

countless areas where God's decrees and commandments are not being adhered to in our society. How complicit are we if we do not pray about it?

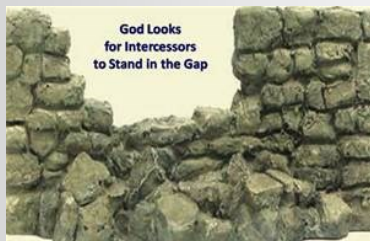
Nothing is so fatal to religion as indifference.

Edmund Burke.

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

Albert Einstein

wrote "The world is in greater peril from those who tolerate or encourage evil than from those who actually commit it."



So as God's children, let us pray for our society as well as our own needs and stand in the gap for others.

Psalms 51 is a good place to start as prayer for repentance and then maybe pray the following in the plural first person:

Show me/us Thy ways, O LORD; teach me/us Thy paths.

Lead me/us in Thy truth and teach me/us, for Thou art the God of my/our salvation; on Thee do I/we wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my/our youth, nor my/our transgressions; according to Thy mercy remember Thou me/us, for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Psalms 25:4-7

WEDNESDAY PRAYER EVENT

We will be meeting at 7:45pm on Wednesday 17th February to pray together. Please join us as we are very informal and start with a cuppa before praying however the Holy Spirit directs us. This is one opportunity for our church family to come together in friendship and pray. Remember that this is a week of prayer so if you would rather join together within your house groups or any other group to pray instead, please feel free to do so at any point in the week. Sometimes it is easier to pray with people we know and trust, but please do spend the time in prayer for you will be richly blessed.

We will spend some time meditating on 2 Chronicles 7:14



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Prayer Focus February 2016



Prayer Chain

Remember to send any prayer requests to:
prayer@wbc-ashford.org.uk

We would like to get together a group of people willing to go out and pray with people in their own homes. If you would like to offer this or if you would like someone to pray with you about a specific issue, please email the prayer chain or speak to one of the Paulas.

Prayer for Our World

TAIWAN EARTHQUAKE

Please pray as the country recovers from the recent earthquake. Please particularly focus on the high rise that completely collapsed causing such devastation.



Survivors are still being pulled from the wreckage. Please pray that the authorities

will get to the bottom of how and why the building was constructed so poorly and ensure that regulations are adhered to in future.

ZIKA VIRUS

Please pray for all those affected by the Zika virus. May the parents find comfort and the



authorities continue to provide ongoing care for the children born with birth defects. There is concern that the mosquito will spread the virus to other countries. Pray for the scientists who are searching for answers and a way to combat this devastating disease.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The night shelter has started and we are two weeks in. Please pray for this initiative and also spare a thought for the guests and how they spend the rest of the year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- That all who volunteer will be able to converse easily with the guests and that good relationships will develop.
- Give thanks for the number of volunteers, for their willingness to serve and pray protection for them and their families during this time so that nothing gets in the way to stop them.
- Pray for peace each night so that all may get a good night sleep and stay to receive breakfast in the morning.
- Pray that all involved will be changed by the active love of God during this time and His presence be tangible every night and in every location.
- Pray for the continued welfare of the guests after the project has ended this year
- Pray that this project will continue and



lessons learned will improve the service for subsequent years.

Stand in the Gap

"The people of the land have practiced oppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have oppressed the sojourner without justice. I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:29-30

Have you ever thought of yourself as having a spiritual jurisdiction – an area where you are responsible for intercessory prayer? Maybe for your loved ones and occasionally other situations, but what about the community, WBC, the wider church, the country? Does it all get a bit dry and hard to pray for these other areas too? Do you think that job belongs to someone else who likes praying? We are the sons and daughters of God. If we don't repent and pray for forgiveness for our own sins and those sins that other people commit in our society on our behalf (such as government policies and laws that are not in accordance with God's law), who will?

The Bible has a number of examples of individuals standing in the gap – Nu 16:47-48, Exodus 32:9-11 Deuteronomy 9:24-26. Here we see individuals praying for others who have sinned and repenting for them so that they would not be destroyed. As we go about our everyday lives we can already see