

Know Your Bible

Prayer for the Nation 2018

Let us take time out to pray for our Nation. **Pray** that as a country we will turn back to God and His ways. **Pray** that in our hurting society the church will reach out to many and those who are lost and hurting may turn to Jesus.

Stop, sit quietly and relax. Place before God those things that will distract you from concentrating on Him.

Verse for the year. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Meditate on these verses and let the Holy Spirit minister to you.

Give thanks for the salvation God offers freely to all (John 3:16) **Pray** for those who have not yet come to faith; in our families, among our friends, in our community, in our nation.

Pray for the church, that it will make a real impact on our society. **Pray** that in these confusing times, believers will be a light in the darkness and that the religious freedom of Christians will not be eroded. **Pray** for strong godly leadership in the church, and that all will speak out against evil wherever we find it.

Pray for all those involved in outreach; for Street Pastors, for food distribution centres and night shelters. **Pray** that through these practical expressions of love that God will bless their efforts and that many will come to know Jesus.

Pray for those people who have been forced into slavery, suffering physical, emotional and sexual abuse: *'Nothing is hidden from Your eyes and we trust You will bring justice to both the victims and perpetrators of this evil trade'*.

Pray for all those who are lonely, depressed and those whose lives are blighted by addiction and live without any hope. **Pray** that, as issues of mental health are discussed, adequate care will be provided for those who are desperate, particularly the young. **Pray** for the NHS, that more doctors and nurses could be recruited so that staff shortages will not have any lasting impact.

Pray for families in crisis. **Pray** for those who are separated from their families through divorce and broken relationships, especially for the children.

Pray for our police force and those involved in securing our nation, that the Lord will give them insights and that they will be successful in protecting and keeping us safe.

Pray for those in education that God would give them integrity and wisdom as they teach our young people in our changing society.

Pray for Theresa May and her government as they continue to negotiate with the EU for Britain's exit. **Pray** that there might be unity within the Party. **Pray** for Christian MP's that they will have opportunities to make a stand for their faith and that they will not be put in a position to have to compromise.

Pray for desperate people in many parts of the world who have been forced to flee from their homes because of fighting, persecution and violence. **Pray** that they will be sustained as they shelter in refugee camps and that they will not be abused and taken advantage of.

Pray for Christians in many countries persecuted for their faith that they will know the strength and peace of the Lord

1 Timothy:1-4 I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone; for kings and all those in authority, that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

Ephesians 6:18. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the saints.

You may want to use this as a guide to pray with your KYB group or on your own. Please feel free to take copies.

PERSONAL PRAYER NOTES