

At **12** noon on Wednesday **12<sup>th</sup>** December **2012** Christians across the UK will be praying for the future of our nation.

### Why not join in?

Could you take **12** minutes to pray for our nation on **12/12/12**?

Meet with others or pray alone. If you can't pray at **12** noon, then why not find **12** minutes at another point in the day?

### Here are some ideas ...

#### One Minute for Each ...

1. **Government:** Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers
2. **Parliament:** Your MP, MEP and devolved assembly members (e.g. MSP, AM or MLA)
3. **Local Authority:** Your local Councillors, Chief Executive and staff of local authorities
4. **Education:** Headmaster, governors and staff of your local school
5. **Media:** National and local journalists
6. **Police:** Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable and police officers
7. **Courts:** Judges and Magistrates
8. **Prison:** Prison Governors, prison and probation officers
9. **Welfare:** Social workers
10. **Health:** Medics and management of your local hospital
11. **Family:** Married couples, parents and families in your area
12. **Church:** local Church leaders

### Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Why not take a few minutes to pray through the Lord's prayer and the implications of each line?

- **Give thanks** for the strong Christian heritage that we enjoy in the UK and for the way in which the gospel of Jesus Christ has so shaped our society, for the good of all.
- **Pray** that the church may speak with clarity, compassion and courage of Jesus Christ and the values that flow from Him. Pray also that His voice may be heard and heeded. Pray that God may bring repentance and revival to our nation and especially the next generation.
- **Pray** for those who exercise authority in our society, that they may recognise the rule of the Lord Jesus Christ and that they might govern with wisdom, justice and kindness.
- **Pray** for those who have lost jobs and suffered damage to their careers, reputations and livelihoods for seeking to live according to biblical teaching in their workplace and public service. Pray that they may know God's provision and peace.
- **Pray** that current proposals to redefine marriage and family will not be successful.

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.*  
(1 Timothy 2:1 – 6 NIV)