



# PRAYING ALWAYS

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I don't know about you, but for me, watching the news at present seems to be a depressing experience. Wars, famine, earthquakes, storms, fires, floods and oppression seem to be becoming more and more common across the globe. Whilst thinking and praying about all this, the Lord's word came to me...

*This is the last of the last days. What is happening, has to be. Pray for those who are caught up in these horrors. The nations are in turmoil and in their anguish, they need to turn to me and seek my face. The way ahead will then become clear to both individuals and nations.*

*There will be wars, earthquakes and famines, fires and floods. There will be much suffering and hardship. My world has been abused and now the consequences are coming to pass. In this time, richer nations must support and help poorer nations to alleviate this suffering. My compassion must be shown, so the people will turn to me and find the peace for which they so hunger.*

*Ultimately, my will, will be done, but the turmoil of coming days will cross the globe. You must pray for eyes to turn to me. I am the only way to find true freedom and respite from the relentless disasters coming. I am coming soon, maybe sooner than people think. The way needs to be prepared and the gospel preached everywhere. The end is coming soon.*



## WEEK 1 | THE CHURCH

1. 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; an openness to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit (Proverbs 16:3; Philippians 4:6-7).
2. For a true repentance of wrong teaching and a failure to follow true biblical teaching. A thirst among people of all ages for biblical knowledge; a turning back to our roots and the teachings of Jesus, as John Wesley called for (1 John 2: 15-17; Psalm 51:7-12).
3. As a church we will learn once again how to listen for God and to be obedient to his voice; a thirst for prayer and an expectancy to hear God speaking to his people; for God's Spirit to sweep through the church, bringing revival and a vibrancy amongst God's people (John 16:13-15; James 1:5-8).
4. Renewed vision and a seeking of God's will for individual churches and across the Connexion; empowerment of the Holy Spirit, revitalising biblical mission and evangelism into our communities without fear of discrimination and political correctness (Psalm 118:6-7; 2 Timothy 1:6-7).
5. The work of MET going forward; the 3R's: re-kindling of the Wesleyan vision, renewing the Wesleyan mission and raising up of a new generation of Wesleys'; the Remaining Faithful Network; David Hull as Chair; Derek Balsdon as Development Worker; Marian Izzard as Administrator; the trustees; all on the executive (Joshua 1:6-9; Hebrews 13:20-21).
6. Pray for inspiring leadership among children and young people, enabling meaningful and creative ways of reaching out to them with godly values, bringing them into a meaningful relationship with God; for Nathan Veall as he seeks to reach out to the Rising Generation; the WHOTWAY initiative (Isaiah 43:1-3; Titus 2:6-7).
7. Pray protection for our young people against wrong teachings given in secular society and for enablement to discern lies, deceit and erroneous philosophies and ideologies; for courage and determination to stand firm on their beliefs and faith in face of opposition (Proverbs 2:6-8; Isaiah 54:17).



## WEEK 2 | THE COUNTRY

1. Give thanks for progress made against COVID-19; the efficacy of the vaccines; continuation of improvements and uptake of vaccines; those who are spreading misinformation about the vaccines; no spike in infections as winter approaches; those suffering from Long Covid (Psalm 107:1; Romans 15:13).
2. The Government; those making decisions at national level - Boris Johnson, Rishi Sunak and Sajid Javid and all members of the Cabinet; for just decisions and a turning back to our Christian roots in all policies put forward (Zechariah 7:8-10; Isaiah 30:21).
3. The NHS and social care; finance and adequate funding; doctors and nurses to find the respite they need; the problem of the backlog of people awaiting treatments/operations following COVID-19; for creative and workable solutions to be found (Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 23).
4. Those living in poverty and on the bread line. Charities and food banks trying to alleviate hardships; the homeless; the need for affordable housing and rental properties; homeless shelters; appropriate help from the government to tackle the underlying issues causing the rise in poverty (1 John 3:16-18; Deuteronomy 15:10-11).
5. Gangs, knife crime and County Lines; youngsters caught up and trapped in these cultures; the police dealing with these issues; the breaking up these organisations and bringing to justice of those exploiting the vulnerable (Psalm 130:1-2; Psalm 107:13-14).
6. Children and young people who are suffering from anxiety, depression, and associated illnesses; underlying causes to be identified and for specialist help to be available at an early stage; for people to reach out to help these vulnerable young people (Luke 12:6-7; Isaiah 41:10).
7. Schools, colleges and universities; adequate resources and funding staffing levels, that young people would be enabled to catch up on missed learning, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds (Mark 10:27; Philippians 4:19).



