



**We seek to invite, encourage  
and enable all ages to be  
disciples of Jesus Christ.**

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Each Sunday, Christians in every part of the UK are joining together in prayer. We would like to encourage you to keep setting aside 7pm on a Sunday for prayer, no matter how long you give. As you start, you may wish to place a lit candle in the window of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ.

Here are some prayer thoughts from Rachel that you may wish to focus on.

The book of Proverbs tells us to

*'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding'*  
(3:5)

In other words, 'don't think you know it all or can solve every problem without help from God'. The next verse makes a remarkable promise:

*'In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight' (3:6)*

In other words, 'God will help you find a way forward if you admit your trust in him.'

Pray that our national and church leaders would take these verses to heart and admit their own inability to find solutions to every problem in our nation. May there be a spirit of humility and a willingness to listen and learn at every level of leadership in our nation's life.

Pray especially for those recently given new responsibilities in the Westminster government. Pray for good advisers and the ability to absorb and process all

the new information they will be receiving. Grant them good health, both of mind and body.

Pray for compassion and understanding towards those seeking asylum in our country. Bless those trying to give practical support to recent arrivals. Help our government to formulate rules which are fair and offer safe ways of applying for refugee status. Pray for peace and stable government in lands from which people are seeking refuge.

Pray for the justice system and all who work in it, from courts to prisons, as they struggle to deal with backlogs caused by Covid. Pray too for those awaiting trial whose lives are on hold until their guilt or innocence is decided, also for the impact on their families.

All our public services require additional funding. Pray for those trying to find ways to achieve that. Grant that a consensus may emerge in society as to what can reasonably be provided through taxation.

Pray for real commitment from national leaders and governments to solving the challenges of climate change at the COP climate conference in November. May they grasp the urgency of this issue.

Pray for those facing hardship this winter through loss of financial support and higher prices, especially for fuel. Pray that the government will find a way to mitigate these difficulties.

Continue to pray for those having to make decisions about changes in Presbytery and across the Braes churches. Help them to discern what You are saying to them.

Pray for young people starting courses at universities and colleges this month, that they may be protected from unhelpful influences and from disruption to their education because of Covid.