

PRAYER FOR PARLIAMENT

Notes of Prayer Meeting held on Tuesday 13 th December 2016

Bill Nelson opened the meeting and welcomed those present (42 attended plus 9 apologies had been noted).

Parliament News and comments:

Kizzy Horner from Billy Graham Evangelical Association shared about their ministry in the UK; the re-evangelisation of this nation and establishing intercessor teams, as well as other key ministry personnel.

David Hathaway was just back from the Ukraine where he had been invited to a church he had previously visited. Many of these Russian speaking people came to hear his ministry and food was also distributed, with very loud shelling nearby. He was preaching the Gospel on the front line! David is calling for another day of National Prayer in Ukraine.

Aleppo and Syria When the October meeting was taking place, Parliament were debating the issues concerning Aleppo and they were also today. Pray that the fighting, destruction and deaths taking place will end. A cease fire and evacuation was immediately needed!

Sir Jeffrey Donaldson attended and welcomed all. He expressed his thanks to David Hathaway for his address at last month's service at St Mary Undercroft. Jeffrey was in Kiev for the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast after that Day of Prayer. Remember Ukraine, it is on the front line of battle in this world.

As a UK Trade Envoy to Egypt, **JD** often visits and meets church leaders. The dreadful attack last weekend in Cairo where many were killed attending church and the church roof collapse in Nigeria that claimed so many lives were noted. It is encouraging that many in Parliament are now taking an interest in the persecuted church.

As we stand in the gap for our own country, MPs in general are taking note of Christian perspectives. We highlight suffering of Christians but should also preserve our Christian heritage in the UK.

Pray for the Prime Minister and government in general.

In NI, Arlene Foster the First Minister of NI is under constant attack, as the DUP stands by its Christian principles on many issues. The so called liberal elite is using everything possible to discredit Arlene, but were unable to defeat the Party in the elections.

Jeffrey thanked all those who help run PpP, David Hathaway for encouragement, plus those that prayer walk and talk to the staff in Parliament every Tuesday. Intercessory prayer makes a difference. It feels like the man in the Psalms, arrows flying but God protects.

Spoken Prayers:

David Hathaway prayed about the miracles that take place in Ukraine. In 2014, the Church was praying in a certain town and after six months the army fled - a biblical deliverance. Now David is preaching only love for their enemy. Soldiers escorting him could not believe that DH had come, being in indescribable conditions. Only prayer could have moved the enemy out of that whole town. Calling for another day of National Prayer and praying for the end of the war and peace to come to the Ukraine. Many prayed for the debate on Aleppo and Syria and that International action would take place. Prayers for wisdom, and help. Thanks for the Christians in Africa.

Prayer for healing, redemption and restoration and the outcomes to honour the Lord.

Pray also for the Kurds and Baroness Cox and her party to Syria. Let all turn to the Bible and truth will occur in this building!

Prayer for the UK that wherever there are problems recognise that they are spiritual not political. Politicians make mistakes!

Various prophetic words about UK and its mandate to spread the word throughout the world were given. Prayer to rise again. God bless NI with the battle they are front lining against ungodly issues and strengthen Arlene and Jeffrey. With the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 to see God's hand in this nation. Prayer for the PM for strength and courage. Raise up godly people in this nation to speak out.

Protect children, God's heart is for them and the Education Committee meeting in this room next, give them wisdom. The referendums vote in Parliament last week and the result of the Supreme Court in January, that it is God's will prevailing.

Pray for Donald Trump for God to protect and give him good judgment and use him for His glory. Words of hope given by those from Ghana, walking around the UK, to draw the nation back to HIM, Christ our King.

Scriptures Shared: Psalm 2, Jeremiah 39 v 17, Isaiah 60 v 18, Haggai 2

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).