## WEEK 3 | GLOBAL WARMING AND THE NATURAL WORLD

1. Forgiveness for being bad stewards of our planet; our ravaging of its resources; destruction of its eco-systems; pollution of the land and sea, causing reduction in biodiversity, ruining habitats, and endangering many species of animals and plants (Isaiah 24:4-6; Revelation 4:11).
2. UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) 31 October - 12 November: the goals in reducing carbon emissions, protection of communities and natural habitats, mobilisation of finance to tackle the issues, working together to deliver into the future; for nations to commit and come to agreement in meeting these goals and carrying them out into the future (1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 3:8-9).
3. A reduction in carbon emissions and an urgency among governments to act collaboratively; for new technologies to reduce these emissions; financial commitment from wealthier nations to enable poorer nations to make greener and more sustainable choices (Jeremiah 2:7).
4. Those whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by rising sea levels, especially those living in vulnerable low-lying areas. Pray for aid to prevent climate refugees (Proverbs 31:8-9).
5. Countries where illegal logging is rife; funding to tackle the problem, saving the loss of habitats, preventing the extinction of wildlife who add to the problem of increased carbon emissions and rising sea levels (Nehemiah 9:5b-6).
6. 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 (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 to the Lord for mercy (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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## WEEK 4 | WORLD ISSUES

1. Afghanistan: persecuted Christians and other minorities within the country; rights for women and girls; justice and fair treatment of all individuals. Pray for the Taliban to keep their promises of release for those who have permission to leave and no recrimination for those left behind, who worked for foreign governments; for ways and means to bring these people to safety; for leaders to have a revelation of Jesus Christ, changing their ideology and thought patterns (Acts 9: 1-3; Psalm 9:7-10).
2. The persecuted church across the world, especially in Islamic controlled countries: release of those in detention; strength for these suffering people to find comfort and peace through the Holy Spirit, despite the conditions in which they find themselves (Psalm 145:17-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:2-4).
3. Continue praying for people across the world living in abject poverty; governmental bodies to tackle these issues head on, along with the associated problems of starvation, inadequate sanitation, disease and unsatisfactory shelter; for richer governments to provide aid to these people who have nothing (James 2:5; Psalm 140:12).
4. Aid agencies as they seek to alleviate suffering amongst the world's poorest of the poor; adequate funding and personnel to reach out to help these people in practical and imaginative ways, bringing hope to these beleaguered peoples (Luke 12:33-34; Isaiah 58:10).
5. Those living under repressive regimes, especially those detained for standing up for democracy, particularly Hong Kong, Russia, Myanmar and Belarus; the exposure of injustices, for governments to stand against such injustices and for the rights of those who find themselves powerless (Isaiah 41:10-11; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10).
6. Those across the world who have lost everything through natural disasters - fires, floods, storms and drought; financial and mental health support for victims; aid agencies trying to alleviate suffering in difficult circumstances; finance to re-build infrastructure, particularly in poorer nations (Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:12-13).
7. Refugees and those displaced for whatever reason: for compassion among the nations; adequate supplies of food; shelter and sanitation; for these people to find the safety and security they deserve and the necessities of life (Psalm 121; Colossians 3:12).