



# PRAYING ALWAYS

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'Be Holy for I am Holy' (Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15) is a phrase which keeps coming back to me. Our nation, and indeed the church, are far from being as God would have us be. To be holy means to be set apart from sin and impurity, to be set apart for God in every aspect of life, fully dedicated to him. As Christians we are adopted as children of our heavenly father. As such, we need to be holy - at least keep striving towards that.

Sadly, we are not living as God expects. Through the many words and pictures God has given me over the past few years, I believe he is about to act, which hopefully will cause people to re-evaluate their way of thinking. I pray that it does. We do

not have an easy time before us, either in the church or nation, as God shakes them to the core - God's words not mine! Back in August 2022, God gave me a picture of people falling from tall towers - 'ivory towers' was the phrase which came. I believe that time is at hand. We need to pray that as human structures fall and crumble, people will realise that trusting in their own strength and ideas is futile. It is only God's wisdom that can fix our many troubles. Prayer for revival is vital, and for people to turn to God in repentance and prayer.

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## WEEK 1 | THE CHURCH

- 1. Repentance:** The acknowledgement of sin and the need for repentance; moving away from biblical holiness; denial of the Holy Spirit's power; not seeking God's vision for the church. (Isaiah 1:16-20; James 4:4-10).
- 2. Church Leaders:** The President of Conference, Graham Thompson and Vice-President, Anthony Boateng; the President Designate Gill Newton and Vice-President Designate, Kerry Scarlett; all in positions of leadership. (Proverbs 16:3; Phil 4:6-7).
- 3. Scriptural Holiness:** The centrality of prayer within the church; renewed passion for preaching the gospel; the wind of the Holy Spirit to fall, bringing holiness; a thirst for seeking God's truth in Scripture. (James 1:5-8; 2 Timothy 4:1-5).
- 4. Mission and evangelism:** A searching of God's vision for our church; a re-discovery of the understanding of grace; the need for the power of the Holy Spirit; Hope Together, especially HOPE 23-24. (Ephesians 2:4-10; 2 Timothy 1:6-7).
- 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; the trustees and executive; the AGM in May; those struggling with Methodism's direction of travel and seeking a new way forward. (Joshua 1:6-9; Hebrews 13:20-21).
- 6. Cliff College:** The Principal, Ashley Cooper, and the staff; mission opportunities; the uptake of students on both residential and on-line courses; Cliff Festival, Eden Restored, 26th-29th May 2023; protection over all of Cliff's work. (Psalm 127:1; Romans 10:13-15).
- 7. Children and young people:** Nathan Veall, seeking to reach out to the younger generation; inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit for youth and children's workers across the connexion; clear Biblical teaching; protection from erroneous teaching and false doctrine. (Proverbs 2:6-8; Titus 2:6-7).



## WEEK 2 | GREAT BRITAIN

- 1. The Government:** 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; for Christian MP's; integrity and justice; the new first minister for Scotland. (Deuteronomy 28:1-2; Philippians 2:1-5).
- 2. Social unrest:** The economic crisis; growing social discontent across the nation; those struggling with personal debt; charities seeking to help, particularly CAP (Christians Against Poverty); adequate resources for Food Banks; a turning back to God. (1 John 3:17-18; Acts 3:19).
- 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. (Proverbs 3:5-8; Isaiah 30:15a).
- 4. The Royal Family:** King Charles III following his Coronation; a transforming encounter of the Holy Spirit; harmony and healing within the wider royal family; wisdom in moving forward. (Proverbs 8:14-17; Psalm 51:10-12).
- 5. Northern Ireland:** Minister for Northern Ireland, Chris Heaton-Harris; unity amongst political parties; the outworking of the Windsor Framework; the Devolved Government; continued peace within the nation. (Matthew 19:26; 1 Peter 3:8-9)
- 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. (Matthew 11:28 -30; Luke 10: 1-3).
- 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. (2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 6:10-12 & 18).



## WEEK 3 | WORLD ISSUES

- 1. The Persecuted Church:** Islamic controlled countries and dictatorships; upholding of basic human rights; exposure of discrimination and inequalities; justice for those in detention; strength and resilience for those suffering. (1 Peter 5: 6-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:3-4).
- 2. Russia/Ukrainian war:** For de-escalation of the conflict; the Russian people detained for speaking out against the invasion; exposure of deception and a weakening of tyranny; strength and resolve for Ukrainian troops and people. (Psalm 33:13-16 & 18-22; Romans 1:18).
- 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. (Psalm 121; Psalm 55:22).
- 4. Natural disasters:** Those suffering from earthquakes and other disasters, particularly Turkey and Syria; those affected by rising sea levels; aid agencies working to alleviate the suffering; finance to re-build infra structure, particularly in poorer nations; the will of world leaders to tackle underlying causes. (Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:12-13).
- 5. World poverty:** People living in poverty; compassion and aid from the richer nations; provision for those facing starvation; adequate sanitation and housing; health care; support and resources for those charities tackling the situation. (Matthew 25:34-45; Psalm 140:12).
- 6. Terrorism:** Perpetrators of terror to encounter God; victims to find the peace of the Lord; change to regimes across the world encouraging acts of terror; cyber-attacks. (Galatians 6:7-8; Colossians 3:25).
- 7. The world economic situation:** For world leaders to seek divine wisdom rather than human wisdom for solutions; courage for bold decisions; a global move for populations to seek godly solutions. (Psalm 33:10-11; 1 Timothy 2:1-4).



## WEEK 4 | THE NATURAL WORLD & CLIMATE CHANGE

- 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 around the world addressing some of the issues; the planting of new areas of rainforest; the great green wall across Africa, bringing life back to degraded landscapes; conservation areas on both land and sea; projects supported by A Rocha; pray for other such initiatives. (Psalm 33:6-8; Jeremiah 10:12).
- 3. Britain:** Realistic targets for the reduction of carbon emissions; our 'throw away' society; legislation to prevent sewage being dumped in rivers; public resolve to halt the littering of the environment; programmes to increase biodiversity. (Genesis 2:15; Psalm 104:24-25 & 30).
- 4. Carbon emissions:** 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; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14).
- 6. Plastics:** Worldwide commitment to reduce all plastics; the finding of environmentally friendly alternatives; political resolve to generate legislation and funding enabling this to happen; the clearing up of polluted habitats. (1 Timothy 4:4-5; Galatians 6:2).
- 7. COP 22 Agreements:** Implementation of formulated decisions; an urgency among governments to address the state of our planet; to become wise stewards of the natural world and its resources; commitment to release finance to poorer nations; collaboration and the working together to bring meaningful change. (Genesis 2:15; 1 Peter 3:8-9).