



A guide to Worship and Intercession

for the UK and Europe

About this Prayer Guide

This is a simple guide to the way in which we can pray, in these days of great opportunity and challenge. It is written for everyone who is concerned for the people of the UK and Europe and wants to unite in prayer with others.

The Referendum debate and result has left many feeling uncertain and insecure about the future. The vulnerability of our national leadership across all parties has been exposed, as has the separation, division and conflict across families, generations, local communities and nations.

We believe that God loves the UK and Europe, and that He has a purpose and a calling for the nations, which is for the good of all people. We are nations that, for decades, have turned from God's law and His ways; whereas the only sure hope of a good future for our children is through God's mercy. We, God's people, are the key, as He has promised: *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* (2 Chron 7.14).

Our starting point in prayer, therefore, is that we humble ourselves. This means that we do not look for answers to our problems, nor rely on our own understanding; not even of the way we should pray. We simply open our hearts to our loving and merciful God in repentance, worship and adoration. True worship is the essential precursor to effective intercession. The fervency and sincerity of our prayer may be increased as we consider the seriousness of the situation for our children, our grandchildren and the thousands of children among the nations whose future is at stake. As we realise our human powerlessness, we can embrace the truth that, as we worship Jesus Christ as the only Saviour, we will see His authority manifest in our lives and across the spiritual realms that govern the nations.

The unity of God's people, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, is the key factor in affecting God's will on earth. The Lord has positioned and equipped His people to engage in the spiritual battle across the nations, by enabling us to stand firm in our love for Jesus and our love for one another, for such a time as this. In particular, we must reach out and actively unite with those whom the Lord has brought from overseas to pray for the UK, and across all generations, encouraging and releasing those who are younger to fulfil their calling.

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We Worship and Pray

The following verses of scripture, and pointers for worship, prayer and action, are not intended to be comprehensive, but rather a framework through which we may be led by God's Spirit, who inspires and empowers our intercession.

- **“You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords!”** (1Tim 6.15) We proclaim the Sovereignty of God over all history and all nations. We give thanks for Queen Elizabeth II who has been a stable and faithful witness to God's Sovereignty throughout recent history. We pray 'Your kingdom come' in the midst of uncertainty!
- **“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for His judgments are true and just!”** (Rev 19.1-2) We proclaim that there is no authority except from God. We give thanks that the UK has the freedom to profess the truth and speak out for justice. We pray 'Your will be done' through all the negotiations and decisions to be made!
- **“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might...! He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding...”** (Dan 2.20-21) We proclaim that God's plan and purpose is good for us. We give thanks for those Christian believers at the heart of government who give Godly counsel. We pray 'Lord, lead us' according to your ways and give wisdom to all those in positions of authority.
- **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!... for by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation!”** (Rev 5.12,9) We proclaim the oneness of the people of God throughout the nations. We give thanks for the rich and shared Christian heritage of the UK and Europe, founded on the love of God and our neighbour. We pray 'Deliver us' from hostile and secular influences, and we pray for the love of God to overrule the fear of the stranger.

- **“The Lord is gracious, and righteous; our God is merciful!”** (Ps116.5) We proclaim the mercy and righteousness of God as the sure hope for our nation. We give thanks that Jesus Christ has secured forgiveness and reconciliation for us. We pray 'Forgive us and heal us' in the midst of the hurt and confusion many feel at this time.
- **“Your Faithfulness continues through all generations!”** (Ps100.5) We proclaim that we belong, young and old, to God's Kingdom that cannot be shaken. We give thanks for the blessing of the younger generations and the specific purposes the Lord has for them. We pray 'Restore and secure trust and hope for the future' for those young people who feel disinherited or disillusioned.



We Act

- Commit to a daily pattern of prayer that works for you. Your personal commitment in prayer is significant and is directly related to your alignment to God's purposes at this time, whatever your situation. Now is a time to be setting our hope in God, and keeping the nations in prayer.
- Meet with others to pray. Share these prayer points in your church or your prayer group, or perhaps start a prayer cell in your area. We may not agree about everything, but we can agree about the Sovereignty of God.
- Share this vision with others who are praying in agreement with one another, and with God who is in control. Affirm our oneness, as Christians, across all human divisions and boundaries, and look for opportunities to pray with those from overseas and those from the younger generations.