

ALL CAN BE SAVED

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring conviction of sin across the Connexion and the nation; the knowledge that all can be saved; an awakening and hunger in people to explore faith and find the saving grace of Jesus; for the transformation of lives giving fresh focus and hope in place of fear and despair. (Romans 6:23; Acts 2:38).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

Children and Young People: For youth and children's workers to be inspired by the Holy Spirit in bringing the Good News of Jesus into young lives in creative and innovative ways; protection from erroneous teaching; and for enthusiasm amongst young people to seek and find the truth and spread it to their peers, bringing revival in their generation. (Isaiah 54:13; Titus 2:6-8).

FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES

The Government: for Sir Kier Starmer and all members of the Cabinet as they discuss and formulate policies affecting the entire nation, that they may put the needs

of the nation before self-interests; a return to the Christian values on which the laws of the land were once based; Christian MP's, for their protection and their Christian values to shine out, influencing all discussions and policies. (Psalm 2:10-11; Proverbs 28:2-3).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES:

Israel/Gaza: The Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu; the worldwide rise in anti-semitism; war with Gaza; leaders of opposition groups – Hamas, Hezbollah, PLO & Fatah; adequate aid to reach civilians in Gaza; for all living in Israel and the Palestinian Territories to come to a living faith in Christ Jesus; God's will to be done; pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Matthew 24:6-9; Psalm 122:6-9).

Planet in Crisis Changing climate and the effect on wildlife on land and in oceans; cleaning up of polluted environments; loss of habitats and extinction of wildlife and destruction of ecosystems due to human activity; the will of governments to act. (Romans 8:19-22; Revelation 4:11).

ALL CAN KNOW THEY ARE SAVED

For people to have the assurance of sins forgiven; to have a certain hope of eternity and knowledge of being loved by God; for people's spirits to be in tune with God, to know what his will is for their lives; to reach out to others sharing that same assurance. (Hebrews 10: 22-23; John 5:24).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

MET Revive: Chris Briggs as Chair; for the Executive and Trustees; for wisdom and discernment on the way forward; David Hull in his Ambassador role; ongoing Bible studies and prayer meetings; Revive Weekend Conference exploring the 'Four All's of Methodism', 14-16 November – for the speakers, Paul Smith, Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman & Chris Briggs, safe travel for all. (Matthew 10:16; Hebrews 10: 22-24).

FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES

Christians in the Workplace; Those struggling to stand up for Christian values in workplaces, especially in media and education; for their integrity to shine out; courage and boldness to speak out against injustices; protection against false accusations and lies. (2 Timothy 1:7; Psalm 27: 1-5).

Immigration: Home secretary, Shabana Mamood; wisdom for the government tackling immigration and asylum seekers; those fleeing persecution in their own countries; the exploitation of those crossing the channel in small boats; the stopping of and justice for the criminal gangs perpetuating the exploitation and suffering of vulnerable people. (Leviticus 19:33 – 34; Zechariah 7: 9-10).

ALL CAN KNOW THEMSELVES SAVED TO THE UTTERMOST

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring transformation of heart soul and mind in the lives of all throughout the Connexion and beyond; a desire within individuals for a deeper spirituality and a closer relationship with God that all may know themselves saved to the uttermost. (Psalm 63:1-5; Jeremiah 29:13)

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

The Methodist Church: The president and vice president of Conference, Rev Richard Andrew and Mr Matthew Forsyth as they take up office; for a return to an emphasis of spreading Scriptural Holiness across the land; at the start of a new connexional year, for all presbyters, deacons, local preachers, and worship leaders to receive fresh inspiration of the Holy Spirit; Probationers taking up their first appointments; those who have come to serve in Britain from the world church that they will adapt to a different culture and new ways of doing things. (Deuteronomy 5:32-33; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

Cliff College: Rev Dr Andrew Stobart as he takes up office as principal; uptake of students for the new academic year; continuity for both staff and students in a new 'phase' of the college; suitable placements for students to reach out to communities; for adequate funding and resources. (Romans 10:13-15; Hebrews 13:20-21).

FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES

Education: Minister for Education; schools across the country – good curriculum content; the Cass Report to be upheld and enshrined in law; universities – all students, especially those attending for the first time; Christian unions reaching out with the gospel of Christ, for their protection; for an openness among the student population to the gospel and eagerness to find out more; courage for all Christian teachers and lecturers to stand up for Christian values. (Jeremiah 29:11; Colossians 2:8).

Anti-social Behaviour: Creative solutions to the underlying issues which are causing a rise in crime and lawlessness in parts of the country; the tackling of gang culture, knife crime and the use of drugs and alcohol; for youth workers reaching out to those stuck in the cycle of violence, drug and alcohol abuse, particularly Christian youth workers; for perpetrators to find new direction, focus, and positivity in Christ, transforming their lives; support for victims. (Psalm 34:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES:

Russia/Ukraine: Pray for President Volodymyr Zelensky in the volatile situation he faces; for Ukraine to receive the necessary resources they need; the pushing back of Russian aggression; for a fair solution for peace to be found acceptable to Ukraine; Christians on both sides of the war and for their protection, especially for Russian Christians in a repressive regime; the Russian Orthodox Church to be true to biblical truth. (Psalm 55:22-23; Romans 1:18).