the helpless. (Psalm 55:22; James 1:14-17).
- 4. Relief and aid agencies:** Rich nations to support poorer nations and charities supporting the oppressed; access to those who need aid the most; adequate funding to made available. (Isaiah 58:9b-10; Proverbs 19:7).
- 5. Those living under repressive regimes:** Nations where there is little or no democracy, particularly Hong Kong where it is under threat, Russia, Myanmar, Belarus and North Korea; those detained for speaking out; exposure of injustices; governments to take action. (Luke 12:11-12; Romans 1:18).
- 6. Natural disasters:** Those across the world who have experienced earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, and drought; financial and mental health support; aid agencies working to alleviate the suffering; finance to re-build infrastructure, particularly in poorer nations. (Nahum 1:7; Psalm 46:1-3).
- 7. Terrorism:** For perpetrators of terror to encounter God; for victims to find peace; regimes across the world which encourage acts of terror; cyber-attacks. (Isaiah 55: 6-7; Romans 12:17 -19 & 21).