

# **NATIONAL YEAR OF PRAYER** **FOR OUR STREETS 2012**

***I have felt God calling us to a year of 24/7 prayer for the Nation in 2012. The focus is the same as for the National Week of Prayer i.e. to pray for God's blessing on our Nation and the line in the Lord's Prayer "thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven".***

## **What will this involve?**

Asking God what he wants YOU to do in YOUR area.

### **We are told in:**

❖ **Jeremiah 29:7** New International Version (NIV)

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.”

And a bit further on in Jeremiah we are told,

❖ **Jeremiah 33:9** New International Version (NIV)

Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.’

We are told in these verses that if we pray for the peace and prosperity of the city then it will bring glory to God and make him known to people as they see how he cares for that city.

Praying for the peace and prosperity of the city is another way of saying pray for God to bless the city. From the above two verses we can see how important praying for God's blessing on our town, city, village, wherever we live is.

We are praying for the people in the city and all the businesses schools etc.

## **HOW TO TAKE PART**

As a Street Pastor group you may want to cover in prayer a period of 24 hours or a weekend or more. Let me know by emailing me at [prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk)

How you do this is up to you:

- ❖ You can get individuals to sign up to pray for an hour or more slots so that the whole 24 hour period is covered. People can do this by praying from home or wherever they are and then they don't have to go to a specific building. However, if you prefer you can set up a prayer room and they can come to the prayer room and pray for an hour or however long they wish. Try to get every hour covered in prayer for the length of time you have signed up for.
- ❖ You may wish to organize a prayer walk
- ❖ You could ask your church or any other ministry you are involved with to sign up for a day, a weekend or however long they wish.
- ❖ Set up a prayer wall for a period of time of your choosing e.g. a day, a weekend or a week and get people to put their name to a brick where each brick represents an hour of prayer.
- ❖ Pray the Lord's Prayer at midday every day.
- ❖ Join in with other prayer initiatives for the year.

Any further ideas you have let me know and I will share them so people can join in if they wish

## **Take part in "ADOPT A STREET"**

'Adopt a Street' is an initiative that we as an organisation would like every area with a Street Pastor Initiative to take part in. This is an international prayer initiative started by Ed Silviso to see community transformation.

The idea is to get people to sign up to adopt a street in prayer by agreeing to pray blessings on everyone and everything in their street on a daily basis for

at least a year. Then aim to get every street in your town adopted in prayer and then there will be a change in the spiritual climate of the town.

This is part of prayer evangelism and is based on Luke 10; 2-9 where there are 4 stages:

1. Blessing
2. Friendships
3. Praying for their felt needs
4. The kingdom of God is near

The 'Adopt a Street' initiative is not just for the year of prayer but is ongoing but it does aid the nation being prayed for on a continual basis.

How wonderful it would be to have every street in our nation prayed for on a daily basis. I wonder how massive the changes in our nation would be then?! Let's try it and see! You can do your part in this by setting up adopt a street in your area.

In my home town of Southend we are just setting this up and the response has been very positive. We already have about 30 streets adopted in prayer. You can also get people to adopt a school in prayer. If you would like to hear how we are setting this initiative up in Southend then please ask me.

## **Testimony**

In Newark in America the change has been phenomenal...

- when 30% of the streets were adopted the crime rate fell by 30%
- when 70% of the streets were adopted the crime rate fell by 70%
- and now they have 100% of the streets adopted the crime rate is down by 80%. This is in a town that used to be known as the murder capital of the U.S.A!

I would like to show you a video clip of a conference in Hawaii where Lloyd Turner talks about his home town of Newark

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wM-8W4qEIAc&feature=youtu.be>