

In his book "Fuelling the Fire, Fresh thinking on Prayer", Dennis Lennon wrote this,

"When she prays, the church moves from the margins of affairs (local, national and international) to their centre, the place where the outcomes are decided"

I wonder are we on the margins of affairs or in the place where outcomes are decided? Every day the news delivers more evidence of collapse in our national life, both moral and spiritual. It seems that no aspect of it can stand up to scrutiny. So where is the church and how is the church?

When it seems as if all the foundations have been destroyed what can the church do?

We can repent of our part in the mess and we can call on God to do a new thing in our land.

With this in mind the 24-7 steering group want to call all our churches to 24 hours of prayer in September this year starting on Saturday 19th and finishing on Sunday 20th with a service of worship.

It would be wonderful to think of the prayers of all the Methodist people in Ireland rising up before God during those 24 hours in repentance, intercession and praise.

Lennon says at the end of his book on prayer, "The prayers of the church threaten and disturb the life of the world". This call is for our Methodist people to disturb the life of the world around us by calling on God to do a new thing in our day and generation.

We are so glad that you as a congregation are choosing to be part of praying for our land in this way.

The purpose of these prayer pods is to make being part of 'night and day' as accessible as possible for churches.

We are inviting you as churches to pray for five areas of national life, education, family, faith, government and economy.

Each prayer pod includes, instructions on how to create your prayer area for each issue, a list of things you will need and print outs with information or prayer points, prayers etc.

They can be used exactly as they are. Adapt them to suit your space and context. Use all five or choose a couple to focus on. There is no right and wrong.

If you have never had a prayer room in your church before check out the 24-7 Connect guide on the website which will give you the basics of doing a prayer room www.irishmethodist.org/faith/plug_in_resources.php or contact Gillian Best at DYCW.

We have also included all- age worship suggestions to use in your sunday morning service.

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