



# ALTERNATIVE PRAYER GUIDELINES

## A CALL TO PRAY IRELAND / SUNDAY'S 3-4 PM

Most of the subject matter for prayer remains the same each Sunday we pray but here is a refresh with a slight update to help you in these coming Sunday afternoons. Do be innovative and vary your time accordingly and don't forget to get on your knees with us all in the final 10 minutes of our hour.

**#ACallToPrayIreland**



# INCORPORATE PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

- For all God's greatness and goodness (maybe sing or use recorded praise).
- Acknowledge that God is Sovereign over all and is Holy.

# CONFESSSION & REPENTANCE

*"For it is time for judgement to begin at the household of God" 1 Peter 4:17.*

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9*

- We must confess and repent as individuals and as the Church for how we have sinned and not lived up to our calling as 'salt' and 'light' and spiritual gatekeepers in this world. We must take responsibility for how we have not behaved as a thermostat regulating temperature but rather have been more like a thermometer reflecting the climate of society.
- May we be true and faithful ambassadors reflecting Your kingdom in this world.
- "Lord, have mercy for our wicked ways, forgive our sins and heal us".

# LONELY

*"I will never leave you nor forsake you" Hebrews 13:5*

- Pray for those living alone and enduring the effects of isolation.
- Protection and help for those who are exposed to difficult and even abusive domestic situations.
- Those with disabilities, special needs or mental health issues.
- Ask the Lord to help those depressed, suicidal and addicted.



# THE VULNERABLE, SICK & DYING

*“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit” Psalm 34:18*

- Thank the Lord that He does heal and ask Him to heal those you know and others from COVID-19.
- Protection for the vulnerable for whom it would be devastating to contract the virus.
- Elderly in care homes who are particularly vulnerable and have borne the brunt of this crisis.
- Ask Him to be near those who are dying and that they may believe in Jesus Christ for salvation.

# BEREAVED

*“Jesus wept” John 11:35*

- Pray for the many who have lost loved ones and friends.
- Pray for healing from the added trauma of the circumstances around quarantine regarding visiting the sick and the burial of the dead.

# MEDICAL STAFF, CARERS & ESSENTIAL SERVICES

*“Respect to whom respect is owed, honour to whom honour is owed” Romans 13:7*

- Give thanks for medical professionals, carers, community workers and for all their sacrifices. May they receive God's strength and protection. For all who work in hospitals, care homes and medical centres.
- For all who work in shops, transport services, the postal service, the local councils, or in the police or the fire service.



## J O B S

*“Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7*

- Pray for those who due to this pandemic have lost their jobs, been furloughed, been reduced in hours or their businesses have been adversely affected and their livelihoods threatened.

## E C O N O M Y

*“For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills” Psalm 50:10.*

*“The silver and the gold are mine” Haggai 2:8*

*“My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:19.*

- Pray that the Church would help the poor.
- The poorest and most vulnerable in society would be protected and helped.

## L E A D E R S

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

- Thank God for leaders in every sphere of our society, particularly in government and medical research. Pray for wisdom and clarity for the way ahead, particularly how to ease lockdown and deal with this virus going forward.



# TRUTH

*“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” John 8:32*

- Pray that amid so much disinformation, confusion and uncertainty, the truth will prevail in every stratum of society.

# CHURCH

*“I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*

*Matthew 16:18*

- Thank God for what He is doing in His Church in these difficult days and pray that the body of Christ will be receptive to His will in how to 'be' during this time and what kind of Church should emerge from this season.
- May there be a true revival in God's Church and an awakening in the land according to 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

# POURING OUT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON IRELAND & THE NATIONS

*“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh” Joel 2:28*

- In the light of Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit will come in great power upon all the nations of the world. May we see the Church come forth as she was meant to be and a great harvest of souls in the earth before Christ's return.