CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE WEEK OF PRAYER

"We have to pray with our eyes on God and not on the difficulties"

Oswald Chambers

Sunday 28th April

OUR LEADERS

Christians are commanded to pray...

Pray first "...for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" 1 TIMOTHY 2:2

Please pray:

For the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, his Government ministers and the leaders of the opposition parties;

For the First Ministers and governments at Holyrood, Stormont and Cardiff;

Giving thanks for believers serving in our parliaments, as civil servants, or with other responsibilities of public office;

That God would bless all our national and local representatives with wisdom and integrity to restrain evil and promote what is good.

Monday 29th April

SOCIETY

Christians must resist the secular thinking on moral issues that is corrupting society. "...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" MATTHEW 5:16

Please pray:

Thanking God for his good gift of marriage;

That illegal drugs would not be decriminalised;

For the media to cover issues of concern to Christians accurately and fairly;

For Evangelicals to stand firm on moral issues;

For true repentance and spiritual revival in the UK.

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Tuesday 30th April

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Human life is precious because we are made in the image of God. "...your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." PSALM 139:16

Please pray:

That an imminent attempt to give women in England and Wales the unconditional freedom to kill their babies up to birth would fail;

That amendments to reduce the abortion limit to 22 weeks would be accepted;

With gratitude that euthanasia and assisted suicide are still illegal in the British Isles. Pray they remain so;

For a change of heart in those campaigning to undermine the sanctity of life.

Wednesday 1st May

SCHOOLS

Schools are under constant pressure to promote LGBT ideology.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them'" MATTHEW 19:14

Please pray:

Giving thanks that draft Government guidance steers English schools away from affirming a child's belief they are the opposite sex;

That the guidance is not watered down, that it is fully implemented, and for its positive aspects to be replicated across the rest of the UK;

That the Government issues improved guidance on sex education in England in time for the next school year;

With thanksgiving that so many people have raised concerns over NI sex education. Pray that future guidance continues to allow parents to withdraw their children;

That the final version of revised sex ed guidance better recognises the importance of marriage and family;

That children would hear the Gospel in school and be protected from ungodly teaching.

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Thursday 2nd May

FREE SPEECH

Gospel freedom and free speech are being undermined by the illiberal idea that everyone has the right not to be offended. "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this

Please pray:

That the Government's new definition of 'extremism' would not lead to a clampdown on Christian beliefs;

Giving thanks for the important victory our legal team helped secure for street preacher Angus Cameron;

That our good laws on free speech — particularly the freedom to share the Gospel — would be upheld by the police and the courts;

For our work on a Street Preacher's Charter.

with gentleness and respect" 1 PETER 3:15

Friday 3rd May

CONVERSION THERAPY LAWS

LGBT activists want to outlaw calls to repent. This would outlaw the Gospel. "[God] commands all people everywhere to repent" ACTS 17:30

Please pray:

With thanksgiving that recent attempts to outlaw 'conversion practices' have been strongly opposed. They risk criminalising churches and parents that refuse to affirm LGBT theology;

That a similar imminent proposal from Alicia Kearns MP would be rejected;

That the Westminster and Scottish governments would drop their own plans for 'conversion therapy' legislation;

Giving thanks for the freedom to fulfil the Gospel's demand to call sinners to repentance.

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Saturday 4th May

THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

We treasure your prayers for us.

"...pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured" 2 THESSALONIANS 3:1

Please pray:

That the Lord would bless our efforts to recruit staff to expand our work in the Republic of Ireland;

For God's blessing on our new Wales Officer, Rhys Roberts, and his family;

For more opportunities to reach politicians and the media with our concerns;

For all the Institute's staff and Trustees as we adjust to the sudden death of our Director, Colin Hart.

