Prayer for the Nation relaunched

The national Prayer for the Nation campaign has been re-launched in response to the news that more than 100,000 people have died in the UK as a result of the coronavirus.

The Archbishops issued this renewed call to prayer outlined in their <u>letter to clergy</u>.

The campaign will run for the next few weeks at the very least, with daily themes.

As before – we are calling Christians and people of all good will, to pray for the nation in a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each day. (They can also pray throughout the day too, but this is the collective moment.)

Both Archbishops, the Church of England and TKC will be sharing regular social media posts through the duration of the campaign, which you can re-share if this is easier.

Please add the #PrayerForTheNation hashtag to your social media posts, as this makes it easier for the National Church to monitor and re-share your posts.

There are many ways that people are remembering those who have died, as well as general praying for the nation(i.e. frontline workers, the government, young people etc) such as the Diocese of Oxford's Psalm 23 – prayer for strength resource.

24-7 Prayer GB has a number of <u>creative prayer resources</u> to encourage people to pray during Lockdown such as <u>chalking the walk</u> (writing prayer messages with chalk while prayer walking); asking people to post/tie prayer requests on church railings and notice boards including a <u>virtual notice board / prayer wall</u>, posting messages of hope in your front windows or <u>setting up</u> <u>a virtual 24/7 prayer room</u>.

Here's a further selection of useful resources:

- <u>Social media assets</u> this includes the daily prayer intentions graphic and template social graphics to create your own posts. They also include previous weekly prayers for the nation. New prayers will be added to this but can also be found on the Church of England's page see the next point below. Twitter #PrayerForTheNation.
- <u>Prayer resources</u> this is the main page for the campaign online. Here you will find most of the resources you need such as NEW weekly prayers, daily biddings, family prayers and prayer booklet (as a downloadable PDF.)
- <u>Videos</u> We have a range of video reflections from senior church leaders on YouTube praying for specific daily themes and also general 'prayers for the nation.'

Day of the Week Prayer Intention / Theme

Sunday Family, friends and loved ones

Monday Schools and colleges, children and young people

Tuesday Elderly, isolated and vulnerable

Wednesday Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing

Thursday The NHS and other key workers

Friday National and local governments

Saturday All who are grieving and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health