

7-DAY PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE

During this week of prayer for parliament and government, why not set aside 5 minutes each day to pray for politics, political leaders, and Christians working in these areas?



DAY 1

Sun 7th June

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT

Prayer for your local MP

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority..." (1 Timothy 2: 1-2)

MPs are our elected representatives; they are also human beings with high pressure jobs, families, hopes, dreams, and concerns. Pray for your MP (and their family) that God would bless them and use them to be a blessing, both locally and in their work in parliament.

DAY 2

Mon 8th June

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT

Prayer for our parliament

"By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just; by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth." (Proverbs 8: 15-16)

We are fortunate to live in a free democratic society which rests on broadly Christian foundations. Give thanks for this freedom, and pray that Christian MPs will grow in numbers and influence across all of the political parties.

DAY 3

Tue 9th June

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT

Prayer for Christians working in government

"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4: 14)

Christians working in the political parties and the civil service can have a strong positive influence on policies and public services. Pray that God will strengthen them to be a faithful servant and witness in their work place, and a voice that is willing to speak up at the right time.

DAY 4

Wed 10th June

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT

Prayer for political leaders

"He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." (Daniel 2: 21)

Political leaders matter, both for the power they exercise and the moral direction that they bring to the nation (for better or worse). Pray for our Prime Minister and the cabinet, that they would show wisdom, character and integrity, serving and leading in a Godly way.

DAY 5

Thu 11th June

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT

Prayer for your local Councillors

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city... Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." (Jeremiah 29: 7)

Many local councillors serve their communities faithfully with little thanks! For some this is also a 'route in' to other political roles. Give thanks for the work of your local council, and ask that God would use them to help bring peace, prosperity, righteousness, and hope to your 'city'.

DAY 6

Fri 12th June

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT

Prayer for political issues

"And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?" (Deuteronomy 4: 8)

Political decisions affect key biblical issues like justice for the poor, the moral character of the nation, and freedom to proclaim the gospel message. Pray for effective Christian presence and influence in political debate, and for laws and policies which reflect God's word and wisdom.

DAY 7

Sat 13th June

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT

Prayer for the local church

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ... You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5: 13-14)

Local churches make up by far the largest voluntary and community organisation in Britain, but we often fail to use the voice this gives us wisely or effectively. Pray that churches in your area will recognise the political realm as a 'mission field' and rise up together in prayer and action.