



THE CHRISTIAN  
INSTITUTE

# Week of prayer

SPRING 2023

JOIN US:  
16-22 APRIL

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*

1 JOHN 5:14



## PRAY FOR

Sunday  
OUR LEADERS

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OUR CAMPAIGNS

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SANCTITY OF LIFE

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MARRIAGE & FAMILY

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OUR SCHOOLS

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OUR SOCIETY

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THE INSTITUTE

Sunday

## OUR LEADERS

The authorities that exist have been established by God (Romans 13:1). They are God's servants (v6). We should pray for them.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For integrity and wisdom for the King, Prime Minister, First Ministers and all those in national and local government;
- That parliamentarians and assembly members will promote what is good and restrain evil;
- For God to raise up more leaders in our national life who follow Christ.

Monday

## OUR CAMPAIGNS

We have seen prayers answered concerning the Online Safety Bill and Scotland's 'sex swap' Bill, but the push to ban 'conversion therapy' continues.

*“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

**1 PETER 3:15b**

### PLEASE PRAY:

- With gratitude that the Government listened to many of our concerns about the Online Safety Bill and removed the parts most threatening to free speech;
- Giving thanks that the Bill will restrict content promoting violence, drugs, self-harm and suicide. Pray it would go further in protecting children from online porn;
- With thanksgiving for the UK Government's decision to block Scotland's gender self-ID law. Pray that all such policies would be abandoned;
- For our work opposing the proposed ban on 'conversion practices', which could outlaw prayer, pastoral care and preaching which does not endorse LGBT theology;
- That our campaigns get a fair hearing in the media and with law makers.



Tuesday

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

Human life is precious because we are made in God's image

*“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”*

**PSALM 139:14**

### PLEASE PRAY:

- That attempts to legalise assisted suicide around the British Isles will fail;
- Giving thanks for the good work done by hospices in providing end-of-life care;
- With thanksgiving that babies born before the 24-week abortion limit are surviving more regularly;
- That the media will fairly present the issues, and that God will bless all those who uphold the sanctity of life.

Wednesday

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage is a creation ordinance. It has been given by God for the good of all people – not just Christians.

*“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”*

**GENESIS 2:24**

### PLEASE PRAY:

- That churches will faithfully uphold the Bible's teaching on marriage and sexual ethics;
- Giving thanks for the benefits that marriage brings to families and society;
- That England and NI won't follow Wales and Scotland in criminalising parents who reasonably chastise their children;
- With thanksgiving for the legal protections in place for those who disagree with same-sex marriage.

Thursday

## OUR SCHOOLS

Schools need to respect parents' views and be balanced when teaching controversial issues.

*“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them’”*

**MATTHEW 19:14a**

### PLEASE PRAY:

- That schools will recognise and reject lobby groups' misleading guidance on transgender ideology;
- For schools to respect parents' and guardians' rights to have access to the sex education materials being used with their children;
- That God will bless all those seeking to have a Christian influence in schools;
- For our education team as they help increasing numbers of parents, teachers and governors.

Friday

## OUR SOCIETY

There is constant pressure to move away from God's good instructions for his world.

*“...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”*

**JEREMIAH 29:7**

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For true repentance and revival in the UK;
- For positive media coverage for those upholding the truth that it is impossible to change sex;
- That the Government would regulate gambling much more strictly;
- That children will be protected from an increasingly sexualised culture;
- For more Christians to live out our calling to be salt and light in society;
- With thanksgiving that Christians are free to proclaim the Gospel in the UK.

Saturday

## THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

We greatly value your prayers for our staff and work.

*“...pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured”*

**2 THESSALONIANS 3:1**

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For our Director, Colin Hart, Trustees and 47 staff around the UK;
- For safety as we travel around the country meeting supporters;
- That we will have wisdom and endurance as we seek to address the many issues raised during this week of prayer.

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”* **COLOSSIANS 4:2**

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