

PRAYERS FOR OUR UK GOVERNMENT, NI EXECUTIVE, COUNCIL AND POLICY MAKERS.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go." Psalm 32:8

Pause & Pray

Lord God, at this time of uncertainty, you call us out of complacency to learn new ways of worshipping, of working and of witnessing.

Help us, not to be afraid to pray boldly, and whatever challenges the future may hold, we place our trust in You. Amen

UK GOVERNMENT

Slowly read over the names below and bring each person and group to God in prayer.

Boris Johnson (Prime Minister)
 Rishi Sunak (Chancellor of the Exchequer)
 Matt Hancock (Secretary of State for Health and Social Care)

Pray for the SAGE (Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies) team which provides scientific and technical advice to support government decision makers during emergencies. Pray specifically for Sir Patrick Vallance (Government Chief Scientific Adviser) and Professor Chris Whitty (Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Health and Social Care).

Dear God, we pray for all in authority who face difficult decisions that affect the lives of many; grant them wisdom and courage. We commit to You our Prime Minister, his government officials, SAGE, and all decision makers who are leading us at this time. We pray for joined up thinking and wisdom as they seek to mobilise resources quickly and effectively to where they are most urgently needed. We pray for all those working behind the scenes; we pray specifically for good administration and execution of response. Amen

NI EXECUTIVE

Read over the names and roles of our NI Executive and commit each of them prayerfully to God.

- First Minister Arlene Foster & Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill
- Health Minister Robin Swann
- Education Minister Peter Weir
- Finance Minister Conor Murphy
- Economy Minister Diane Dodds
- Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon
- Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots
- Justice Minister Naomi Long
- Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey

Dear God, we pray for our NI Executive as they have to make decisions that directly affect our lives. We pray for wisdom, discernment, integrity in the decisions they have to make. We pray for unity and collaboration in how they work across stressed systems and structures. With heavy hearts we ask for provision and release of resources that will help maintain, protect and sustain our health service at this time. We ask for courage where courage is needed and patience where patience is required. Amen

COUNCIL AND POLICY MAKERS

Lord God, you are a God of order, we commit to You today our local council and policy makers. We pray for good working relationships, strong accountability, effective budgeting and policies that make a difference in our community. Lead and guide our councillors in ways of truth, justice and peace. Remind them of the people they represent, the democracy they believe in, and the trust that they have been given by the people. Bless every decision they make that is founded in integrity and humility and protect them from temptation to seek personal promotion or gain. Inspire them to work for the transformation of society and to campaign for the good of our area. In the name of Jesus. Amen.