ONE CHURCH ONE DAY

One-Hour Prayer Guide: *Praying for Bristol*

Forty-seven churches from all over Bristol are uniting under this verse from Jeremiah to pray for the peace and prosperity of Bristol.

"Also, 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

Use this verse to pray through the following areas of our city to ask God to bring healing, restoration and build Bristol into a "City of Hope".

On the following pages of this Prayer Guide, there are eight different key things for you to pray about...

1. Pray for all the churches taking part in the One Church One Day prayer initiative:

- For their leaders
- For their members
- Ask that God will meet with them as they pray
- For them to bring vision and hope for unity and building back better after Covid

2. Pray for the Church's presence in the city:

- For unity
- To stand strong on God's word
- To bring light and hope to our city
- For our witness and sharing the gospel
- For Christians in their places of work
- For workplace chaplains
- For Alpha courses
- For people who've found Jesus in lockdown,
- that their faith would strengthen

3. Pray for schools & children's services:

- That bullying will be addressed
- That vulnerable children will be nurtured and cared for well
- That the gospel will be shared in schools
- That children with anxiety will be seen and heard

4. Pray for Christian charities and services working amongst those who are at risk and vulnerable:

- Human trafficking
- The homeless (In Hope)
- Substance misuse and gambling
- Domestic violence
- Sex workers (Beloved)
- Social services with fostering/adoption (Home for Good)
- Food banks all around the city

5. Pray for our Emergency and Judicial services:

- For the Police as they deal with protests and tackle crime in the city
- For Christians who work in Probation, Courts and Prisons will have God given wisdom to help change lives
- For Ambulance and NHS staff as they deal with the effects of Covid-19
- For NHS staff and the vaccination programme and Covid recovery in hospitals
- For care homes recovering from a traumatic year

6. Christian and non-Christian businesses:

- For wisdom on how to recover as they come out of lockdown
- To operate honestly and openly as a witness to their communities

7. Pray for Sickness and Mental Health issues:

- For opportunities to pray for the sick
- For those who have not received medical treatment, especially cancer patients because of Covid-19
- For the recovery of those who have Mental health issues and that they will know the power of Jesus
- For overwhelmed mental health services, that those of highest priority would get the care they need

8. Pray for our Mayor Marvin Rees and the upcoming elections in Bristol:

- Pray for Marvin and his family, especially for protection around racial abuse
- Pray for an effective campaign
- Pray God's blessing
- Pray for other believers to be elected
- Pray about how to vote for your local candidates