

## Prayer for the World

Psalm 24, *“The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein...”*. Remind me daily that this is Your world – the world You love and the world for which Jesus died.

- Lord, give me a burdened heart, a heart like Yours, for this world.

**THE VULNERABLE:** Lord, You are the Father of the fatherless, You are the Protector of the widow – teach me the practice of ‘pure and faultless’ religion (James 1:27).

- Mobilise Your people to address the multiple issues facing millions on our planet - hunger, homelessness, disease, disaster, illiteracy, clean water, poverty, refugees, slavery, global warming, rising sea-levels, terrorism...

**THE RULERS:** 1 Timothy 2:1–4, *“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. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”*.

- That the rulers of the nations would bow the knee in submission to the authority of the King of kings.
- That political decisions would be made on the basis of what is best for all the people and not a privileged few.

**JUSTICE:** Micah 6:8, *“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

- Proverbs 21:1, *“The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will”*. Turn the hearts of those in power to pursue Your paths.

**THE CHURCH:** We are part of the only global ‘organisation’ that can offer lasting hope to a broken world.

- Give Your people the boldness that comes as a result of Your presence among us.
- May the Great Commission be the command that directs the lives of Your people in each and every day.

**THE KINGDOM:** *“Your kingdom come...”*

- May the world faiths that offer answers to the cry of the human heart be revealed for the ‘broken cisterns’ that they are.
- May Your people declare consistently that in Jesus they have found the One who alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

## Prayer Guide

### Prayer for First Portadown

**UNITY:** To grow in love for one another, that we might see the great value God has set upon our brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Ask that love would be poured into hearts (Romans 5:5). That relationships would deepen and become increasingly meaningful.
- Ask that where there are strained relationships forgiveness might be eagerly sought and readily offered (Ephesians 4:32).
- That we would have diversity within our membership in gifting and life experiences to enrich our fellowship. That between the generations there would mutual encouragement and blessing.

**POWER:** That we each may know the anointing and enabling of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses for Jesus. For the conversion of others and the on-going transformation of ourselves.

- Like Jacob we would hold on until we receive the blessing. That there would be a hunger among God's people to know more of Him.
- That the blindness (2 Cor 4:4) which darkens hearts and minds of unbelievers would be lifted.

**PURITY:** In our personal conduct before the world and as a Congregation in our life and witness. That we would maintain a winsome distinctiveness from the world around us.

- It is clean vessels that are filled – is there personal / corporate repentance required?
- That Spirit empowered truth would be taught and error avoided.

**MOMENTUM:** That we would move forward for the honour of the name of Jesus as He leads us. That we would not be slow to follow, but obedient whatever the cost.

- Psalm 127 – that the Lord would build His house.

**LEADERSHIP:** That those with leadership responsibilities would be faithful in training up the people of God for ministry.

- That all who have accepted roles in leadership might know God's enabling for that task.

**MATERIALLY:** That our needs for ministry might be met.

- There would be increased financial generosity to support the ministry, mission and maintenance of the work of the Congregation.