

THE QUIET REVIVAL

Thank and praise God for the awakening which is happening amongst our youth; pray for this to spread from young person to young person and upward to older generations; for churches and individuals to take seriously the discipling of these young people, seeking God earnestly in how best to do this, relying totally on him for the right strategy and resources to make it happen (Matthew 11:29-30; Hebrews 13:20-21).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

Repentance: An acknowledgement across the Connexion of the move away from biblical holiness; the admission of sin and the need for repentance; confessing all denial of the Holy Spirit's power; going our own way rather than seeking God's vision for the church; for the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit to touch every congregation up and down the land with his purifying power (James 4:4-10; Proverbs 3:5-7).

Children and young people: Inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit for all youth and children's workers across the Connexion; clear biblical teaching; protection from erroneous teaching and false doctrine; for the work of Scripture Union and all who reach out to schools (Proverbs 22:6; Mark 10:13-16).

FOCUS ON THE NATION

Political Landscape: A recognition of the dangers posed by a complete ban on conversion therapy and the 'no loopholes risk'; protection of children and teenagers from sexual distortions; the rights of Christian parents to teach biblical truth; freedom for the gospel to be preached across our land; for God to reign supreme over all legislation (1 John 2:15-17; Romans 1:18-20).

Social Reform: Creative solutions to deal with the crisis in mental health services; the prison system and all who work in it – especially chaplains & Lord James Timpson, minister in charge of prisons; integrity and uprightness in the criminal justice system and of all serving in the police force (Romans 15:1-2; Philippians 2:3-4).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES

War torn areas of the world: All fleeing conflict to find refuge; refugee camps; adequate resources for relief and aid agencies to tackle suffering, famine and disease, especially Christian organisations; safe access to areas of greatest devastation; those affected to find their hope through the redemptive love of Jesus (Proverbs 14:31-32; Psalm 9:9-10).

Planet in Crisis: Give thanks for initiatives tackling our exploitation of the planet; the planting of new areas of rainforest; the great green wall across Africa, bringing life back to degraded landscapes; conservation areas on both land and sea; projects supported by A Rocha; pray for other such initiatives (Psalm 33:6-9; Psalm 19:1-4).

The tide is turning: Give thanks for this move of God creating an openness to the gospel message in the population; pray for people to take up the challenge of finding simple ways of reaching out to local communities; for motivation and an excitement to pray regularly for revival, especially for those who live close by, those using church premises for different activities (Isaiah 43:18-19; Colossians 4:2 & 5-6).

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The Methodist Church: The President and Vice President of Conference, Rev Richard Andrew and Mr Matthew Forsyth; Secretary of Conference, Rev Dr Jonathan Hustler; for all presbyters, deacons, Local Preachers, and Worship Leaders to be set on fire by the power of the Holy Spirit, bringing the word of God to congregations in new and dynamic ways (1Peter 1:13-16; Acts 1:8).

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National Leaders: Integrity and justice, wisdom and strength for the Prime Minister, Sir Kier Starmer and all cabinet members; a return to God at the centre of

Government and the formulating of godly policies; courage, wisdom and discernment for Christian MPs; the Royal family (Psalm 2:10 -12; Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

Sanctity of life: Pray for the upholding of the sanctity of life with regards to abortion and the assisted dying bill currently being debated in the House of Lords (Psalm 139:14-16; Genesis 4:8-10).

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Ukraine/Russia: Pray for President Volodymyr Zelensky in the volatile situation he faces; for Ukraine to receive the necessary resources they need; for a de-escalation of the war and a fair solution for peace to be found acceptable to Ukraine; the threat of increased espionage across Europe from Russia: the influence of President Donald Trump (Psalm 33:13-16; Psalm 46:8-11).

Disaster areas of the world: Flooding in Asia; fire in Hong Kong; hurricane affected areas, especially Jamaica; pray for people who have lost everything; aid to reach those most affected; re-building of shattered lives; for victims to find their hope in Jesus (Acts 20:35; Galatians 6:2).

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MET:Revive: Rev Chris Briggs as chair; for the trustees and Marian Izzard as administrator; wisdom and discernment on the way forward; Rev Dr David Hull's role as ambassador; ongoing Bible studies and prayer meetings; MET South West Conference in Torquay, 23-25 January 2026, 'Heroes and Villains' – pray for the speaker Derek Burnside in his preparations; safe travel for all (Isaiah 41:9-13; 2 Corinthians 9:8-9).

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Revival: A crying out for God's intervention in our broken society, bringing about a transformation into every aspect of life across our land; for people to find the hope and love they crave in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:1-4; Joel 2:28-29).

Immigration: Minister in charge of immigration, Shabana Mahmood; wisdom on the way forward; those fleeing persecution in their own countries; the exploitation of those crossing the channel in small boats; good working relations with France to tackle

the issue; the bringing to justice of the criminal gangs perpetrating the exploitation and suffering of vulnerable people (Leviticus 19:33-34; Zechariah 7:9-10).

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The persecuted church: Focus on North Korea, the country where the persecution of Christians is most extreme according to 'Open Doors'. Pray that God will give N. Korean Christians eyes to see his light in the darkness; for the estimated 400,000 secret believers; for God to refresh courageous believers with his peace; for Open Doors, Barnabas Aid and Release International as they reach out to persecuted Christians across the globe.

Focus on Somalia: The second most dangerous country globally for Christians; pray that secret Christians would know they are not alone; for God to protect those in danger of attacks from the Islamic extremist group al-Shabaab; for secret believer parents to have wisdom as they teach their children about Jesus (James 1:12; Matthew 10:18-20).