

Prayer for Parliament

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Notes of Prayer Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016

Jeffrey Donaldson opened the meeting and welcomed those present (47 attended plus apologies had been noted).

Parliament News and comments:

These were interesting times following the result of the Referendum for Brexit. Many changes have taken place in the House of Commons. The result of the Referendum has shocked the UK and there was much political change with immediate impact of a new PM and changes to the Cabinet and policies.

Pray into the negotiations that will start with the EU and that GB would put back the cornerstones that it once had.

A new PM with an "open mind." There will be a big focus on Brexit and its effects. God judges nations. We need to seek direction and anointing in a special way. Maybe we will affect the world with this decision? Is it God's plan that we start sooner rather than later with Brexit? Without Him we can do nothing! Are we looking for "sticking plaster" or to heal the nation? The clash between the socially liberal and the Christian faith. Faith being suppressed, accept new liberal attitude or what? Diversity - reasonable accommodation for the faith perspectives. What does God require of us? Recognise the sovereignty of God. Religious freedom and the UK, plus a new Bill of Rights.

The turmoil within the Labour Party is not good for the country; we need an effective opposition. Sometimes God brings people to a crisis point. Pray into the political firmament - it is turning upside down.

Northern Ireland issues of same sex marriage and abortion - many court cases being brought each week! (Example with the Bakery). NI was a place where people killed each other now the value of life is being challenged. People of faith should have freedom of expression.

The UK is a haven for people seeking refuge (Jesus was a refugee for a while). Unaccompanied children (immigration) - refugee children to be able to live with any family member in UK? There are many new immigration laws for people who return to UK. The state of Syria and Turkey are very complex situations. All party meeting being held on Syria today.

Listening - always Christian's to be faithful, God is sovereign and we must wait on God for His blessing and guidance.

God's kingdom will always have opposition. Needs to be fellowship between all UK believers and the need to keep pressing for this and for unity.

The Prayers:

Jeffrey's prayer - Thanks for privilege - for God's hand on the UK and for those in authority and all in positions of responsibility to do what is right. Commit the land to God and pray for healing of the House.

11th November - Jeffrey's investiture. Honour from the faith perspective for this blessing.

Prayer for Jeffery - 2 Timothy 1-3. To renew him, with wisdom, courage and protection. Blessing on him and his family and those he works for. Jeffrey's witness to draw others to Christ - Queen is the head of UK. May the anointing on the Queen impact the nation and any attacks on her can be countered by God's sustaining grace.

Nations - blood of Jesus - intercede as Esther, Daniel and Jesus for this nation - that the PM and laws assigned are fair. How blessed and prosperous this nation would be as a Godly nation, unity of nation.

Thanks for all Christian MPs - do a new thing - a new foundation. Show us how to do better, build this land.

MEPs will be out of a job, pray for peace for them.

Theresa given this PM position - like Esther. Pray for God to come into her mind and guide her so she stands for righteousness. Save Our Nation, speak for a lost people. Pray for God to plant his Spirit in this nation. God's covenant with the land - strengthen the people.

For the Labour Party, to bring order where there is disorder, to become an effective opposition.

God is sending "fire" to the UK.

Pat and Liz - pray for their move to Devon that all goes well.

Vicky Richardson - husband passed away on 30th August - pray for peace

Scriptures Shared - Hebrews 7, Psalm 133

News Shared:

This was Bill Nelson's first meeting as facilitator and he thanked Pat Brandon for all the help in the handover and to Lady Carol Baker and June Freudenberg who were assisting him.

Bill thanked everyone for their prayers and support during his illness. His testimony emphasises the value and answering of prayer and with God's undertaking, nothing is impossible!

Future Meetings:

Location and times will be confirmed nearer each date -

- 11th October - Committee Room 6
- 15th November - Service at The Chapel of St Mary Undercroft - David Hathaway speaking - by ticket only
- 13th December - Committee Room 18

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).