



PRAYING ALWAYS

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'When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast'. These are the words, originally written by Ada R. Habershon, of a song sung by Keith and Kristyn Getty. They are words I feel we all need to hold on to in these difficult days through which we are living. We are living in unprecedented times with all that is happening across our nation and, indeed, the world. It seems that almost every day something else happens and we lurch from one crisis to the next; everything seems to be constantly changing.

Our God, and our faith in him, is the one constant that never changes. Whatever happens and whatever life throws at us,

God is there to help us through these difficult times. He is the one constant who never changes, and who will never let us down. It is comforting to know we have our God by our side though thick and thin, and the power of the Holy Spirit helping us through. When we pray to him, he will always listen to us, and when we ask, he will always answer, even if it is in ways we don't expect. We have a truly amazing God, and he will hold us fast through these difficult times. Nothing can separate us from his love (Romans 8:38-39).

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WEEK 1 | THE CHURCH

Every day: for a deepening of discipleship and Christlikeness in our own lives, in the churches of which we are a part, and across the whole church, for personal renewal and corporate revival.

- 1. Repentance:** The acknowledgement of sin and the need for repentance; we repent of moving away from biblical truth and holiness; of denying the Holy Spirit's power; of not seeking God's vision for the church. (2 Peter 3:16-18; Proverbs 28:1).
- 2. Church Leaders:** The President and Vice-President of Conference, Rev Gill Newton and Deacon Kerry Scarlett as they take up their new roles; the Secretary of Conference, Jonathon Hustler; all in positions of leadership. (Acts 20:28-30; Proverbs 3: 5-6).
- 3. Scriptural Holiness:** The wind of the Holy Spirit to fall, bringing holiness and a rediscovery of the understanding of grace; the centrality of prayer within the church; a thirst for biblically based preaching and a passion for seeking God's truth in scripture. (Matthew 7:15-23; 1 Peter 1:13-16).
- 4. Mission and evangelism:** Those serving overseas as mission partners; for a dynamic and renewed vision and boldness for reaching out to communities; strategies based on biblical teaching; God's power to bring about revival. (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 10:13-15).
- 5. The work of MET:** The 3R's: re-kindling of the Wesleyan vision, renewing the Wesleyan mission and raising up of a new generation of Wesleys; God's provision, vision and guidance for the future; for David Hull as Chair, and for Chris Briggs as he prepares to take on the role of Chair; the trustees and the executive; Revive Prayer Conference 17th - 19th November. (Isaiah 41:9-13; Hebrews 10: 22-24).
- 6. Cliff College:** The principal, Ashley Cooper, and the staff; mission opportunities; the uptake of students on both residential and on-line courses; protection over all of Cliff's work. (Psalm 25: 4-5; Colossians 3:23-24).
- 7. Children and young people:** Nathan Veall, seeking to reach out to the younger generation; inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit for all youth and children's workers; clear Biblical teaching; protection from erroneous teaching and false doctrine. (Proverbs 22:6; Matthew 19:13-14).



WEEK 2 | GREAT BRITAIN

Every day: for a deepening of discipleship and Christlikeness in our own lives, in the churches of which we are a part, and across the whole church, for personal renewal and corporate revival.

- 1. National Leaders:** Wisdom and strength for the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak and all cabinet members; a return to God at the centre of government and the formulating of godly policies; courage and boldness for Christian MP's to speak out against injustices; the Royal family; integrity and justice; artificial intelligence. (Zechariah 7:8-10; Proverbs 28:2).
- 2. Social unrest:** The economic crisis; growing social discontent across the nation; those struggling with increasing debt, particularly mortgages; charities seeking to help, particularly Christians Against Poverty; adequate resources for Foodbanks; a turning back to God. (Deuteronomy 28:1-3; 1 Peter 5:6-7).
- 3. NHS & Social care:** The backlog of those awaiting treatment, exacerbated by strikes; better communication between the various departments - children's services, social services & mental health; care packages for the vulnerable, adequate funding. (Psalm 91:1-2; Nahum 1:7).
- 4. Revival:** A recognition across the country of the need for God, and an awareness that he alone can answer our needs; for the Holy Spirit to convict people of corporate selfishness, pride, greed, arrogance, self-righteousness, and egotism. (Matthew 6:33; 1 John 1:5-10).
- 5. Immigration:** Wisdom for the government in how to tackle the situation; those fleeing persecution in their own countries; the exploitation of those crossing the channel in small boats; bringing to justice criminal gangs perpetrating the exploitation and suffering of vulnerable people. (Leviticus 19:33-34; Zechariah 7:9-10).
- 6. Gangs, knife crime and County Lines:** Youngsters entangled in gang culture; knife crime and drug abuse; County Lines; those reaching out to young people, giving positivity and purpose; for the Christian message of hope to reach all young people. (Psalm 145:17-20; Psalm 107:13-16).
- 7. Christians in the workplace:** Those struggling to stand up for Christian values in workplaces, especially in media and education; for their integrity to shine out; courage and boldness to speak out against injustices; protection against false accusations and lies. (Isaiah 43:1-3a; Psalm 27:1-3 & 5-6).



