

Call to Prayer

8.12am Friday 27th July

To mark the first day of the 2012 Games, the London Organising Committee are calling for thousands of bells to be rung across our nations on Friday 27th July at 8.12. This is to last for 3 minutes: 'any bell, anyone, anytime'. www.allthebells.com.

The same day, Friday 27th July, marks the end of More Than Gold's Time to Shine 70 day cascade of praise and prayer throughout the UK.

The invitation

We invite everyone to –

Stop and pray at 8.12am on that day for God's Kingdom to come and for a turning to come in our nations.

Pray on your own, or get together with others and you might want to ring a bell too!

Here are some scriptures and prayers for you to select from to resource your response.

Read: Psalm 24:7 'Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in' (NIV)

Sing: Choose 1-2 verses of a song or hymn e.g. Majesty, worship His majesty; Crown Him with many crowns; Shine Jesus Shine; Amazing Grace

Declare "Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all" (1 Chronicles 29:11, NIV)

We declare that You, O God, are the exalted head over all the British Isles and every nation of the world, that Yours is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty. We pray that the people of the British Isles will come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

Pray for the Olympic & Paralympic Games

Pray for protection and blessing on the security services and the Police, that any evil intention during the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be brought into the light.

A Prayer:

O Lord God almighty,
We worship and bless your Holy Name.
We bring the British Isles before you.
Have mercy on us and forgive our foolish ways.
Come to our aid, Father. Cause your will to be done among us.
Come, Lord Jesus; you alone are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
May you be honoured and glorified in our nations.
Come, Holy Spirit; refresh and revive us again.
Draw us after you and let us run together.
In Jesus' wonderful Name.
Amen (Ffald-y-Brenin Trust, 2012)

Pray for your local community – focused on local needs.

Use the Lord's Prayer - prayed over your local community :

In desiring God's blessing for (**insert where you live**) we pray the Lord's prayer over it:
Our Father, Who is in Heaven,
Hallowed by Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in (**insert where you live**) as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever,
Amen.

Pray for each other

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. Num. 6:24-27

Pray on through the Games

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