UK: Government

Praying for those in Authority

As part of our 24 hour prayer, we want to come before God and lift up our government and leaders, especially at this difficult time of division and hurt. As followers of Jesus, we are instructed to pray for our nation's leadership;

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (New Living Translation)

Regardless of our political convictions, we are **united in the love of God** and should make every effort to love and support our leaders, both locally and nationally. God has placed our government here for a reason and for a purpose, and we should be thankful that we have a parliamentary system like we do in the UK.

"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God." Romans 13:1 (New Living Translation)

Here are some prayer points for you to follow, but please feel free to include your own as God leads you in prayer.

Prayer for Local Leadership

The current Member of Parliament for Cheltenham is Alex Chalk. Please thank God for him, and pray that the Lord would;
1. Guide him as he represents Cheltenham in Parliament.
2. Give him an increased passion for our community and of its needs.
3. Continue to protect him and his family at this time.
4. Draw close to Alex and reveal Himself to him.

Prayer for National Leadership

Please pray for our Prime Minister Boris Johnson, his advisors and cabinet ministers, that God would;
1. Grant them wisdom and discernment in leading the UK in such a turbulent time.
2. Give them His heart for this nation.
3. Help them in decision making regarding new policies as the country moves forward.
4. Protect them and draw close to them.