

Global Day of Prayer
10 Days of United Prayer
Medway Prayer Points

Below are some suggestions for prayer for those who wish to use them:

- **New MP's** – The 3 constituencies are : Chatham and Aylesford; Gillingham and Rainham ; Rochester and Strood . For wisdom and integrity and real concern for the local community
- **Medway Council** - leader Rodney Chambers; deputy, Alan Jarrett, and all the Cabinet and Councillors. Give thanks for those prepared to serve, and pray that they would discern what is best for our community, and where appropriate put this before party allegiance or personal interest. For Chief Executive, Neil Davies, and the two directors Robin Cooper (Regeneration, Community and Culture) and Rose Collinson (Children and Adults, Learning and Caring). For all those who work in the Council, the largest employer in Medway.
- **Schools and University** - give thanks and pray for all those in education; for the work of the Family Trust in our primary schools; for the new church secondary school; for the growing numbers in Medway of students of Greenwich, Kent and Canterbury universities, and for relationships between these three institutions. For those working in outreach and nurture among overseas students
- **Hospitals and Health** - give thanks and pray for Medway Maritime hospital and all who work there, and for other hospitals and patients, especially those we know who are currently receiving treatment; pray for the new Medway Survivorship Project for Cancer sufferers, carers and professionals
- **Public Services** - police -give thanks for success of recent efforts to reduce prostitution; for Area Commander, Chief Supt. Steve Corbishley and all his officers; for the Fire service, ambulance crews
- **Businesses** – thanks for job and wealth creating businesses in Medway; pray for flourishing of existing good ones and new starts; for the new Medway Innovation Centre encouraging high Tech and service start-ups; for integrity and success, for entrepreneurship and creativity; for generosity to good causes
- **Regeneration** - give thanks and pray for extensive new developments; for plans and work on major sites, such as Medway Gate, Rochester Riverside and Chattenden; for church involvement in plans/buildings and new ways of outreach
- **Churches** - give thanks for existing fellowship and work amongst the churches. Pray for increasing co-operation between churches and vision for more of His Kingdom in our towns. For Medway Street Pastors, their existing work on Friday nights in Rochester, and for expansion; for a rising spirit of fervent, effective and united prayer in Medway and fresh passion for the lost. For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and an increase in righteousness, and in a right 'spirit of the fear of the Lord' (Isaiah 11:2)
- **Global Day of Prayer** - for the gathering of many Christians from different Churches; for the weather and a determination to come together anyway; for co-ordinators Peter Marchand and David Hadlum and all those helping, leading, speaking, stewarding, security, sound etc.; for Dave Bilbrough and the Saturday night; for offerings and remaining finances.

Below are some of the Scriptures that have been highlighted in praying for Medway and the Global Day of Prayer. Some extra/alternative prayer points are also listed:

ISAIAH 61 :3

"...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair

- Pray for the receiving in Medway of the joy of the Lord and the strength that gives
- For release of heartfelt praise and worship
- For these to replace the tendency of low expectation and low self esteem in our towns

JOEL 2:12-13a : Repentance:

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate...'

Below are a few suggestions where mercy could be asked for:

- Christians – half-heartedness, compromise, pride, lukewarm in prayer and outreach
- Churches - jealousies, self-interest, dead works
- Families - break-up, domestic violence, vulnerable children
- Medway - drugs and alcohol, prostitution, false religion
- National Government, Business, Media etc – Godlessness, unrighteous laws, greed, worship of mammon, immorality

PSALM 85 (these extracts are to encourage people to turn to the psalm and pray through it)

2 & 4: You forgave the iniquity of your people.....Restore us again, O God our Saviour

6 Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

8 I will listen to what God the Lord will say:

9 Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him, that his glory may dwell in our land

12 The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest

The Medway Towns Prayer Guides should be available to most churches as an additional resource before the start of the 10 Days