

Prayer Focus 22nd July 2018

When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. Proverbs 29:18

King of kings and leader of leaders, we thank you for our government and especially for those seeking to lead with righteousness, courage and compassion.

We thank you for men and women of vision and dedication wherever we see them and wherever they are working hard beyond our sight or knowledge.

But Lord, we long for more for the UK than what we see now.

Pioneer of pioneers and Author of the very idea of having ideas,

we long for a bigger perspective

to inspire, underpin and frame our politicians' decisions.

Move them beyond party lines, pre-determined positions and their existing understanding into a more expansive vision for our nations' future which leads to excellent and just strategies, so all our people can thrive in peace and sufficiency.

Lord of lords and our only Saviour, we dare to pray for a vision that reflects you and your priorities to become the vision of our nation's leaders.

Soften their hearts to the vulnerable and open their eyes to creative, third-way solutions so Britain and Ireland might become great by your definition

and its people might have hope for their future

and the chance to be a blessing to the whole world.

Three in one and one in three, we ask for your help as your church today;

we are a house with different perspectives but we don't wish to be divided.

Show us how to have the same heart even when it finds expression in different political ideals and help us to be the bold and compassionate prophetic voice you called us to be,

as we ourselves seek to ask, listen, receive

and voice your bigger vision for our nation to our leaders. Amen.

Family Prayer News: pray for Jenny Auld who has many difficulties, Terry & Judy Bedlow following the loss of Terry's brother Frank.

Street of the Week: High Street (Herston Cross - Hillsea Road)

Last Wednesday at Prime Minister's Questions, Chris Philp, MP for Croydon South, asked about Christians around the world who are are facing a rising tide of persecution and violence.

The Prime Minister, Theresa May, responded saying, "As a government we stand with persecuted Christians all over the world and we will continue to support them. I think it is hard to comprehend today that we still see people being attacked and murdered because of their Christianity."

- Thank God for his freedom to ask such a question.
- Pray for the Government, especially the Prime Minister that these may be more than just words.
- Pray for Christian MPs.

- Pray for organisations and individuals involved in all levels of government who advocate for persecuted Christians.