PRAYER FOCUS

ALDERSGATE RENEWAL MINISTRIES (ARM)

Give thanks for the work and vision of ARM, for David Winstanley and all on the ministry team. Pray for more opportunities and openings to share the power of the Holy Spirit with churches across the nation; for a realisation in all churches that there is more to Christianity. Pray for greater power and fulfilment through the Holy Spirit, and a deep yearning to seek it (Romans 8:11; John 16:13-15).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

MET:Revive: Pray for Chris Briggs as Chair, and for the trustees and office holders, and for David Hull in his role as the MET:Revive Ambassador. Pray for the weekly Bible studies and prayer meetings. Pray for the Revive Gathering weekend (13-15 November), focusing on 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me' with speaker Andrew Roberts, and for safe travel for all (Isaiah 41:9-13; Hebrews 10:22-24).

Revival: Pray for the wind of the Holy Spirit to sweep through the church, bringing transformation and vibrancy to local churches throughout the land; for the church to regain confidence in the power of the gospel message and to proclaim it with passion (Romans 1:16-17; John 3:16-17).

FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES

The Government: Pray for Prime Minister Andy Burnham, and all members of the cabinet as they discuss and formulate policies affecting the nation, that they will put national interests before their own advancement. Pray for a recognition that Jesus Christ is the true hope for our nation, and that all our leaders will recognise his authority and pattern for our lives. Pray for God to reign supreme over all legislation, and for Christian MPs, that their integrity will shine out, influencing all discussions and policies, and for their protection (Proverbs 11:1-3; Philippians 4:8)

Anti-social behaviour: Pray for creative solutions to the underlying issues which are causing a rise in crime and lawlessness in parts of the country. Pray for the tackling of organised crime gangs, knife crime and the use of drugs and alcohol; for youth workers – particularly those who are Christians – reaching out to those stuck in the cycle of violence, drug and alcohol abuse. Pray for perpetrators to find new direction, focus, and positivity in Christ, transforming their lives. Pray for support for victims; for the police force on the front line as they tackle these issues (Luke 19:10; Isaiah 55:6-9).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES

Natural disasters: Pray for those caught up in natural disasters across the globe: wildfires, flooding (Tibet & Nepal), drought (Europe & Britain), tornadoes, volcanic eruptions (Venezuela), and earthquakes. Pray for God's peace where loved ones have been lost along with all material possessions; for the resources to enable people to rebuild their lives; for solutions to tackle the causes where our warming, changing climate has exacerbated situations; for victims to find hope, reassurance and love in Jesus (Romans 15:13; Isaiah 43:1b-3).

PRAYER FOCUS

THERE'S MORE, SO MUCH MORE

Pray for all parts of the church to seek deeper faith, from the leadership to people sitting in the pews; the raising up of more people willing to speak boldly about receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit; for an awareness of the intensity of the spiritual battle and of the necessity for complete and continued reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit and closeness to our Lord, through prayer and Bible study (Acts 2:38-40; Matthew 10:16-20).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

Children and young people: Pray for the Methodist Youth President, Genesis Padgett; for all youth and children's workers across the Connexion; for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide children and young people into biblically based teaching. Pray for 3Generate (2-4 October); for all young people to find the joy of a loving relationship with the Lord Jesus and to spread the Good News enthusiastically to their peer groups (Matthew 18:5-6; Titus 2:6-8).

Local Churches: For every member and attendee of the church to have a desire to read and study the Bible and a thirst for prayer, to seek the power of the Holy Spirit, to seek God's agenda and strategy for each individual church, to eagerly desire biblical holiness (Luke 11:9-10; Matthew 24:12-13).

FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES

Political Landscape: Pray for the promotion of and funding for hospices and End of Life Care; for the protection of children and teenagers from all sexual distortions; for the rights of Christian parents to teach biblical truth; for freedom for the gospel to be preached across our land (Genesis 1:27; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

Terrorism and National Security: Pray for the perpetrators of terror to encounter God, and for victims to find healing and peace. Pray for a change to regimes across the world which encourage acts of terror, cyber-attacks and international espionage, particularly from Russia. Pray for a readiness in the nation to combat any attack to our national security (Proverbs 28:13: Acts 3:19).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES

Planet in crisis: Give thanks for initiatives tackling our exploitation of the planet to bring renewal and change – for conservation areas on both land and sea; for projects and initiatives seeking to bring change and restoration to stricken areas. Pray for a worldwide commitment to reduce all plastics; for the world to wake up and take seriously the stress the planet is under, and to commit to the funding of initiatives to bring about improvements including the clearing up of polluted habitats (1 Timothy 4:4-5; Isaiah 24:4-6).

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Focus on Eritrea, the fifth most dangerous country in the world for Christians. Pray for hope and freedom for the many imprisoned Christians who exist in appalling conditions. Pray that God will provide for the daily needs of Christians who are arrested or detained; that President Afwerki's heart will be turned away from oppression and toward the love of Jesus.

Focus on Syria, the sixth most dangerous country in the world for Christians. Pray for the shocked and frightened survivors of the Damascus church attack in June 2025, particularly as they are still under persecution. Pray that Christians who live with constant uncertainty will know God as their rock; that new believers rejected by their Muslim families will find love and fellowship (James 1:12; Hebrews 12:2-3).

PRAYER FOCUS

KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE

Pray for all God's people to have a 'simple' faith which aims to focus entirely on God's agenda, and that they will be alert to the smallest prompt of the Holy Spirit. Pray that all workers for Christ will have the courage to step out in faith into whatever God may be asking, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that he will help them to be diligent in prayer, constantly seeking his guidance (Psalm 25: 4-5; Hebrews 13: 20-21).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

The Methodist Church: Pray for the President and Vice-President, Rev. Mark Slaney and Caroline Stead, for inspiration, wisdom and discernment through the Holy Spirit, and for safe travel as they move around the Connexion. Pray for all Presbyters, Deacons, Local Preachers, and worship leaders to receive fresh inspiration from the Holy Spirit at the start of a new Connexional year. Pray for probationers taking up their first appointments, and for those who have come to serve in Britain from the world church, that they will adapt well to a different culture and new ways of doing things (1 Kings 3:7-9; Acts 20:28-31).

Cliff College: Pray for Rev. Andrew Stobbart as Principal; for all students in a new academic year, especially those who are new to the college, for suitable placements where students can share their faith and love of Jesus, and for adequate funding for all courses (Romans 10:13-15; 2 Timothy 4:1-4).

FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES

Education: Pray for Lucy Powell, the Education Secretary, for protection for our children and young people against harmful ideologies, that the proposed introduction of witchcraft and paganism to the syllabus of the religious education curriculum will be strongly rebuffed and not tolerated, that all curricula will be honouring to God (Mark 9:42; Colossians 2:8).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES

War torn areas of the world: Pray for the de-escalation of all conflicts, especially Russia/Ukraine, Israel/Gaza, and Sudan, for wisdom for peacemakers, for truth and justice to prevail over lies and deceit, and for God's will to be worked out in individual situations (Psalm 121; Psalm 55:22-23).

World poverty: Pray for people living in abject poverty through no fault of their own, for compassion and continuing aid from richer nations, for those who are forced to live in refugee camps, that they will have adequate food, sanitation, housing and health care, and for support and resources for charities tackling these situations (Matthew 25:34-45; Psalm 140:12).