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BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

“A promise by God is a pledge by God. It provides the warrant and forms the basis of the prayer of faith. ...The prayer of faith is the power which converts promise into performance.” [J Oswald Sanders]

Daniel 9: 1-19 is a wonderful illustration of this. God had sent a seventy year limit to Israel's exile in Babylon and had promised, “*After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform my good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place*” [Jer 29:10] **PROMISE!**

Daniel 9 begins with Daniel saying “*I Daniel understood by the books the number of years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolation of Jerusalem.*” It was now the first year of the new Persian emperor Cyrus; the seventy years were almost completed. What was Daniel's response? “*Then I set myself toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplication, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.*” [Dan 9:3] He meant business! The effect? Ezra 1:1- “*The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus King of Persia so that he made a proclamation.*” - Restoration of Israel.

A PRAYER BREAKTHROUGH.

Read Daniel 9:1-19. Let us pray that the church in Sheffield, including us, will have that same sense of urgency and capacity to lay hold of God's word and promises in or praying. That the Kingdom of God will come with breakthrough power in our city, and to do so with passion, persistence and sacrifice.

You are invited to join us at the Sheffield Cross Links office every third Wednesday in the month from 11 till noon to pray for Sheffield. For further information, or if you have prayer points for your area please ring the SCL office: 0114 2493956.



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Remembrance Sunday 8th November

On Remembrance Sunday we think about those who have given their lives in wars over the years, as well as those who continue to grieve over their lost loved ones. How can we ensure that those who have given their lives are truly honoured, not forgetting those who are risking their lives in conflicts today?

One of the great themes of the Scriptures is that God identifies with the suffering. And it affirms that in Jesus, God's son, divinity became involved in suffering and death on the cross. It is at Calvary that we see how God himself

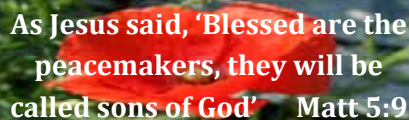
knows what it is to lose a loved one.

Please pray: for the people involved in military operations today, especially soldiers from Sheffield who going to war zones in the next few weeks.

Please pray: for people who have lost loved ones in conflicts and wars.

Please pray: for justice in our world, especially where there is inequality and conflict.

In a divided world we are also called to renew our efforts to work for peace. We need to be serious about being peacemakers, especially where it involves



As Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called sons of God' Matt 5:9

...‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’
Matthew 25:34.

PRISON WEEK 15TH—21ST NOVEMBER

As you begin the run-up to Christmas, spare a thought for those who will spend it in prison – both prisoners and staff - and their families. They need your prayers.

Please pray: for the needs of prisoners, their families and the victims of their crimes.

Please pray for prison visitors, chaplains and the staff who work in prisons. Life is not easy for any of them.

So in your prayers this month, and especially during Prisons Week, please don't forget the needs of this vulnerable, deeply needy community.

www.prisonfellowship.org.uk

LAUNCH of STREET PASTORS *'The Church in action on the streets'*

Street Pastors is an ecumenical project that works with Christians, police and local authorities. The Street Pastors go out - usually between the hours of 10pm and 4am - to look after people in the city. The ethos is 'to engage with people where they are at', particularly the marginalised or those who feel themselves to be excluded. Street pastor teams have seen some remarkable results,

including drops in crime in areas where teams have been working. Sheffield now has a team bases at Burngreave.

Please pray: for Sheffield Street Pastors, who are sacrificing time and energy to walk the streets at night; for their safety and for godly encounters.

Please pray: for Godly wisdom when encountering young people affected by alcohol, gang mentality or violent crime, and with difficult backgrounds.

www.streetpastors.co.uk

PRAY FOR SHEFFIELD

5th December '09



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FROM 9 TILL NOON on 5th DEC '09
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An Invitation from Sheffield Prayer Link to all those with a heart to see Sheffield transformed.

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Bathing our Leaders in Prayer For a Month

Each month we focus on leaders and ministers in a particular area of the city. This month we have listed the surname of *minister from S40 –45 irrespective of their denomination or stream. Please pray for the wisdom and power of God in their lives and in their preaching of the Gospel; for their health and family; for their prosperity and blessing.

BURKE. FLYNN. HUMPHRIES. BAILEY. LEWIS. KNIGHT. HOE. YATES
GARDNER. DALBY. VOGT. JOHNSON. DOHERTY. CHECKLEY. MAGEE
WILLIAMS. MILLINGTON. BERESFORD. HENDERSON. BENGER. KING
BROWNE. PINDER-POLLARD. MORTON. PICKERING. BROCK.
JOHNSON. BYSOUTH and WHITTINGTON.

*Please forgive us and pray for any leader we may have missed.



PrayDay for Schools

18 November.

www.cass-su.org.uk

Please pray: for all types of school from nursery to sixth form and the

people who get involved include pupils, school staff, governors, parents, church leaders, youth workers and anyone else who is concerned about young people.

Please pray for children's 'Light Parties' and youth Cafe's and clubs.

WHAT IS AN INTERCESSOR?

[20] One for whom praying is a way of life...

I don't know if there is a section in the "Guinness Book of Records" devoted to "The longest sentence ever." But if not, then I have a suggestion; unless I am mistaken I think that Saint Paul might well be a winner—my entry is Ephesians 1:3-14. I have examined the Greek text and am unable to find a full-stop until then end of verse 14! Commas and semi-colons, yes, but full stops, no. The point is that this is ALL PRAYER, and I'm suggesting that we dunk ourselves in the wonder of it all and make it our own. I have altered our English punctuation in line with the Greek!

EPHESIANS ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ, ⁴for he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight, in love ⁵he ⁶predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves; ⁷in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding, ⁹and he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ, ¹¹in him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory, ¹³and you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

I hope you enjoy this, for surely our praying also should be enjoyable. My love to you all. Yours in Christ. Noël.

Please pray for Noël's son, Huw, who is receiving Radio and Chemo-therapy after the removal of a tumour in his throat.