

Prayer for Parliament

Notes of Prayer Meeting 14th January 2015

No MP's were able to be with us on this occasion. **Jeffrey Donaldson** and **Jim Shannon** are currently very busy in Northern Ireland where much negotiation is underway. There was a time recently when the future of the Assembly was in question unless the Budget could be agreed. They still have to reach agreement about flags and parades, and dealing with the past. Although there is often a deal of 'tit-for-tat' in such situations, and the behaviour of some politicians has been described as childish, the fact is that it all has immensely serious implications. In addition to all that, there is still violence, whether sectarian or criminal. Much prayer is needed, for all Northern Ireland's MLAs and MPs!

Fiona Bruce, too, was busy elsewhere, being involved in a debate to do with 3 parent children. She is said to be exhausted! Pray that she will be able, in the right way, to get information into the Committee working on 3 parent children and embryo research - that the Lord will make a way, and that she will see ahead with wisdom. Let us ask the Lord to bring confusion to the enemy! She is also hoping for a debate on North Korea - and asks for prayer for that nation.

Other news; Holocaust Memorial Day is January 27th.

The Government is said to have been underhand in regard to DNA research and so on, and to be acting illegally in this connection.

The Zionist Federation's 'Israel Lobby Day' is on Wednesday February 4th.

We recalled Iran's nuclear ambitions and their ideology concerning bringing on an apocalypse so as to bring in their 'Messiah.'

Scriptures shared; Isaiah 59:14-21, a cry for justice. (Note that the Captain of the Lord's Army wears the same helmet of salvation and breastplate of righteousness as we do - He gives us intercessors His mind and heart - but it is we who have to fight, with the weapons He has given us) Isaiah 60:1, 'Wake up, Church! Overcome!' We do not pray harm onto anyone but look at Psalm 5:10 and Psalm 54:5. Remember, praying the Word is very powerful!

The prayers:

for the House of Lords discussing the Paris terrorist attack (as we met) - for wisdom and guidance.

For the House of Lords Committee regarding the Assisted Dying Bill (January 16th).

For Israel and Islamist extremism there and elsewhere.

For the restraining of evil intent - Isaiah 60:17 b-18: to expose the works of darkness - the Lord to be our Defender - for 'restraining orders' on terrorism.

For France's leaders as the spirit of the Revolution is being honoured, but secularism has nothing to offer! That France will bring God back into leadership

That the UK too would turn back to God, that He will open the eyes of our leaders.

For places of safety for Muslim converts.

For wisdom and mercy for UK leaders, to see what happens in France and Syria and take action.

For the fear of the Lord rather than the fear of man.

For survivors of the Holocaust and for ministries that seek to help Jews in need, and returning to Israel.

For our Police in dealing with people in regard to street preaching, Islam, and so on.

Next Meeting. Please pray that there will not be any difficulty in obtaining a room where we may meet. There has been some difficulties recently with room being taken over for essential Parliamentary Committee meetings or other purposes.

Statement of Purpose; Since all authority comes from God (Rom 13:1), Parliamentarians carry spiritual as well as temporal authority whether they are conscious of the fact or not. This authority does not necessarily mean they automatically know how to pray since no one knows how to pray as they ought (Rom 8:26). If however, with one accord in Christ, those who have this God-given authority come together in the Spirit with anointed intercessors who have networks of prayer support across the Nation, prayer for Parliament and the whole Nation would have greater spiritual and practical accomplishment. (Acts 1:14)