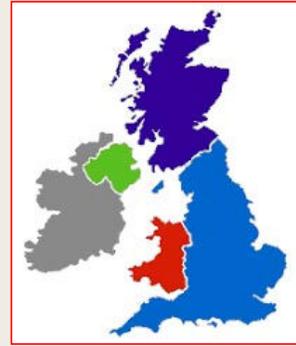


PRAY FOR OUR NATION

2. SEEKING AFTER GOD'S HEART



- Focus our prayers on God's will for us as individuals and as a nation.

"And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]." Romans 12:2 AMP

- As we seek to rebuild, there will be a time of mourning over the ruins, where roots of hate have been exposed. Many are hurting by the actions of those who say they are no longer welcome here.... Let us pray without ceasing as 1 Thess 5:17 teaches us to, for God's will to be done on earth, as it is in heaven (Matt 6:10). For us to love our neighbour as Jesus showed us (Mk 12:31).

- May we come together in unity with repentant hearts for a country that increasingly turns its back on God, and pray that through this current period of our history, where many live in fear for the future, will find hope in Jesus Christ.
- Nehemiah's prayer in chapter 1 is particularly poignant.

"O Lord God," I cried out; "O great and awesome God who keeps his promises and is so loving and kind to those who love and obey him! Hear my prayer! Listen carefully to what I say! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you; yes, I and my people have committed the horrible sin of not obeying the commandments you gave us through your servant Moses." Nehemiah 1:5-7 TLB

