



Together in Prayer for Sheffield
and
Sheffield Prayer Link
Working together to encourage citywide prayer

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WORD AND PRAYER –BATTLE FORMATION

In his exhortation to Christians to ‘*put on the whole armour of God*’, and in doing so be equipped to ‘*stand against the wiles of the devil*’ and ‘*wrestle against principalities and powers*’ successfully, the apostle Paul links ‘*the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God*’ with ‘*and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests*’. Eph 6:17-18

J Oswald Sanders, former director of Overseas Missionary Fellowship, takes up this link and, quoting 2 Corinthians 10:4: ‘*For the weapons of our warfare are....mighty through God to pulling down of strongholds*’, he makes these comments about praying in the Spirit:

“ This is no mere praying. Only aggressive prayer based on the word of God dislodges the enemy from his citadels...Such praying releases all the resources of God and brings them into play on the field of battle. Costly? Yes, but also conquering.”

How we would love to experience all resources of God released into the spiritual battlefield in Sheffield, AND CONQUERING!

So, let us who are already committed to praying for our city, be asking the Holy Spirit to give us greater insight into how we might wield the ‘Sword of the Spirit’ in our praying with greater understanding, greater aggression and a much greater effect in dislodging the enemy from his citadels. And let us pray too that the church throughout the city will rise to the challenge to be ‘mighty through God to pulling down of strongholds’ in its commitment to Bible-based, , aggressive prayer.

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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O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant who is praying before you day and night. (Neh.1:5,6a)

**CAN PRAYER CHANGE THINGS?
ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR GOD'S
PRESENCE?**

DO YOU WANT TO SEE OUR
NATIONS CHANGED?



is a day of prayer for all Christians to unite and stand together to pray, worship and intercede for God's presence to bring transformation to our hearts, communities and nation.

at NEC LG Arena, Birmingham on Saturday 17th October 2009.

www.worldprayer.org.uk

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Student Alpha Training and Prayer Groups

Students in Sheffield are praying for young people 24 hours a day 7 days a week. They are praying for the new students arriving in Sheffield for the first time, for others starting a new academic year and for all those involved in university life.

Let us join with them in praying for every student in Sheffield, especially the Freshers, just settling into University and college life for the first time.

Let us pray for: Josh, Matt, Jess, Jenny, Joe, Asha, Noel Tim, Vicky and others, who are on the front line working and praying for students in the city.

Let us pray: for students training to lead Alpha Groups on the 24th October.

Let us pray: for Christian student groups like Agape and Synergy who are working to share the Gospel.

<http://sheffield247prayer.pbworks.com/FrontPage>

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message. (Col.4:2-3)

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 S35 & S36 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.

SHEPHERD.IMPEY. KILNER. JEANS. MITCHELL.STORDY.MANN
STAFFORD. CLAYTON. SHAPLAND. MCKEOWN. KELLEHER.
BARNARD. GREGORY. MOULES. HARNEY. MORGAN. BEGLIN.

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

PRAY FOR SHEFFIELD
5th December '09

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**SHEFFIELD PRAYER LINK
1ST ANNUAL INTER-CHURCH
PRAYER MORNING**
FROM 9 TILL NOON on 5th DEC '09
at
**WESLEY HALL, CROOKES
SHEFFIELD S10**

You are invited to join us for the *1st Annual Prayer Morning*, 'Prayer for Sheffield'. For booking details T: 2493956 or E: prayer@sheffieldcrosslinks.co.uk.

YOUTHWORK CONFERENCE

Sat 10th October

Please pray: for all Sheffield youth workers and pastors who will be attending this conference. Please pray that they will be enthused about their work and about sharing the Gospel with our young people

"Love rejoices in the truth"
1 Corinthians 13v6

**Christians in Government UK:
Week of Prayer**

28 September to 4 October 2009

Please pray: for Christians working in the Civil and Government Service throughout the UK.

please pray: that they may be able to connect faith with their working lives and make Jesus known in their workplaces and through their work. AND to see God's kingdom come and will be done in the United Kingdom and throughout the world

"SOME BOLD AND CREATIVE THINKING."

The Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft, has set up a Commission to look at the future working of churches in the North Sheffield estates area of the City. The areas involved include a population of 70,000 people in Parson Cross, Shiregreen, Brightside, Wincobank, Fir Vale and Norwood.

Martyn Snow, Area Dean of Ecclesfield, said "...The eight churches included in the review have been very faithful in their service and witness but these communities face many challenges. This is an opportunity for some bold and creative thinking." The task for the special group is to look at how the six parishes might work even more effectively together and with partners (other denominations and agencies) in the future.

Let us pray for this committee as they focus on these areas of the City, and for the work set out before them

Let us pray for these areas, the communities within them, and the Christians working among the families and neighbourhoods.

What is an Intercessor?

(19) One for whom hope is certainty.

You and I are part of the believing remnant, the LORD'S owned people, and as such our hope is a sure thing. I have been greatly blessed recently by setting my quiet time in the study of Isaiah. Please will you read chapter 9 verses 2-7

² *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.*

³ *You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,
as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.*

⁴ *For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.*

⁵ *Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.*

⁶ *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

⁷ *Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.*

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

As you read this did you notice that it is written in past tenses. Although Isaiah prophesied this about 700 years before Christ he describes the future as something that has already happened! This reveals the mind-set of a true prophet. In prayer, in his walk with God Isaiah put his mind within the mind of the LORD, just as another prophet, St. Paul told you and me to do: *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ JESUS (Phil. 2:5)*. So men like Isaiah could project themselves forward in time to discern the mighty acts that God was planning, then reveal them to us as accomplished facts. And so inspire us, saying in effect: **"Look forward to this, it is certain, He has already done it!"** Because of Isaiah's confidence in the LORD, and ours we can live in the good of what we call *revelation*, not because it will happen tomorrow, but because it is immediately evident to the eye of faith that those walking in the darkness can see the light ahead and are sustained by hope.

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With my love to you all, —Noël.

P.S. *"We have the mind of Christ"* (1 Cor.2:16) Hallelujah!