

# Prayer for Parliament

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Notes of Prayer Meeting held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

In the run up to the time of this meeting there was a sense of upheaval, confusion and concern in the British political world as a result of the approaching, then postponed. Parliamentary Vote on the Brexit 'deal' as it stood. In view of the seriousness of this situation, an extended meeting took place with the first part being held at the Emmanuel Centre, and the second part (from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm) at Westminster. In the absence of Bill Nelson who had undergone surgery earlier that day, the meeting was chaired by Rev June Freudenberg. 46 attended the meeting and 10 apologies were received.

**Another card of prayerful support** was prepared for the Prime Minister. Although at the time of the meeting there were challenges to her position, and many comments relating to her Premiership were being recorded by the Media, it was considered important to continue our prayerful support according to 1 Tim 2:1 & 2.

**Note:** In Europe, in most cases, when referring to this country, the title 'Great Britain' is used. As this country is breaking away from Europe their term of Great Britain is being used and not UK and N Ireland. For clarification, where 'Great Britain' is used, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are included.

**Attachments.** The document with the Petition and its preamble is being attached to the covering memorandum. Also attached is a copy of Chuck Pierce's prophecy.

## The Petition.

In preparing for the meeting, the example of King Hezekiah in 2 Kings 19 was an example of what to do in a crisis and a petition was prepared for the Intercessors to consider presenting before the Lord. The Petition was gone through to give intercessors time to consider what had been prepared. The six points in the petition were presented by members of the group as follows:-

- **Point 1. Sid Cordle** – felt that God's will was clearly that UK should leave the EU. This had been supported by prophetic words, so it was right to pray that nothing would stand in the way of Brexit happening.
- **Point 2. Marigold Pym** – Said that her husband, Francis (one of the original founders of PfP) would be thrilled to see so many present. Amid so much confusion and counter-claims, the only thing that would bring unity of purpose is repentance. She was aware of the way the UK had turned its back on the Commonwealth, making it easier for EU citizens to come to UK than people from the Commonwealth. Repentance was needed – that *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

**A time of personal repentance** followed in respect of personal failure. By doing nothing we had allowed ungodly laws to be passed.

- **Point 3. Georgina Danso** - Reminded us of 24 ungodly laws that had been passed since 1950. British laws had originally been based on God's laws. *Righteousness exalts a nation.*
- **Point 4. Dennis Greenidge** - said that we were in a crisis, and a crisis is where 'Christ is'! Whether the Government appears to be godly or not, they are put in place by God and are His servants. God can also use ungodly government to sanctify His Church.
- **Point 5. David Hathaway** – Reminded us that Israel was born in a day, and amidst all its failings, God has not given up on Israel. It is the same for the GB. God has not cast away His people. DH had traced back 1400 years during which God had used this nation. As the power of the Roman Empire declined here, people thought this nation was finished, but Britain was used to bring the Gospel to the whole of Europe. That mandate has not been lifted. The main problem at present is one of confusion. Strong leadership is needed, and he prayed into that.
- **Point 6. June Freudenberg** – After clarifying some points and when all were in agreement, the Petition was placed before the Lord, honouring Him and thanking Him for His Sovereignty. We were reminded not to speak negatively either about the PM or about the EU. For those who had made the petition it was not necessary to make it again. Affirming it would strengthen it in the hearts and minds of each.

**All stood to declare the Petition in unison.** A time of praise and thanksgiving followed. Scripture and words given: 2 Chron 20:16,17 *Listen..... Take up your position; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you.* Ps 67 *We are at the Red Sea, and god will part it. There is no going back.*

We believe that God heard the petition that came from our hearts as we stood before Him. This part of our intercessory time concluded with the declaration of Psalm 47 together.

The meeting adjourned at this point to allow time to walk to Westminster and for those who had other commitments to leave.

### **MEETING IN WESTMINSTER**

**Sir Jeffrey Donaldson** walked over with the group from Emmanuel Centre and was able to address them at both the beginning and the conclusion of the next meeting. He urged continued prayer, as it was only through prayer that we would be able to find a way out of the existing confusion in the nation. He urged us to pray for the Prime Minister that she would have fortitude to keep pushing, and that the EU would relent, particularly with regard to the Backstop relating to the N Ireland border which was the main sticking point.

**Prayers. (These were very detailed as seen in the following prayer points recorded.)**

#### ***For PM Theresa May***

- As Moses's arms had been upheld by Aaron and Hur until the battle was won, so we need to stand with the PM to uphold her until the battle is won.
- For strength; wisdom; fortitude; integrity; to be in line with the Lord's direction; to discern what is right and what is not; to know the way forward; for favour with EU leaders.
- Isaiah 9:7 *Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*
- At the time of this meeting, Theresa May was meeting EU leaders. Prayed in twos for those meetings.

***Members of the group committed to pray for Theresa May for a few minutes each day.***

**David Hews** joined the meeting at this point. He had been in the House when a vote on Jeremy Corbyn's motion against the Government was made. The "No's" won, but because the Government did not vote, he could not say the Government had been defeated! David and the intercessors with him had prayed the Petition in the Central Lobby so that the whole group was in unison.

#### ***For the current political situation.***

- Prayed for lies and deception to be uncovered so that truth could come forth. Lies were stirring up fear, and many in Britain were in fear at the present time.
- Prayed for healing in the nation after Brexit; also for other nations affected; for peace in Europe.
- Chuck Pierce's prophecy of a major redirection coming in London was considered.
- We must not waver, but stay focused. 2 Kings 13:15 Example of Elisha telling the King of Israel to strike the ground, but he stopped after three strikes. If he had continued, the enemy would have been completely defeated. We need to be persistent and not give up praying even when the matter seems to be concluded.
- Someone spoke of the picture of a pendulum and an axe they had seen. Time is passing! There needs to be a clean sweep to sever connections with EU. Severing needs to happen, then healing will follow.
- Prayer for a tsunami of God's perfect love to flow into the nation, and that a mighty army of God would arise.
- Prayed for a leader who would support Israel according to the Word. Also for the UK embassy to be moved to Jerusalem.
- We were reminded that as we are at the cutting edge of prayer for the nation, Satan does not like it! Prayed for protection, and exhorted all to make sure that our hands stay clean. Holiness is a pre-condition to having authority. In particular, unforgiveness could make us vulnerable if we allow it to take hold.

Sir Jeffrey rejoined us at this point and updated us. The Attorney General's legal advice was that the Backstop would separate N. Ireland from the UK, which would not be acceptable. Talks are on-going but at present the EU were saying the Backstop could not be altered. He pointed out that when Remainers went to the High court to make it possible for Parliament to block proceedings, it could have been God's provision for such a situation. He emphasised that the coming week would be crucially important.

Sir Jeffrey closed the meeting with prayer, followed by everyone praying the Lord's Prayer together.  
The meeting thus concluded with a sense of the Lord's benediction on all.