



THY KINGDOM COME

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**A Guide to 60 minutes of prayer**  
**PRAYING FOR OUR NATION**

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## **What is your nation like? (15 minutes)**

In every country there are things to thank God for and things to ask for His help with. Think about the current news stories. Think of words that describe good and bad things about your nation. Thank God for the good things you read. Ask for His help with the bad.

## **Praying for our nation (15 minutes)**

Think about the role that government plays in our lives today. Imagine a map of your nation. Think about the areas you know. Think about the place where your government meets. Pray that Jesus' Kingdom would be the foundation of law and leadership in your nation.

“The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Saviour God wants us to live.”

I Timothy 2:1-3

Look at the different parts of your country. Consider the different kinds of people that live in each region. Pray for the ones that jump out at you. Ask the Holy Spirit to move in your nation and speak out His fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self- control.

Imagine a national leader. Pray that that leader will come to know Jesus better as His Lord and Saviour. Ask God to guide your leader in justice and wisdom.

## **Pray for a friend and for an enemy (15 minutes)**

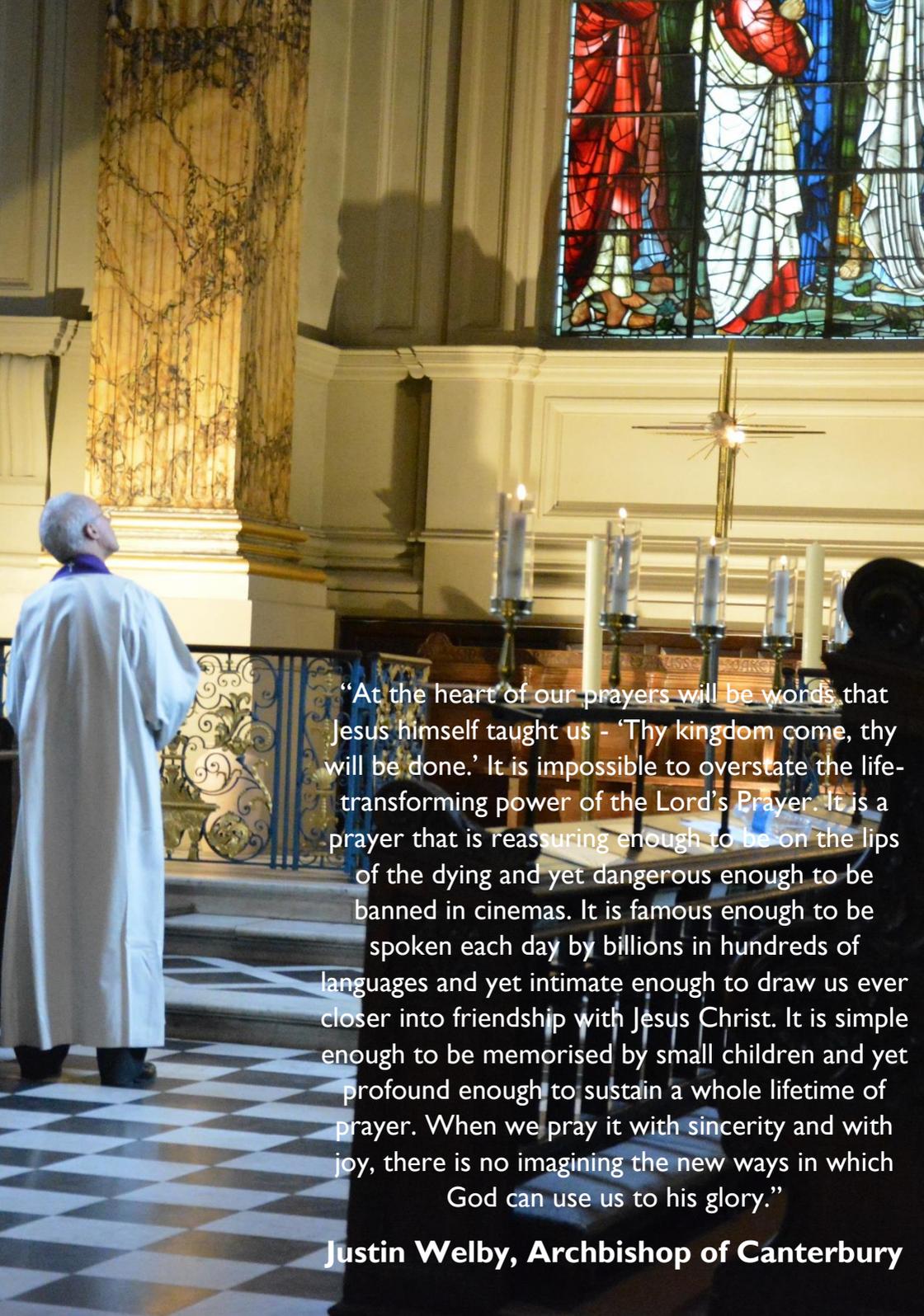
Every nation has allies and enemies. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbour (Matthew 22:38) and to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44); this can be difficult when war or oppression is at the root of dislike.

Choose a nation that is closely allied to your own, and then choose a nation that is historically or currently an adversary. Pray for God's kingdom and blessing to come in both. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pray into their strengths and weaknesses.

## **The lord's prayer (15 minutes)**

Before you leave, pray The Lord's Prayer over your nation. Don't just pray if personally but think about representing your nation. Take some time on each line adding or adapting it to your nation and its needs. Finish by praising God.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



“At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us - ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

**Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**