WEEK 3 | WORLD ISSUES

Every day: for a deepening of discipleship and Christlikeness in our own lives, in the churches of which we are a part, and across the whole church, for personal renewal and corporate revival.

- 1. The Persecuted Church:** Islamic controlled countries and dictatorships; justice and upholding of basic human rights; exposure of discrimination and inequalities; strength and resilience for those suffering. (James 1:12; Romans 8:35-39).
- 2. Russia/Ukraine war:** For de-escalation of the conflict; the Russian people detained for speaking out against the invasion; exposure of Putin's lies and a continued weakening of his grip on the Russian population; strength and resolve for Ukrainian troops and people. (Psalm 55:16-19; Psalm 31:14-15).
- 3. War torn areas of the world:** Refugee camps; adequate resources for relief and aid agencies to tackle famine and disease; safe access to areas of greatest devastation; those affected to find their hope through the redemptive love of Jesus. (Proverbs 14:31; Psalm 121).
- 4. Natural disasters:** Climate refugees, especially those who have lost their land due to rising sea levels; aid agencies working to alleviate the suffering caused by natural disasters, in both financial and mental health support; the will of world leaders to tackle underlying causes. (Galatians 6:2; Acts 20:35).
- 5. World poverty:** People living in poverty; compassion and aid from the richer nations; provision for those facing starvation; adequate sanitation and housing and health care; support and resources for those charities tackling the situation. (Proverbs 11:24-25; 1 John 3:17-18).
- 6. Terrorism:** Perpetrators of terror to encounter God; victims to find the peace of the Lord; change to those regimes across the world that encourage acts of terror; cyber-attacks and international espionage. (Psalm 34:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7).
- 7. Those living under repressive regimes:** Nations where there is no democracy, particularly Hong Kong, Russia, Myanmar, Belarus, North Korea and Islamic states; those detained for speaking out; access to basic human rights; exposure of injustices; governments to take action. (Proverbs 31:8-9; Psalm 72:12-14).



WEEK 4 | THE NATURAL WORLD & CLIMATE CHANGE

Every day: for a deepening of discipleship and Christlikeness in our own lives, in the churches of which we are a part, and across the whole church, for personal renewal and corporate revival.

- 1. Repentance:** Forgiveness for our abuse of the planet; our ravaging of its resources; destruction of its ecosystems; pollution of the land and sea; reduction in biodiversity. (Isaiah 24:4-6; Revelation 4:11).
- 2. Give thanks:** For initiatives tackling our exploitation of the planet bringing renewal and change; conservation areas on both land and sea; projects supported by A Rocha. (Psalm 33:6-9; Jeremiah 10:12).
- 3. Britain:** To commit to pledges made to reduce carbon emissions; increased commitment to recycling and up-cycling; legislation to prevent sewage being dumped in rivers; public resolve to halt the littering of the environment; strategies to increase biodiversity. (Genesis 2:15; Psalm 104:24-25 & 30).
- 4. Carbon emissions:** The pioneering of new technologies to reduce emissions; an urgency among governments to act collaboratively; financial guarantees from wealthier nations to enable poorer nations to make greener and more sustainable choices. (Hebrews 11:3; 1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- 5. Despoiling of the earth:** Illegal logging; rising sea levels and those living with the consequences; loss of habitats and extinction of wildlife; destruction of ecosystems; pollution of land and sea. (Nehemiah 9:6; Jeremiah 12:4).
- 6. Plastics:** Worldwide commitment to reduce all plastics; funding of initiatives to discover environmentally friendly alternatives; the clearing up of polluted habitats. (1 Timothy 4:4-5; Jeremiah 32:17).
- 7. Changing weather patterns:** Areas affected by extremes of weather - soaring temperatures & flooding; resources to combat the underlying causes; new strains of crops to stand extremes of weather; farmers coping with these extremes of weather. Cry to the Lord for mercy. (2 Chronicles 7:13-14).