

Leaders
Thursday 23rd April
2020

Upton Vale
BAPTIST CHURCH

Introduction

Today's focus is prayer for the leaders of all nations & organisations; Political, Large Corporations, SMEs (*Small and Medium-sized Enterprises - estimated 99% of businesses in Europe*), Front line leaders, Essential services and Spiritual leaders across the globe.

Pause & Centre (5 mins)

Find a peaceful place (your God place).

Take some time now to pause and be still,

Breath slowly.

Focus your mind on God, His Kingdom, His

Power, His Love. Look for where God is around

you.



Verse of the day

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Matthew 3 : 16 [NKJV]

Rejoice (5 - 10 mins)

Choose some music to play...

Peace (YouTube) by Bethel Music feat. We The Kingdom (Lyric video) - <https://youtu.be/uW6xcmqfiY4>

I See Heaven (Josh Baldwin - Live at Bethel) - <https://youtu.be/enyaz4Sjq14>

Quote from unknown on YouTube comment -

When doctors don't have medicines,

When leaders don't have answers,

When armies don't have weapons to withstand,

When governments crumble,

When people panic,

There is this ONE NAME, higher than any other name, can restore, revive, renew, rebuild this broken world and it is the name JESUS....!!!

Guided Opening Prayer

Father in Heaven,

I come to you today, expressing my love, admiration, excitement and sheer joy over who you are and your incredible grace & mercy over all of us.

I lay at your feet, expectant as my heart yearns for more of you in my life and in the nations & lives of this world. I know you are capable of anything.

I welcome you by your Holy Spirit, into this time that I have set aside for you to both express my requests and to **listen** for your words, guidance and love.

I bring all of our requests to you now in prayer and thanksgiving and in the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thank you Father

Ask (30 mins)

Pray for ...

Wisdom, guidance, decision making, communication, health, protection, discernment.

Take a pen and paper and write down the names/titles of those leaders you will specifically pray for, if you know names use those.

If you know any personally, write down their names and families for your prayer focus.

- You could find pictures, online or in print of those leaders you will pray for.

Ask

Local Leaders

- Torbay Councillors, Torbay MP (Kevin Foster), Managers of supermarkets and other essential businesses (e.g. TOR2), NHS Hospital Managers & Leaders (inc. Nursing Managers), Police, Fire Ambulance, School Heads, Corporate/SME and other business leaders.
- Local leaders across the nation (UK) and the world.
- Church Leaders & Pastors (All Denominations and faiths)
- Leaders of charities

National Leaders

- Prime Minister – Boris Johnson. In addition, thanks for his ongoing recovery, prayer for complete restoration to full health for himself and his family.
- Cabinet, UK Government and all associated leaders.
- NHS, Medical Research & Pharma, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Supermarkets, Business, Education, Corporate/Enterprise & other business leaders.
- Church Leaders & Pastors (All Denominations and faiths)
- Media & Entertainment Industry leaders
- Leaders of charities

Ask

Global Leaders

- World Health Organisation Leaders
- Pharmaceutical Leaders (Managers & all Chief level Officers)
- Medical Research Managers & Leaders
- Leaders of Nations (PMs, Presidents, MPs, Councillors)
- Spiritual Leaders (All faiths, but especially those in positions of influence)
- Corporate & Enterprise Global Leaders (Chief level Officers, Human Resource Leaders, Global Team Managers & Leaders)
- Educational influencers & leaders (see <https://influence.co/category/education> etc)
- Planetary influencers & leaders (e.g. Sir David Attenborough etc)
- Media & Entertainment Industry leaders
- Worldwide Charity Group leaders

Yield

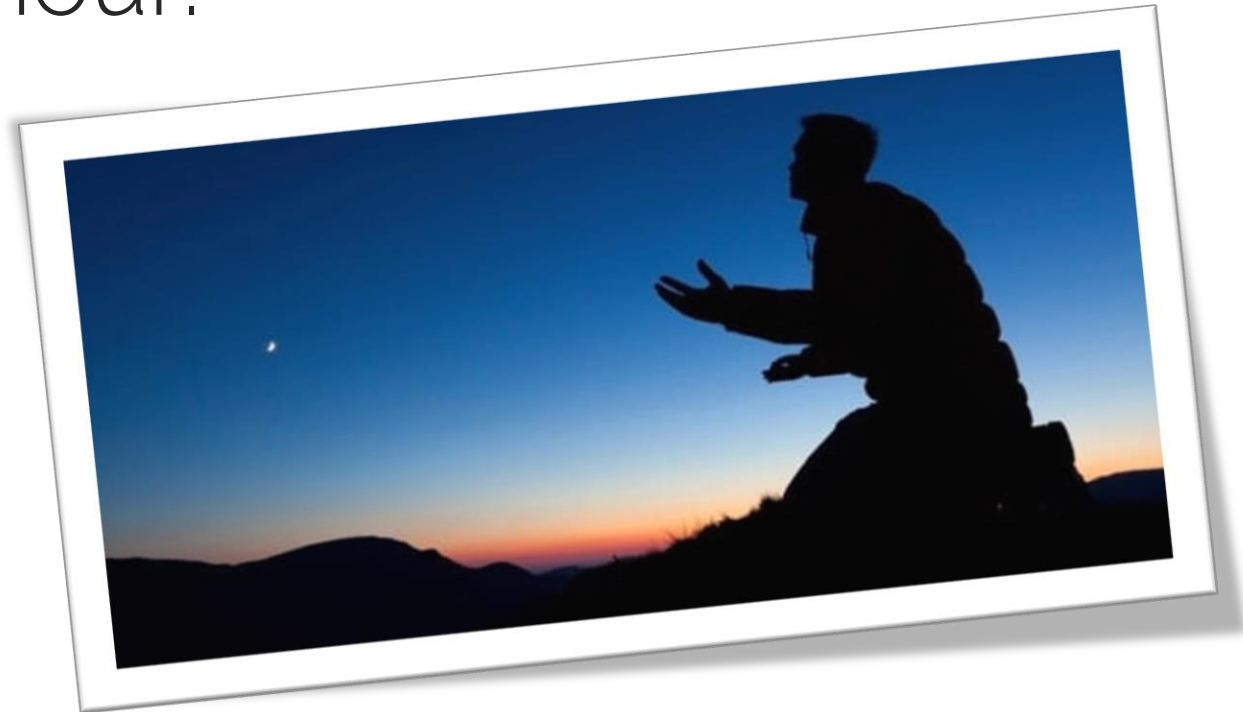
Father, God of all Wisdom,
I pray for our leaders; the World Health Organisation, national governments, and local leaders too – heads of schools, hospitals and other institutions and those that I have brought to you today. Since you have positioned these people in these positions for such a time as this, we ask you to grant them wisdom beyond their own, to contain this virus, faith beyond their faith to fight this fear, and strength beyond their own, to sustain vital institutions through this time of turmoil. God of all Wisdom & Counsel, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer –

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear.” (Psalms 46:1-2)



Be Still

Breathe deeply, thank God for His presence and release into His hands all you've prayed this past hour.



Sharing

- Don't forget to share both prayer requests and anything that you felt the Lord speaking to you during your prayer hour (this could be a verse or scripture passage, a picture, a strong word or a strong sense of something, or something else!) You can share on our dedicated 24/7 email address:

24-7prayer@uptonvale.org.uk

Thank you!