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## Personal Prayer

### This is War

Do you often feel left out particularly at church? Do you think others look down on you? Do you feel inferior? You don't fit in; You have nothing to contribute? Whatever you do is never good enough? What if I fail?

STOP – LISTEN – THIS IS WAR

And the battlefield is our minds. The enemy loves to fill our minds with his lies and has been doing it all our lives until we are so used to hearing them and feeling this way that we accept it as truth.

WE BELONG TO CHRIST AND CHRIST LIVES IN US

By committing our lives to Christ, we have tied our colours to His standard and are immediately vulnerable to attack in the form of negative, joy-stealing thoughts designed to immobilise and belittle us.

THIS IS A STRONGHOLD. REFUSE TO ALLOW THESE THOUGHTS TO TAKE HOLD IN YOUR LIFE

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

Philippians 4:8

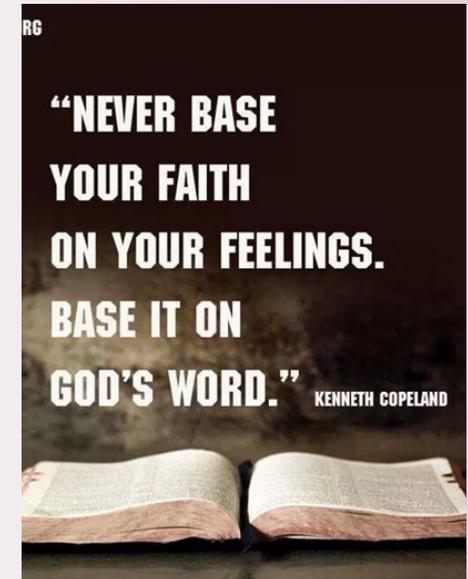
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Lord, show me where there are strongholds in my life and give me the strength and courage to see them and take action against them. Fill my heart and mind with truth and the sure knowledge and peace of your love. May I not take on the spirit of condemnation which continually prowls outside the door of my mind. May my life reflect the true glory of your spirit within me. Help me to accept the blessings and joy that you long to pour out into my life and to walk deeper and closer with you all the days of my life.

Amen

## Prayer Focus September 2014



# Family Under Fire – The Persecuted Church

*“God has not given me a spirit of fear but one of power, love and a sound mind.”*

II Timothy 1:7

## IRAQ

The Reverend Canon Dr Andrew White is the Chaplain of St George’s Anglican Church in Baghdad, Iraq.



He has led the church in the heart of Baghdad, since 1998 and divides his time between Iraq and the UK. When not in Baghdad or travelling,

Andrew’s home base is in Hampshire with his wife Caroline and his two sons Jacob and Josiah. He has warned that Christianity in Iraq could be close to extinction. He has said numbers in St George’s Baghdad had decreased from 6,500 to 1,000. There is no solution in a place where you cannot even have a government."

"We just need prayer and money to keep going, that is all, that is everything."

When he is there Andrew lives under lock-down and curfew in the church, and is brought food by members of the local community .

"The only answer is that we stay together, we keep loving each other and loving God, that is all we can do.

"Things are so desperate, our people are disappearing. We have had people massacred, their heads chopped off.

"Are we seeing the end of Christianity? We are committed come what may, we will keep going to the end, but it looks as though the end could be very near."

Christian communities in Iraq are among the oldest in the world, dating from the beginning of the Christian calendar.

### Andrew offers some prayer points:

Pray for the protection of us and all Christians here.

Pray for our Provision that we may be able to help all in need at this desperate time.

Pray for our Perseverance that we and our people will not give up the spiritual fight before us.

## Home Family

### Pray for Our Vision

#### Greater Impact Beyond the Church

*‘The community around will be impacted by the love of Jesus shown through the people of WBC. Our activities will be relevant and practical, providing guidance for living in today’s society and pointing the way to faith in Christ.*

Pray for Terry Golding as he leads in this area of our Church ministry. Please pray that the Lord directs all of us into areas and to people that need to hear the gospel the most. Please pray that a committed team will come forward to support and work with Terry.

### Life Coffee

From Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September every other week, Jo Wise and Molly Wilkie are hosting a coffee morning for local people who may be open to hearing about Jesus. The mornings will be a chance to foster friendships and share something of our faith in a short talk or testimony.

Please pray for this fantastic venture that it reaches into the heart of our community and introduces Jesus into lives that are desperately in need of His touch. Pray for Jo and Molly to be anointed with the Holy Spirit in this venture and that they are sensitive to his leading. Please pray that the mornings will be richly blessed with fun and laughter, growing true friendship and more disciples of our living God.